

## News Letter - December 2020

Cage the Cruelty, Not Animals



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### Helping animals during the Covid-19 Pandemic

Though the COVID-19 pandemic is growing globally, yet Sneha's Care has been working tirelessly for animal welfare. The risk of infection is higher than

ever, but Sneha's Care Team has been constantly focused on helping and aiding street animals in need without even the slightest of hesitation. With more vehicles returning back to the roads with the gradual ease in government restrictions, there have been more hit and run cases. Animal abuse is on the rise and many animals are being abandoned and hence their numbers in the streets are increasing. Sneha's Care Team urges everyone to be more considerate to animals and show empathy towards the animals.



### **Incorporating Animal Welfare Issues and Programs**

We participated in a one-day workshop in “Incorporating Animal Welfare Issues and Programs in Public Awareness Campaign Related to Animal Health, Food Safety and Production” organized by the Department of Livestock Services and also supported by EAA. The main objective of the program was to discuss how to aware and campaign about animal rights, animal welfare and to promote cruel-free society. There were a total of 25 participants. There was a commitment from the government to take the campaign forward and the government also sought support from organizations like us.



## VegFest Kathmandu 2020

We organized VegFest Kathmandu 2020 to promote veganism. We had arranged 15 stalls promoting vegan food and products and were able to keep the audience entertained throughout the day by engaging them through food sampling, information stalls and two screening sessions of the popular documentary, "The Invisible Vegan". Around 3500 people attended the event. There were about 150 people during the first session of documentary screening and 95 people in the second session of the screening. The highlight of the event was a discussion session where six prominent vegan activists of the country gave lectures promoting veganism and interacted with the audience. The activists said plant based eating should be encouraged as it promotes a healthy lifestyle and urged the public to be more empathetic and considerate towards animals. We feel our aim of holding a public interaction session was highly fruitful because a number of audience reflected that due to lack of proper awareness they had been consuming animal products and from that time onwards, would gradually decrease their dependence on animal products. The audience said the event informed them about the alternatives to meat based cuisines and had inspired them to become vegetarian and ultimately a vegan if practically possible.



### **Spay / Neuter Program**

The way out of the overgrowing population of strays is sterilization of street dogs. Sterilization mainly involves spaying of females and castration of male dogs so that they do not reproduce. After sterilization, the dogs do not reproduce and hence their population becomes stable. This month we were able to sterilize 24 dogs in Kathmandu Valley.



### **Field Treatment and rescues for critically injured animals / Christmas**

Hit and run cases against animals, dog fights, poisoning, violence against them and various skin diseases are increasing day by day. Though government has recognized veterinary treatments / facilities as one of the essential services to be provided, most of the vet clinics are generally closed and hence organization like us are high in demand.

We have been carrying out mobile / field treatments for injured animals since the very beginning. On an average, we carry out 6-7 field treatments every day. The critically injured animals are brought to the shelter where they are taken care of, looked after until recovery and released back to where they were brought from. However, if animals are recovered from an unhealthy environment then we keep them in the shelter so that they can have a decent life until they get adopted. Apart from the field treatments, we have been carrying out daily treatments and feeding over 170 dogs, 30 cows, 9 pigs, and 7 goats daily at our shelter after they have been rescued. So far, we have rescued 10 dogs and one of our dog has been adopted this month to Canada.

Similarly, we celebrated Christmas with the dogs.



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