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Message from Chairman Important Role of Civic Bodies in Strengthening ABC/AR Programmes

– facilitated by AWBI to control over population
of street dogs and incidence of Rabies



Dear Friends,

Recently, two women died of rabies in Madurai. This unfortunate event has happened, inspite of rabies being 100% preventable by post-bite anti-rabies vaccination. Making India a rabies free country can be a reality if there is good inter-sectoral participation from all the concerned stakeholders such as Municipal Corporations, State Animal Husbandry departments, and Public Health and Animal Welfare Organizations, to implement Animal Birth Control / Anti-Rabies programme on an intensive scale along with mass Anti-Rabies Vaccination. This will not only address the dog over-population problem that afflicts almost every large metro in the country but will also immunize street dogs against Rabies to control and finally eradicate this dreaded disease from India.

Unfortunately, in the knee jerk reaction to some human Rabies deaths, large scale killing or dislocation of street dogs by Municipal Corporations takes place which derails an ongoing ABC/AR Programme. Moreover, ABC surgeries are done without following AWBI SOP guidelines of correct protocols and maintaining strict asepsis in the operation theatres as well as during the surgery. The AWBI SOP is not being implemented in letter and spirit. This leads to huge cruelty to the street dogs and it is time that stern action is initiated against erring civic bodies / NGOs and animal husbandry personnel. It may be noted that some of the Municipal Corporations have come forward to provide good support such as proper infrastructure for setting up of ABC Centres and also financially sharing the cost of the ABC Programme as equal stakeholders with AWBI. Humane dog catching for ABC is also a challenge that needs to be addressed by the civic bodies.

There are excellent training programmes to upgrade the skills of Vets, Paravets, Dog Catchers and Programme Managers at Ooty, Jaipur and Gangtok through AWBI's partnerships with WVS-ITC, Humane Society International and Vets Beyond Borders. NGOs, AWOs and Civic bodies and Departments. of Animal Husbandry should make full use of these training programmes to make the ABC/AR programme sustainable and professionally conducted.

An example of a successful ABC/AR programmes that is improving the quality of healthcare and welfare of the street dogs is the one being implemented by Sikkim Animal Husbandry Department with training support provided by Vets Beyond Borders. It is good to see that the Sikkim State Govt. has promoted this programme and there has been no recordable Rabies death in Sikkim for some time and the population of street dogs has decreased appreciably. The state of Sikkim is a shining example of the amazing success that can be achieved when the programme is supported by political will and commitment. The State Department of Animal Husbandry is the implementing agency in the ABC/AR Programme in Sikkim using the existing infrastructure of its Veterinary Hospitals.

Jaipur, Chennai, Kalimpong, Vishakhapatnam and Gangtok are other excellent examples of how a well managed ABC/AR Programmes can achieve spectacular success in controlling rabies within the city as also in controlling the over population of street dogs. As per the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules 2001, the primary responsibility to implement these Rules is that of the civic bodies. We need to sensitize and educate the civic bodies about their responsibility to address the stray dog over population in a scientific and humane manner as provided in the Rules. Therefore, there is a need for regular interaction with civic bodies informing them of the ABC/AR success stories in order to motivate them to implement this wonderful programme. This will benefit both the human beings and the street dogs.

With best wishes,
Sd/-

Maj Gen (Retd) Dr. R.M. Kharb, AVSM
Chairman, AWBI

Commonwealth Veterinary Association Meet on Rabies Diagnosis & Dog Population Control

Bengaluru: The Commonwealth Veterinary Association conducted its 17th Asian Regional Meeting and Conference in Bengaluru on January 27th and 28th, 2013 at the Conference Hall of the Karnataka State Veterinary Association. The theme of the Conference was "Strengthening of Rabies Diagnosis and Dog Population Control in the Indian Sub-continent". The inaugural session was presided over by Dr. C. Renukprasad, Vice-Chancellor, KVAFSU, Lt Gen (Dr) Narayan Mohanty, President, Veterinary Council of India, Prof S. Abdul Rahman, President, Commonwealth Veterinary Association, Prof S Yathiraj, Dean, Bangalore Veterinary College and Maj Gen (Retd) Dr. R.M.Kharb, AVSM, Hon'ble Chairman, AWBI. The first session which focused on the crisis of rabies as an emerging zoonotic disease was jointly chaired by Prof S. Abdul Rahman and Dr B.J.Mahendra. Maj Gen Kharb in his address to the gathering called for the urgent need to formulate a National Rabies Control Policy with effective inter-sectoral participation that integrated good welfare measures as well as preventive care for both animals and humans. He said that civic bodies need to be sensitized to support good ABC-AR Programmes. Gen Kharb expressed hope that the outcome of the 17th CVA Conference would lead to the development of a sustainable road map that the Government of India may implement to effectively control rabies and adequately face the challenges of the fast growing street dog over population in cities all over the country. Dr Charles Rupprecht, Research Coordinator at the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) spoke about some of the recent advances in rabies research and the need for findings from research to be adopted into practical policies. ...contd on page 2

Madras High Court Orders – “Enforce Transportation Rules”

Chennai: The case filed by Mrs. Radha Rajan was heard by the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court on Feb 7, 2013 and the judgement was a major victory for animals. The learned Judge ruled that the Transportation Rules for cattle must be enforced. He further ruled that the cattle must be looked after by the State at their expense and must not be returned to the law-breakers. Most importantly, Judge Karpavinayagam ruled that the vehicles involved in this trafficking must be seized by the Police and retained till the case is over. Says Dr Chinny Krishna, Hon'ble Vice-Chairman, AWBI, "We salute Mrs. Radha Rajan on her persistence and single minded aim to stop this barbaric trade. This will surely break the back of the cattle mafia".

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Animal Welfare Fortnight Activities HSI-AWBI Media Briefing Workshop on Cruelty-Free Cosmetics

Kolkata: On Jan 24th 2013, Humane Society International in association with AWBI conducted a media briefing workshop to appeal to the Government to ban animal testing for cosmetics. Famous Bengali actress and Trinamool Congress MLA, Ms. Debasree Roy spoke to the media and urged policymakers to ensure that cruelty-free cosmetics became the norm in the country. She requested Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad and the Drug Controller General of India Dr G.N. Singh to take decisive action on introducing the ban on animal testing in cosmetics.

Briefing media Debashree said, "The Debashree Roy Foundation fully supports the Animal Welfare Board of India and Humane Society International (India) in their efforts to make India the next country in the world to end beauty with cruelty, and I urge our policymakers to work together with our Be Cruelty-Free campaign to put India on the cruelty-free cosmetics maps".

"Why is the Government of India still lagging in making a decision that is so simple?" she asked, adding: "Animal testing bans for the production of cosmetics across the European Union and Israel prove that animal suffering is completely unnecessary. India must embrace the modern non-animal technologies available that offer more reliable test results than researching on rabbits and mice. Producing cruelty-free cosmetics using modern test methods and established ingredients is simple, as demonstrated by global brands such as Lush and The Body Shop." The event had been organized by Country Director for Humane Society International, Jayasimha and Campaign Coordinator, Alokparna Sengupta along with support from AWBI. News source: FIAPO Google Groups ☐



Humane Education for Preschoolers

Mangalore: Animal Care Trust (ACT), Mangalore as a part of the animal welfare fortnight conducted a Humane Education Program for the LGK Students of Canara Montessori school, Mangalore. Reporting about the event, Suma Nayak, Trustee, Animal Care Trust said, "Children interacted with pups, kittens and mice and had a fun as well as educative session". ☐



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HAS-PFA Camp in Coimbatore

Coimbatore: During Animal Welfare Fortnight, Humane Animal Society and PFA conducted their 6th puppy and kitten adoption drive in Coimbatore on January 20th, 2013. Says Dr Mini Vasudeven, Founder of HAS, "A total of fourteen puppies and three kittens were adopted during the camp, and with two more pups adopted from the shelter at Seeranaickenpalayam". Other events conducted during Animal Welfare Fortnight by HAS and PFA included the following:

☐ **Commemoration of exemplary service towards animals:** In recognition of her contribution towards animal welfare, Ms. Soorya, a Std XII student of R.S. Puram Govt. Girls' Higher Secondary school, Coimbatore was given a certificate and a prize. Ms. Soorya showed extraordinary dedication by initiating and participating in the four hour rescue operation of a life-threatening condition in an abandoned cow in Coimbatore.

☐ **Anti-Rabies Vaccination (ARV) Camps:** HAS and PFA- Unit 1 conducted a three day Anti-Rabies Vaccination Drive across Coimbatore vaccinating 85 dogs at Kamarajapuram on 22nd Jan, Pazhayar on 24th Jan and Sivananda Colony on 26th Jan 2013. In addition, 192 dogs were given anti-rabies vaccinations between Jan 14 to Jan 31, 2013 bringing the total to 277 AR vaccinations.

☐ **Animal-Birth Control (ABC):** A total of 94 dogs (46 male and 48 female) were sterilized from Jan 14 to Jan 31, 2013 at Seeranaickenpalayam, Coimbatore.

Talking about the event Dr. Mini Vasudevan said, " treatments, rescues, fostering and surgeries continued as usual at the Animal Welfare Shelters at Seeranaickenpalayam as well as at Kinnathukadavu, Coimbatore". ☐



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Humane Education in Andaman & Nicobar Islands: A Rabies Free Zone

Andaman & Nicobar Islands: Nilesh Bhanage, Founder of PAWS, conducted a Humane Education Programme for school and college students in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands with the support of the Animal Husbandry Dept. of Andaman & Nicobar Islands to create awareness among students on Animal Welfare. The initiative was organized with support from Dr. Geeta Gladson of Friedicoes SECA. Speaking about his visit Nilesh says, "During my visits, I came to know that these islands are Rabies-Free. The ABC Programme has been conducted by NGOs on the islands since the past five years. There is only one small pet shop in the entire group of islands. Because of limited garbage, the stray dog population is also limited. These islands do not have a veterinary hospital or a full fledged animal shelter. On February 12th 2013 after reaching Port Blair, my first awareness programme was with Jawaharlal Nehru College, where 500 students saw the "Beauty Without Cruelty" video. On 13th February, 2013, I conducted an awareness programme for small school kids on animal rights named 'Compassionate Citizen' at the Mahatma Gandhi International School where 204 children participated in the programme. In another programme organized at Kamraj Secondary School, over 120 students participated in the Humane Education programme".



"On 14th February 2013, I conducted the 'Compassionate Citizen Programme in Ummat Public School with 340 children, in Kendriya Vidyalaya with 360 children and Sagritara Primary School with 410 students attending the programme. During this visit, Humane Education Programmes were conducted for seven Schools and one College, with the message of compassion communicated to over 3,500 students". ☐



Prof S. Yathiraj while emphasizing on the important role that veterinarians play in rabies control, also shared relevant observations about the clinical signs of rabies seen in cattle and horses and presented some footage of farm animals with rabies. He said, "Practising veterinarians have to work towards establishing a good human-animal bond so that the owner precisely follows the prophylactic anti-rabies vaccination as per guidelines. Veterinarians should get engaged in educating the public as well as dog owners about the importance of regular anti-rabies vaccinations for effective rabies control and also create awareness about how dogs play an important role in the spread of human rabies".

While speaking about new diagnostic tools for rabies in animals, Dr Anthony Fooks from the Department of Veterinary Pathology, University of Liverpool, UK said, "Recently developed techniques that are currently undergoing validation in OIE Reference Laboratories include the Direct Rapid Immunohistochemical Test, (dRIT), the rapid immunodiagnostic test (RIDT) and Loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP)". He noted that "For numerous laboratories in rabies endemic regions, cost and simplicity are critical factors in the delivery of disease diagnosis and cannot be neglected, even when the principal consideration is for rapid diagnosis and high throughput. These factors need to be considered if new technologies are to be adopted in the regions of the world where they are most needed".

Dr Joanna Tuckwell, Inhumane Culling Campaign Manager, WSPA, Asia Pacific in her presentation shared the interesting success of WSPA's Red Collar Campaign. Dr Elly Hiby, International Director, Dogs Trust in her talk focused on some of the challenges faced in dog population management in the Indian sub-continent. Talking about some of the successful initiatives in the Indian sub-continent, she said, "Sustained investment by the Government of Bhutan, active community engagement in Colombo, Sri Lanka and attracting the support of human health and animal welfare stakeholders through a combined ABC and mass vaccination approach in Sikkim are all examples of where dog population management is succeeding".

The Rabies Diagnostic Laboratory was officially inaugurated on January 28th, 2013 in the evening at 5.15 pm after an invocation and lighting of the lamp. For Prof Abdul Rahman, President of the Commonwealth Veterinary Association, setting up of Asia's finest Rabies Diagnosis Laboratory is a dream that has come true after it was first conceived of, over three decades ago. The Laboratory has been established with full support from Crucell Holland. Prof Abdul Rahman has been the guiding spirit behind the Conference and has been at the forefront of the Rabies Control and Dog Population Programme not only in India but in all the SAARC Countries too. All Animal Welfare Organizations, Departments of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Husbandry Departments are requested to send samples suspected for rabies to the modern, well equipped Rabies Diagnosis Laboratory in Bangalore Veterinary College.

The second day of the Conference began with a talk by Dr Rupprecht who presented an excellent overview of research in canine immuno-contraception. Dr Harishchandra gave an impressive talk about how effectively rabies control and dog population management can be achieved with strong political will and government initiative backed with effective inter-sectoral collaboration from both, animal health and human health sectors. Dr Jack Reece while speaking about what needs to be done to strengthen dog population management and rabies diagnosis in the Indian sub-continent, stressed a lot on the need for effective documentation, good systems of monitoring, dedicated veterinary care and better participation from civic bodies, improved licensing, better systems of waste management, responsible pet ownership and public education. He said, "better cooperation between medical and veterinary professionals, bureaucrats and politicians is necessary to develop dog population management strategies that effectively take care of the diversity prevalent in Indian society". He also emphasized that "there was an urgent need for research into dog ecology and dog-rabies epidemiology and the effect of culturally appropriate dog population management measures in India".

Dr Chinnay Krishna, Hon'ble Vice-Chairman, AWBI in his address gave an overview about the barbaric and cruel practice of electrocuting dogs that was prevalent in the country before India's first ABC Programme was implemented by Chennai Municipal Corporation in 1996. Narrating how the very next year it was adopted by the AWBI as a National Policy for dog population management, Dr Krishna highlighted the outstanding success achieved by the ABC-AR Programme in cities like Jaipur, Kalimpong and Chennai that have helped them become rabies free zones. Besides, he added that Sikkim too had reported being rabies free for the past two years. Talking about the need for dependable data, Dr Krishna said, "To evaluate the effectiveness of the ABC-AR Programme, we must have dependable data. How many people really die of rabies in India? Is it the 17 000+ mentioned in the 2004 multi-centric study carried out by APCRI? Has it come down in the last ten years? Is it anywhere near the 233 indicated by the CBHI in 2012?".

Dr Karunaratra from Bangladesh while sharing details about the success of the Red Collar Campaign in Bangladesh emphasized how education and effective community participation can lead to outstanding success as had been achieved with the ABC-AR Programme. Dr S Kilari focused on some of the recent research findings on the control of rabies through oral vaccination in dogs. Dr Parvez Ahmed Piran, Jt Commissioner, (AH), BBMP, Bengaluru in his talk shared details of the successful efforts made by the Animal Welfare Organizations with good support from the BBMP in implementing the ABC-AR Programme in Bangalore city.

The afternoon session saw country specific reports presented by speakers from different SAARC countries. The session was chaired by Dr Thomas Mathew and included, Dr. Manoharan from India, Dr Uzma Farid from Pakistan, Dr Chandrasiri from Sri Lanka, Dr Md Akther Hossain from Bangladesh, Dr. Ezatullah Jaheed from Afghanistan, Dr. Sital Kaji Shrestha from Nepal and Dr. Myint Thein from Myanmar. The last session of the day was a panel discussion regarding the challenges and way forward for a Rabies Free India. On January 30th and 31st 2013, Training Programmes were conducted to help participants working in the field and in the Veterinary Pathology Departments of different Veterinary Colleges to get a better understanding of the Direct Rapid Immunohistochemistry Test (dRIT) for Rabies diagnosis and to learn how to collect and transport samples properly so that correct results would be obtained.

The Conference was jointly organized by the Commonwealth Veterinary Association and Bangalore Veterinary College, Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University with support from the Indian Veterinary Association, Veterinary Council of India, Karnataka Veterinary Council, World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC), World Society for Protection of Animals (WSPA), Association for Prevention and Control of Rabies in India (APCRI), Crucell Holland and Dogs Trust International. ☐

Awareness Programme on Animal Laws for Police Trainees

Channapatna: On February, 21st, 2013, an Awareness Programme on Animal Welfare Laws was conducted at the Karnataka State Police Training School, Channapatna. The event was attended by 650 Police Trainee Inspectors, teaching faculty and the Principal of the Training College, Mr Indu Shekar. The session was facilitated by Mr N.G.Jayasimha, Director, Humane Society International who had come to Bengaluru from Hyderabad specially to conduct the Programme.

After an introduction by the Principal – Mr Indu Shekar, Jayasimha took over. He made an excellent presentation on Animal Welfare Laws. This was followed by a Q & A session in Kannada. Enthusiastic and eager to know more about the subject, the Police Trainees had a lot of genuine questions to ask. Coming as they do from a rural background, most questions pertained to what they had experienced first-hand. For a change, the questions were not limited to stray dogs barking and biting! It was a discovery to note that the trainees were unaware that bull racing, cockfighting and animal sacrifice in temples are all illegal.

Jayasimha handled all questions with ease. His legal background was very useful. To a query about cockfighting and what policemen could do, Jayasimha informed the Trainees that not only can the organizers of cockfighting be booked, but the person on whose land the fight is organized, the people who own the birds, as also the people who buy tickets to watch the show, can all be booked. There were many times in the Q & A session when policemen asked why they could not take action directly. Jayasimha had to repeatedly stress on the fact that India is a democracy and the democratic process had to be respected.

One Trainee constable asked how they could be expected to look into animal issues when they have to handle VIP security, petty thefts, murders, and all such work. Fortunately, a copy of the September, 2012 issue of the AWBI newsletter had been brought along. In that issue, Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Forests Smt Jayanthi Natarajani in her visit to the Board's office on Sept 10th, 2012, had stressed quite strongly that "Every Police Station in the country must have Animal Protections Officers appointed". Although a legal notification has not been passed on the matter by MoEF, Hon'ble Minister, Smt Jayanthi Natarajan's statement on the matter should suffice for all Police Departments in the country to take note of this statement and take immediate action. This was news to all present.

The inspiring article by Ms Gauri Maulekhi, Secretary, PFA about how Dussehra 2012 was celebrated in Uttarkhand without a single case of animal sacrifice in the Oct-Dec issue of the AWBI magazine, 'Animal Citizen' was shared with the Police Trainees. Another heart-warming story published in 'Animal Citizen' of animal sacrifice completely stopped in Venkatagiri by Hon'ble Board Member and Founder, Blue Cross of Hyderabad, Ms Amala Akkineni was also shared. This showed how an effectively designed humane education programme along with strong police support can help to end a barbaric practice.

Hopefully, the Police Trainees, Faculty and Principal would draw inspiration from this and initiate a movement to end animal sacrifice in temples all over Karnataka. A request was made by some of the faculty to stop animal sacrifice in a couple of villages known to them. Ms Poornima Harish stressed that for an event involving animal sacrifice to be stopped in Karnataka, good planning and communication to all concerned authorities at least six months in advance was essential to ensure positive outcomes.

The Q & A session was followed by a short address in English by Dr. Lakshmi Iyer to sensitize the Police Trainees about climate change and how our food choices affect the environment, health and the welfare of animals. She said that, "diseases like bird flu, swine flu and many such zoonotic diseases have become rampant due to the intensive farming of animals for food". She added that, "increased consumption of foods of animal origin was also an important contributing factor to the scenario of scarcity of food and water and extreme weather events like drought, which are all being witnessed as a consequence of climate change".

A copy of the Book titled, 'Animal Laws of India' by Smt Maneka Gandhi, Shri Ozair Hussain and Shri Raj Panjwani was gifted to the Police Academy by Shri Jayasimha. The event ended with a vote of thanks by Ms Nevina Kamath. She stressed on the need for prompt and immediate action to be taken by the police to ensure that cruelty to animals is prevented. She said that the efforts of being well informed about the laws through a voluminous reference book like 'Animal Laws of India' would be totally useless if policemen do not implement it. There was a huge round of applause for her.

Animal Welfare Volunteer Ms Vijaya Sitaram from Bangalore also participated in the programme and effectively answered a couple of queries posed by the Police Trainees, especially those pertaining to animal sacrifice and wildlife. The programme was facilitated by Samarpan Foundation, represented by Mrs Poornima Harish. Samarpan Foundation also distributed copies of the PCA Act in English and Kannada to all the police trainees present as well as to the police faculty. Mrs Poornima Harish expressed her sincere thanks to Karuna Animal Welfare Association of Karnataka for the Kannada translation of the PCA Act. □

Dogs Recognize Other Dogs on A Computer Screen

Lyon: Research carried out by Dr. Dominique Autier-Dérian and colleagues at the LEEC and National Veterinary School in Lyon in France shows that dogs are good at identifying other dogs, when shown pictures of dogs on a computer screen.. This study to test dogs' ability to identify other dogs from a group of other species and based on a visual cues is a first of its kind.

Reference: Dominique Autier-Dérian, Bertrand L. Deputte, Karine Chalvet-Monfray, Marjorie Coulon, Luc Mounier. Visual discrimination of species in dogs (*Canis familiaris*). *Animal Cognition*, 2013; DOI: 10.1007/s10071-013-0600-8 □

Study Shows Children With Autism Respond to Pets

Queensland: A study carried out by Marguerite E O'Haire and colleagues at the University of Queensland, Australia, examined how 5-13 year old children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) interacted with adults and normal peers in the presence of two guinea pigs compared to toys. The investigators observed that in the presence of animals, children with ASD demonstrated more social behaviours like talking, looking at faces and making physical contact. For more details, please refer to the original study at the reference mentioned below:

Marguerite E. O'Haire, Samantha J. McKenzie, Alan M. Beck, Virginia Slaughter. Social Behaviors Increase in Children with Autism in the Presence of Animals Compared to Toys. *PLoS ONE*, 2013; 8 (2): e57010 DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0057010 □

Bengaluru's Dogs Saved by Supreme Court Order

Bengaluru: Bengaluru city which has a number of Animal Welfare Organizations working for the welfare of the city's street dogs has seen a favourable judgement passed by the Supreme Court. On a special leave petition filed by the Animal Welfare Board of India, numbered as S.L.P. (C) 4453 / 2013, a Supreme Court bench comprising of Justices Sathasivam and J.S. Khehar has stayed Direction Number 5 contained in the Karnataka High Court order dated 7th January, 2012. The stay order was passed in a bunch of writ petitions popularly known as the stray dog matters.

Direction Number 5 reads as follows :

"(5) Dogs which do not come within the scope of Rule 9 or 10 but which are a menace or cause nuisance irrespective of whether there is evidence of such dogs having mauled or bitten children or adults, could be exterminated in the manner specified in Rule 9 of the ABC Rules, 2001 under the orders of the Commissioner of the BBMP as per the provisions of KMC Act, 1976."

Says Board Member, Anjali Sharma, "Direction 5 has the potential of completely undermining the Animal Birth Control Programme, if given effect to. What is noteworthy is that the High Court had not defined the terms 'menace' and 'nuisance' ; and therefore any and every stray dog could have been termed a 'menace', or such as 'cause nuisance', and be exterminated". □

Bengaluru Holds Doggy Fashion Show



Bengaluru: The Pack Festival, Paws Fashion Show and Rock Concert was held at Jain University, JC Road Campus on Sunday, Jan 27, 2013. Various NGOs and animal welfare activists participated in the event. People brought their pets in theme outfits. Sarvodaya's adorable dog Jimmy was the Indian girl dressed in skirt and top, wearing bindi, wrist band, ribbons, etc. Minu Singh's dog was the beach girl. Yamini Harish's dog was Super Indian dog with a red cape. There was another Super dog Pug, who performed for the audience. Pinky Chandran's dog came in a black dress. Then there was the really tiny duo of Ram and Lakhan brought by S G Sitaram, demanding kindness and love in the new world of the future. The judges for the show were Dr Shiela Rao from CUPA, Mr Amrut (also known as the 'dog guru'), Charumathi GR who is a make-up and costume artiste from the film world and Viraja Achar, a model and athlete. Dr Parviz Ahmed Piran, Jt Director (AHD) BBMP was also present at the event. The fashion show was followed by a musical programme. □



Animal Welfare Talk on Radio

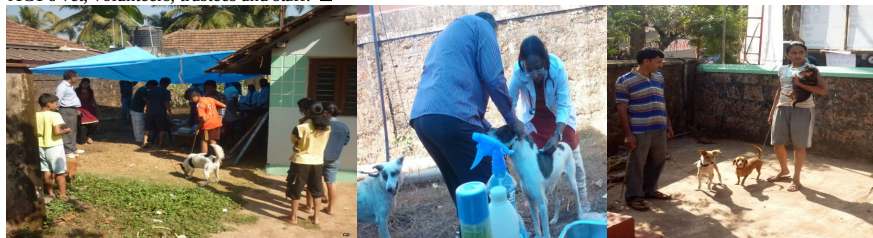


Panelists: Nevina Kamath, Shamala Balaji, Jayaprakash Satyamurthy and Meera Pillai.



Anti-Rabies Camp in Mangalore by Animal Care Trust

Mangalore: As a part of the Animal Welfare Fortnight 2013, Animal Care Trust (ACT), Mangalore conducted an annual vaccination camp at Shaktinagar, Mangalore. Talking about the event, Suma Nayak, Managing Trustee, ACT said, "94 dogs were vaccinated from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon on 27th January 2013. Vaccination cards were provided and free treatment to pets with various ailments was also given.". Present at the event were Dr. Lakshmi, ACT's vet, volunteers, trustees and staff. □



कुत्तों को भोजन देने के लिए दिशा - निर्देश

निम्नलिखित निर्देशों का पालन किया जाना बहुत जरूरी है:

- ❑ कुत्तों को एक निर्दिष्ट स्थान पर भोजन किया जाना चाहिए, मुख्य इमारत से दूर।
- ❑ यदि आप सार्वजनिक उद्यान में कुत्तों को खाना दे रहे हैं, कुत्तों के लिए एक जगह में खाना दे दीजिए।
- ❑ उन्हें चावल, दाल, रोटी, सब्जियां और दही का एक उचित भोजन दीजिए। आप खिचड़ी के रूप में खाना दे सकते हैं।
- ❑ भोजन स्टील या एल्यूमीनियम कटोरी में कुत्तों को दिया जा सकता है।
- ❑ यह महत्वपूर्ण है कि कुत्तों को भोजन देनेके बाद कटोरी लेले और इसे धोना चाहिए और स्वच्छ रखना चाहिए।
- ❑ कुत्तों को खिलानेके बाद कृपया सुनिश्चित करें कि क्षेत्र साफ है।
- ❑ एक ही जगह और एक ही समय में कुत्तों को भोजन दीजिए।
- ❑ कुत्तों को एंटी रेबीज टीका लगाना और एबीसी सर्जरी करना महत्वपूर्ण कार्य है।
- ❑ भोजन और पानी सीढ़ी, दरवाजे और फाटकों के निकट नहीं रखना चाहिए।
- ❑ समाचार पत्र, प्लास्टिक के पैकेट पर या जमीन पर सीधे कुत्तों को भोजन नहीं दिया जाना चाहिए
- ❑ जल भंडारण टैंक या सेप्टिक टैंक के ऊपर कुत्तों को भोजन नहीं देना चाहिए।
- ❑ वहाँ कुत्तों और उनके छोटे बच्चों को टैंक के अंदर गिरनेकी खतरा है और इस तरीकेसे वहाँ पर पानी दूषित हो सकता है।

"एक देश की महानता और नैतिक प्रगति को इस बात से आँका जा सकता है कि वहाँ जानवरों से कैसे व्यवहार किया जाता है"

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