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Quarter Newsletter (March - June)



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Namaste from Sneha's Care Nepal!

Warm Greetings!

Getting Started

The global spread of COVID – 19 has made the past quarter excruciating for both and humans alike. While humans have been forced into lockdown fearing this dreadful pandemic, the poor voiceless animals have suffered more with the absence of humans. Sneha's care has been fighting for the voice of the voiceless for about 6 years and yet had not faced the challenges faced over the quarter. With hundreds of thousands of people migrating to their villages, the strays depending on the garbage and feeding on butcher shops, restaurants, and residential areas have been forced to scavenging, begging, fighting, and/or cannibalism. Not just strays but even the spread of misinformation of animals being carriers of the virus led many household pets into abandonment. Having this in mind, Sneha's care has been conducting various types of programs for the welfare of animals in the Kathmandu Valley.



Feeding Program

With the number of strays having no means of sustenance, Sneha's Care started feeding programs across the valley since the start of the lockdown. Around 1000 dogs are being fed every day in Kathmandu and Lalitpur. Conducting such program requires abundant resources and man power. We have 3 teams consisting of 5 members each preparing and feeding, nutritious food cooked by our staffs and also temporary volunteers assisting the execution of the program. Apart from dogs, monkeys, cows, pigeons are also being fed by the team on a daily basis. According to our calculations, an approximation of 3000 animals is being fed every day by the Sneha's Care Team around Lalitpur and Kathmandu area. We also provide food to animal lovers and other feeder groups to feed the animals in inaccessible areas.

“I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still, I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do.”

-Edward Everett Hale



Daily Routes of feeding:

Route 1

Satdobato-Ekantakuna-Balkhu-Kalanki-Sitalaila-Swyambhu-Balaju-New Buspark- Basundhara-
Chakrapath-Sukedhara-Chabahil-Pashupatinath
Hattiban-Chapagaun Dobato-Sunakothi-Thecho-Taukhel-Bajrabarahi-Godawari-Thaiba-Harsiddhi-
Pashupatinath
Jhamsikhel-Teku Kalo Pool-Teku Vansar Garbage Area-Kuleshor Phalphul Mandi- Kalimati-Balkhu-
-Teku-Tahachal-Dallu-Dhalkhu-BagwanPau-Swyambhu

Route 2

Ekantakuna-DhobighatPinglaesthan-Pashupatinath

Route 3

Batukbhairav-Lagankhel-Jawalakhel-Gabahal-Pulchowk-Tripureshwor-Tudikhel-Ratnapark-
Pashupatinath

Satdobato- Batukbhairabh Temple-Lagankhel Jawalakhel- Pulchowk- Kupandole- Maitighar- Singhadurbar-Tripureswor- Kathmandu Mall-Bagikhana-Anamnagar-Thapagaun-New Baneshwor- Old Baneshwor-Sinamangal

Anti - Rabies Vaccination Program

Sneha's Care Team has been carrying out anti – rabies vaccination programs in various regions of the valley with high number of stray dogs. The main objective of the program is to eliminate the prevalence of Rabies, a zoonotic disease which can transmit to all mammals. During the past quarter we, Sneha's Care Team have vaccinated 2111 dogs in Lalitpur Municipality Ward 18, 21, 22 and 25 funded under Dr Mukti Narayan Praveena Foundation, Nepal to the Rotary Club of Patan's Animal Welfare for Public Health Project.



After the vaccine has been administered, the puppies receive a digital tag and the data is uploaded right from the field by our staff. This helps us get the census of the total number of street dogs in the area and also monitor the status of the vaccine administered in a specific area. We can follow up the dogs easily with another dose of vaccine when the current one wears off (most probably a year to 16 months).

Field Treatment and rescues for critically injured animals

Sneha's Care has been carrying out field treatments for injured animals since the very beginning of the organization. Reports of animals injured by a hit and run cases, human abuse, diseases, etc. are received every day, and vets are dispatched to the specific locations and treat the poor animals on site. On average, we carry out 6-7 field treatments every day. The critically injured animals are brought to the shelter where they are cared for, looked after until the animals recovered and released to the area where they are rescued. However, if the environment of the areas the animals are rescued from doesn't seem healthy for the animals, they are kept in the shelter so that the animals can have a better life until they can be adopted. A total of 33 animals (dogs, calves,) have been rescued and lodged into our shelter over the past quarter.

Apart from the field treatments, we have been carrying out daily treatments and feeding for over 160 dogs, 25 cows, 7 pigs, and 8 goats on a daily basis placed at the shelter after the rescue.



Humane and Vegan Education programs in schools

At the start of the quarter, we conducted awareness programs in various schools in Kathmandu and Lalitpur educating around 200 students regarding humane and vegan education. The program was a huge success with a large number of students committing themselves into veganism or at least vowing to treat all animals with humane treatment. The lockdown has put a halt on this program but we are planning to carry out more programs such as these in more areas to educate the future generation and their parents on humane treatment of animals & veganism soon after the lockdown are lifted.



Investigation and apprehension for live animal transport

For a long time, Sneha's care has been running operations to investigate and stop live animal transport due to the inhumane methods and cruelty involving in the import. The animals are tightly packed in trucks with their tails and head tied to restrict movement. Whereas smaller animals are usually forced into tiny cargo space where most of them suffocate and meet their end before they even reach Kathmandu. We have been fighting for justice against such cruel traditions while it comes to the transport of animals.



Recognition of Veterinary Services as "Essential Services"

We would like to welcome the stay order of the Supreme Court of Nepal for directing the government of Nepal to keep "veterinary services" under essential service. This stay will certainly address the compromised welfare of animals. We along with the Federation of Animal Welfare Nepal, Nepal Veterinary Association amongst many had also pressurized the Government of Nepal in considering this service as "essential" as per the guidelines of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).



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