



The Animal Welfare Board of India is an umbrella of the SPCAs / AWOs and animal welfare workers. The Board encourages animal welfare activities, advises the Central and State Governments on issues relating to Animal Welfare, particularly the prevention of cruelty to animals, and also helps to formulate animal welfare policies / legislations.

#### From the Secretary's desk

The Central Government has notified Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Slaughter House) Rules, 2001, for implementation of the provision and guidelines for the Slaughter House Rules by the Local Bodies. Almost all the slaughter houses in the country were built 50 to 100 years earlier and they are not maintained properly. The many fold increase in the population in urban and rural areas increased the demand of meat production and the poor infrastructure which were avoidable in the existing slaughter houses, was uncared and thus resulted in increase of unchecked mass scale illicit/illegal slaughter houses and trade. This situation has increased the threat of cruelty to animals in the slaughter houses and all the standard Rules under the P.C.A. Act and Environmental Act were violated. The animals in slaughter houses were under most unhygienic environment, Municipal authorities have dismally failed in enforcing the rules, regulations and the provisions of the Act.

In view of the above, the Central Govt. has notified the above Slaughter houses Rules, 2001 and taken a step forward to modernize slaughter houses all over the country, by strict enforcing and incorporating animal welfare laws, public health and pollution control measures as a interdisciplinary approach, which has to be followed by implementation of the provisions of the law of the local bodies in all practical and sustainable system in place.

As per the Rule 2, definitions:- (c) "Slaughter house" means a slaughter house wherein 10 or more than 10 animals are slaughtered per day and is duly licensed or recognized under a Central, State or Provincial Act or any rules or regulations made thereunder. (d) "veterinary doctor" means a person registered with the Veterinary Council of India established under the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984 (52 of 1984).

As per Rule 3, animals should not be slaughtered except in recognized or licensed houses:- (1) No person shall slaughter any animal within a municipal area except in a slaughter house recognized or licensed by the concerned authority, empowered under the law for the time being in force to do so.

As per Rule 4 (2), the veterinary doctor shall examine thoroughly not more than 12 animals in an hour and not more than 96 animals in a day. (3) The veterinary doctor after examining the animal shall issue a fitness certificate in the form specified by the Central Government for this purpose. People for Ethical Treatment to Animals (PETA) has filed a petition in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for implementation of provisions of the slaughter house all over the country. As per the direction of Supreme Court, the Board has carried out inspections of 8 Municipal Corporation of Tamil Nadu and 37 Municipality Slaughter Houses. It has also carried out inspection of slaughter houses in 11 Districts of Kerala and 27 Districts of Karnataka. As per the recommendation of the Board, the Government of Tamil Nadu had drawn an action plan for modernisation of slaughter houses in Tamil Nadu.

As per Rule 9, under Slaughter house Rules, 2001, the Animal Welfare Board of India or any person or Animal Welfare Organisation authorized by it, may inspect any Slaughter house without any notice to its owner or the person in charge of it at any time during working hours to ensure that the provisions of these rules are being complied with. It is the right time that the effort should be made by all the agencies, through joint co-operation and co-ordination of the Central Government, Municipal Authority, Law Enforcing Agencies, Environmental Department, Pollution Control Boards, State Animal Welfare Boards of each state for modernizing the slaughter houses.

- D. Rajasekar, IFS Secretary

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## Asia for Animals (AfA), Singapore Conference 2010 - A Report

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Asia for Animals (AfA) 2010 Conference was held at the Furama River Front Hotel, Singapore from 15-19<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2010. This biennial conference has been held previously in Manila, Hong Kong, Singapore, Chennai and Bali. AfA Singapore 2010 was attended by 374 delegates from all Asian Countries, besides delegates from US, UK, Germany and several other EU countries.

A strong delegation of 53 Indian Animal Welfare Organisations also participated in the conference. Representatives of International Animal Welfare Organisations such as Human Society International (HSI) from US, International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), UK and World Society for Protection of Animals (WSPA), UK also participated in AfA - 2010.

The theme of AfA-2010 was about sharing ideas, finding long-term solutions to improve the welfare of wild and domestic animals, protecting animals and addressing cruelty issues and assisting animals affected by natural disasters / calamities.

The conference was organized by Animal Concerns Research and Education Society (ACRES), a Charitable Institution of Public Character in Singapore. The conference was interactive and presented a unique learning opportunity for animal Welfare Groups to join together and share expertise.

Humane Education Programmes were emphasised in the conference so as to create awareness in school children by incorporating animal welfare related subjects in their school curriculum. At the same time it was discussed that there is need to create awareness about important animal protection laws in the civic society. The importance of involving media in promoting animal welfare programmes was also focussed.

#### Highlights of AfA 2010

The group of Indian NGOs attending AfA 2010 had a meeting of their newly formed body "Federation of the Indian Animal Protection Organization" (FIAPO). They have their website [www.indiananimalsfederation.org](http://www.indiananimalsfederation.org) and email address

[mail@indiananimalsfederation.org](mailto:mail@indiananimalsfederation.org).

The group deliberated on their networking, advocacy, fund raising and new initiatives and capacity building on farm animal issues. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) regarding filing a Police Case, accessing Govt. funding, etc. were also discussed. FIAPPO's Convener is Mr. Arpan Sharma and Coordinator, Mr. Claire Abrams, Dr. S. Chinny Krishna, Mrs. Norma Alvares and Smt. Amala Akkineni are among the trustees. The Chairman, AWBI was also invited to FIAPPO's meeting.

Dr. Kali Hoeffler of IFAW working in China for animal welfare gave an excellent presentation on euthanasia and surgical protocols for ABC programme for stray dogs, as prepared and issued by IFAW. She provided a copy of the SOP prepared by IFAW for ABC surgery for stray dog population management. In her presentation she stressed that poor surgical protocols ends up in poor animal welfare due to post-operative complications.

Dr. Bodh Prasad Parajuli - representing the Govt. of Nepal gave a presentation on mass anti-rabies stray dog vaccination programme within designated areas of Kathmandu Metropolitan City to control Rabies in Nepal.

Dr. Ilona of Indian Project for Animals Nature (IPAN) gave a presentation on ABC using the Catch Neuter Vaccinate and Release (CNVR) concept which has been successfully adopted as a Fast Track Technique in several South east Asian countries to control over population of stray dogs and rabies. Mr. Francis Basista, Mr. Richard Crook of Best Friends Animal Society gave an excellent presentation on setting up an ABC Spay / Neuter Training Programme in Ethiopia.

Finally, it was concluded that in order to run a successful Animal Welfare Programme support from the under mentioned agencies / organizations is considered important and as such should be harnessed: (a) Media support (b) Political support (c) Funding support (d) Public awareness / support (e) Having an accountable and



committed NGO / AWO for programme and (f) Engaging with stake holders / committees.

#### Resolutions of AfA-2010:

1. Calls for the Wildlife Reserves, Singapore to: a) End the circus style elephant shows. b) Improve the living conditions for the ocelots and cougars, according to the ACRES Acceptable Standards for the Well-Being of Animals. c) Improve the living conditions for the show animals at the Night Safari according to the ACRES Acceptable Standards for the Well-Being of Animals.
2. Calls for the Government of Singapore to: a) Implement and/or support TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) programmes that are not only more effective but are also more humane than culling, as a method for long term stray population management.
3. Calls for the AVA and Town councils to: (i) Revive the discontinued Stray Cat Rehabilitation Scheme (ii) Acknowledge with deep concern the increase in the numbers of animals sacrificed during religious events and festivals.
4. Calls for all Governments of Asian Countries to: a) Ban the use of animals in blood sacrifices. b) Urges religious leaders to end the suffering of animals involved in animal sacrifices and promote non-animal alternatives.
5. Calls for all Asian Countries to: a) End bear farming and all trade in bear products. b) Cease dog and cat culling c) Cease the consumption of dogs and cats.
6. Calls for all Asian Governments to: a) Reduce farming of animals

- that release methane into the air and contribute to climate change.
7. Calls for all Asian Governments to: a) End the keeping of wild animals in circuses and travelling menageries. b) Ensure all animals in zoos and other captive animal facilities are provided with conditions that meet their species-specific needs. c) Phase out the keeping of wild animals as pets.
  8. Calls for all Governments of Asia to: a) Recognize animals as sentient beings. b) Support the Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare.
  9. Calls for the Government of South Korea to: a) Ban the consumption and trade in dog and cat meat. b) Work towards the introduction of legislation to guarantee the welfare of farm animals. c) End the hunting of wild animals. d) Ban classroom dissections.
  10. Calls for the Government of Nepal to: a) Raise a global and common voice to control widespread poaching of the Greater one-horned Asian rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros unicornis*) in coordination with the national conservation organizations, which are working to control rhino poaching.
  11. Call for the Government of Philippines to: a) End the dog meat trade. b) Work closely with animal protection NGOs to

- improve enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act, which prohibits dog and horse fighting. c) End the exploitation of animals in zoos. d) Ensure all animals in zoos and other captive animal facilities are provided conditions that meet their species specific needs. e) End the exploitation of animals in the tourism industry. f) End trade in wildlife. g) Integrate humane education into the national education system. h) Make spay/neuter programmes for companion animals, a government policy. i) Make government pounds animal welfare friendly. j) Ensure that humane slaughter policies for food animals are strictly followed. k) Not allow greyhound racing to take place in Philippines. l) Aim for a rabies-free Philippines by 2015 through vaccinations and education. m) Ban the importation of elephants. n) Ban the importation and exportation of dolphins.
12. Calls for the AVA to: a) Not to grant license for the importation of dolphins into Singapore by Resorts World of Sentosa. b) Calls for the HDB to permit the keeping of cats and medium-sized dogs in HDB flats.
  13. Calls for the Government of Taiwan to: a) Criminalize the possession, use, buying and selling

- of gin traps, snares, glue traps and other inhumane trapping devices.
14. Calls for the Government of Australia to: a) Commit funding for improving the detection of CITES Appendix I products being imported into the country.
  15. Calls for the Governments of Asian Countries to: a) Strive for a "Crime Control Bureau", which would connect all the nations of Asia through a network of individuals and organizations who are experienced in this field, for animal related crimes.
  16. Calls for the CITES MA of Qatar to: a) End the local trade of wildlife in Doha.

On 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010 all the delegates who attended AfA 2010 were taken to visit the SPCA, Singapore and ACRES Wildlife Rescue Centre, Sungei Bupohi. Singapore SPCA is primarily engaged in implementation of Animal Protection laws and levying of fines from animal cruelty cases, besides carrying out spay/neuter programme for ownerless dogs. The organization also runs a adoption programme for abandoned dogs. The SPCA is well staffed and has 40 boarding kennels and a proper operation theater. Funding for this SPCA is mainly from charitable institutions and little bit is contributed by the Singapore Govt.

Attending AfA – 2010 was indeed a very good experience, as one is exposed to new ideas and programmes in the challenging field of animal welfare.

It will be worthwhile to introduce Humane Education in our school education system under environmental education to sensitize and expose children to moral and ethical areas, which are not covered in their routine studies. The message of care, respect, equality and responsibility towards animals are a valuable complement to the modern system of education. Introducing tutorials in schools using animal themes will reinforce the principles of basic human kindness in children.

Moreover, the concept of care of pets, the ethical treatment of wildlife, initiation to animal protection laws, will also inspire children to think about respecting life in a new way. Incorporating humane education syllabi will also spur young minds to reflect and understand the inter connection between compassion towards animals, their families and the society at large. It is therefore strongly recommended to approach HRD Ministry to incorporate Humane Education in our school education curriculum under environmental education in order to achieve higher degree of social development, respect and compassion for all living beings in our country. □

**"DICLOFENAC" should not be used for treatment of cattle; "MELOXICAM" can be used alternatively.**  
- AWBI

## HC PLEA TO HELP CAPTIVE COBRA

**MUMBAI:** A PIL has been filed in the Bombay high court seeking proper rehabilitation of a rescued King Cobra which is currently in the care of Solapur Municipal Corporation.

The serpent was recovered from a monk by the forest department officials sometime in 2007, and handed over to Solapur Municipal Corporation. According to Gururaj Pore, the petitioner (who himself was instrumental in the rescue of the cobra), the Solapur Municipal Corporation initially kept it in a small wooden box in a municipal garden. "The snake is 16ft from head to tail", said advocate Shri Ashutosh Kulkarni, the petitioner's lawyer during the hearing. Later, the snake was shifted to a room. Shri Kulkarni argued that it was a creature of the rain-forests of east Asia, and the municipal corporation should release it into the wild. The Forest Department is not willing to take the responsibility of rehabilitating the snake, he said. Shri Kulkarni also said that the snake needs a mating partner. The division bench of Justices J.N.Patel and B.R.Gawai has sought a reply from the Corporation and the Central Zoo Authority in this regard in four weeks.

## ALTERNATIVES TO ANIMALS

**LUDHIANA:** Christian Medical College, Ludhiana organised seminar on

Alternatives to Animals in Medical Education on 27.2.2010. The topics were as follows:- (i) Need for Alternatives (ii) CPCSEA and MCI Guidelines (iii) Alternatives in Pharmacology: Scope and Experience (iv) Developing Alternatives: How and by Whom? (v) Alternatives to Animals Physiology. The speakers told about need for alternatives and their uses in medical education They discussed about various computer simulations to replace the unnecessary use of animals in medical and pharma education. It was also told that use of alternatives have made it more simpler and easier to demonstrate, repeat and learn the experiments upon animals, saving them from unnecessary pain, agony and death.

Director CMC Dr. Abraham J. Thomas, Principal Dr.S.M.Bhatti, Faculty of CMC Ludhiana, Teachers and students from various Medical and Pharmacy Colleges attended this session.

## MAN DRIVES FROM SHILLONG TO CHENNAI TO SAVE HIS DOG

**CHENNAI:** A man drove down from Shillong to Chennai, covering about 4,000 kms. by road in four days, to save his 'best friend', an American Boxer, afflicted by a mysterious illness. Shri Sanjay Sharma who runs a consultancy service in Shillong, has been living with his dog, Bonxie, for the past 16 months. When Bonxie began having epileptic attacks due to an irregular heart

beat, veterinarians in Meghalaya recommended him to seek advanced health care. So, Shri Sharma got the dog and a helper and drove down to Chennai. He admitted his dog to the Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS) Hospital, where Bonxie underwent a series of tests and treatment. Bonxie, who was a gift from a friend in Alabama, behaved nicely throughout the journey,

sleeping most of the time or sitting in the front seat, Shri Sharma said.

TANUVAS Vice Chancellor Dr P Thangaraju said this was not the first time they were treating a dog from a distant place. "We have treated animals from dog squads of the army and BSF too," he said. Dr A P Nambi of TANUVAS said Bonxie would be kept under observation for 48 hours before being treated. □

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

**CHENNAI:** Shri D. Rajasekar, IFS, Secretary, AWBI attended an International Conference organised by TANUVAS from 3.2.2010 to 5.2.2010. He was honoured as the Chief Guest. He presented a paper on "Wildlife Conservation through . People's Participation" and distributed prizes /



awards to the participants. The conference was held at Madras Veterinary College, Chennai.

### Karuna International Programme Organised

Karuna International, Chennai organised a seminar on Humane Education at Meenakshi College for Women, Kodambakkam on 9.2.2010. Shri D. Rajasekar, IFS, Secretary, AWBI briefed the gathering on "Animal Welfare and Forest Environment". The issues relating to the animal welfare, forests, wildlife, environmental aspects and the role of every citizen were addressed to the students. The CD prepared by the Board for the "Concerned Citizens" was shown to the students and a copy of the CD was donated to the college for creating awareness and to sensitize the students on animal welfare issues.



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## ANIMAL WELFARE FORTNIGHT CELEBRATED - A REPORT

**NEW DELHI:** The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) celebrated Animal Welfare Fortnight in a grand manner from 12<sup>th</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2010. An awareness campaign was started from New Delhi and ended at Haryana. The programme was inaugurated by Shri Vijay Sharma, IAS, Secretary, Min. of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India accompanied by Maj. Gen.(Retd.) Dr. R.M.Kharb, AVSM, Chairman, AWBI, Shri M.M. Farooq, IAS, Addl. Secretary and Shri Hem Pande, IAS, Joint Secretary, Min. of Environment and Forests. The representatives have travelled a total distance of 3478 km when the environment was completely covered by fog. The programme, co-ordinated by Dr. Brahmachari Om Swaroop, Member, AWBI, visited the states of Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh.

During the fortnight celebration, the representatives of the awareness campaign applied the popular and simple methodology of extension technique like distribution of posters, pamphlets, stickers, etc. and approached schools and colleges to organize meetings and seminars. The team delivered useful talks on animal welfare in regional languages, distributed fodder, provided healthcare facilities to the needy and helpless animals. The team met the representatives of 87 gaushalas and



accordingly, visited 46 cities/towns and 140 villages for the purpose of awareness.

The campaign was sponsored by Shri Krishna Gaushala, Karnal, Haryana and it has been appreciated by various institutions, authorities and media persons.

Thus, Animal Welfare Fortnight was celebrated by various Animal Welfare Organisations (AWOs), SPCA, Animal Welfare Trainers, Hony. Animal Welfare Officers, Government Departments, Zoological Parks and Voluntary Organisations throughout the country held from 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. to 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2010 with great gusto, fervour and enthusiasm. This gives an opportunity to protect environment and animals. It has a catalytic effect on animal welfare groups to spur them in their activities and seminars, drawing competitions, quiz and elocution contests, broadcast/telecast of radio or TV talks, video show, dog show, intensive celebrations conducted by various organisations, departments and individuals. □

## Cruelty Cases in the month of February, 2010 and Action taken by AWBI

Date of Report & Nature of Cruelty	Communication sent to Officials
<b>1.2.2010</b> Brutal Killing of stray dogs in Pondur Village in Cheyyur Taluka	Thiru Santosh K.Misra, IAS Collector,Collectorate Office,Kancheepuram The Commissioner, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Govt. of TN,Chennai – 600 006. The Director, Municipal Administration, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Chepauk, Chennai-600 005. The Superintendent of Police, Office of the Supdt. of Police, P.O. & Dist: Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu The Joint Director, Animal Husbandry Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu. The President, Pondur village Panchayat, Cheyyur Taluka, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu. The Block Development Officer, Pondur village Panchayat, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu. Ms.Radhika Chandrashekar, Kottivakkam,Chennai-41
<b>2.2.2010</b> Illegal breeding of dogs <b>Brutal killing of 3000 goats in Satimata-Samantdada Fair in Vadangali Village in Nasik, Maharashtra</b>	Shri J.P. Dange, I.A.S, Chief Secretary Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 001 The Director General of Police Office of the Director General of Police, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai – 1 The District Collector, Collectorate Office, Nasik The Supdt. of Police, Office of the Supdt. of Police, P.O. & Dist: Nasik, Maharashtra The Municipal Commissioner, Office of the Municipal Corporation of Nasik, P.O. & Dist: Nasik, Maharashtra
<b>8.2.2010</b> Capturing of stray dogs for killing deers by Rajkot Municipal Corporation	The District Forest Officer, Rajkot, Gujarat The Commissioner, Rajkot Municipal Corporation P.O. Rajkot, Gujarat The District Collector, Collectorate Office, P.O. Rajkot, Gujarat. The Superintendent of Police, Superintendent of Police, P.O. Rajkot, Gujarat. The Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry Department, P.O. Rajkot, Gujarat. The Forest Range Officer-Incharge, Rajkot, Gujarat
<b>18.2.2010</b> Illegal and brutal sacrifice of 6000 thousand animals in Donnegudda Durgamma temple in Kustagi taluk of Koppal District on 14.2.2010 in Karnataka	Shri Sudhakar Rao, I.A.S Chief Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka, Bangalore The Director General of Police Office of the Director General of Police, Govt. of Karnataka, Bengaluru - 1 The District Collector, Collectorate Office, Karnataka The Supdt. of Police, O/o Supdt. of Police, Karnataka The Municipal Commissioner, Office of the Municipal Corporation of Koppal, Karnataka
<b>Illegal killing of stray dogs in Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh</b>	The Dean, Rangaraya Medical College, Godavari The District Collector, Collectorate Office, Kakinada The Supdt. of Police, Office of the Supdt. of Police
<b>Illegal and brutal sacrifice of animals in Madanapalle Institute of Technology and Science, Dist: Chittoor, A.P.</b>	The District Collector, Collectorate Office, Chittoor The Supdt. of Police, Office of the Supdt. of Police, P.O. & Dist: Chittoor, A.P. □

*The Animal Welfare Board of India is an umbrella of the SPCAs / AWOs and Animal Welfare Workers. The Board encourages Animal Welfare activities, advises the Central and State Governments on issues relating to Animal Welfare, particularly the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and also helps to formulate Animal Welfare Policies / Legislations.*

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