



DHARMA DONKEY SANCTUARY



ANNUAL REPORT

2021-22



472

Donkey's served
through camps

75

Animals Treated
at Clinic

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Preface

Donkeys are pivotal in transporting agricultural goods within rural areas, supporting livelihoods for communities such as potters, washermen, and carriers. Despite their invaluable contributions, these equines often receive the least attention. Recognising this disparity early on, we embarked on a mission to rectify the neglect faced by these diligent creatures in the Nanded District.

In 2000, the Dharma Donkey Sanctuary was founded with the patronage of Smt. Maneka Gandhi, the then Cabinet Minister, alongside the support of animal enthusiast Ratilal Shah from the USA. This initiative was bolstered by collaborative assistance from Brooke Hospital for Animals, Blue Cross of Hyderabad, Sanskriti Samvardhan Mandal Sagroli, and numerous other animal lovers. Our vision is centred around cultivating "Healthy Working Equines," striving to restore equity and well-being to these essential animals.

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Aims & Objectives

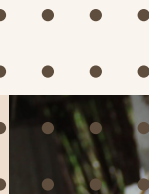
Envisioning a holistic approach encompassing Animal Care, our initiative embarked on an innovative trajectory by launching the Animal Care program. This novel undertaking stands poised to revolutionise how we perceive and interact with our animal counterparts. At its core, the program aims to administer essential healthcare services to a diverse spectrum of creatures, ranging from loyal donkeys to our faithful canine companions and beyond.

Central to our mission is cultivating a profound reverence for animals, particularly nurturing this sentiment within children and the broader community. The program's multifaceted objectives include establishing safe havens and extending vital medical care to donkeys in their twilight years during illness, pregnancy, and injury. Simultaneously, we orchestrate critical vaccination and deworming campaigns, empower Local Health Providers with enhanced skills, bridge the gap between local veterinary services and communities through strategic advocacy, and conduct comprehensive dog sterilisation camps. This multi-pronged endeavour harmonises the human-animal relationship and elevates animal welfare standards to new heights.

What We Do

Our entire spectrum of endeavours converges with a singular goal: to bestow upon the donkey a state defined by the quintessential Five Freedoms of Equine welfare.

- Address **hunger and thirst** needs.
- Mitigate **discomfort** factors.
- Prevent **pain, injuries, and diseases**.
- Allow **natural behaviour** expression.
- Ensure the **absence of fear and distress**.



Working Domains

- DDS plays a pivotal role in providing medical aid to equines following accidents, encompassing conditions like skin diseases, wound recuperation, sterilisation, tetanus, and abdominal distress.
- We actively enlighten equine owners about welfare practices, fostering a profound understanding of responsible care.
- Through strategic initiatives, we bolster the capabilities of local service providers, including Livestock Health Practitioners, government veterinary officers, Ashwamitra workers, and equine groomers.
- A core facet entails delivering immediate and routine high-quality veterinary treatment to working equines, ensuring their well-being remains uncompromised.
- We cultivate collaborative bonds with policymakers, advocating for equine welfare and rallying their support for this cause.

Impact of DDS

- Donkey and animal proprietors benefit from the expert counsel provided by veterinary officers and specialised professionals.
- Animal custodians attain a heightened understanding of the challenges encountered by donkeys and other animals, acquiring the proficiency to ensure optimal animal well-being.
- DDS stands as a cornerstone platform, resolutely committed to delivering veterinary care with unwavering dedication to the cause of animal welfare.





Medical Camps

In the past year, our organization focused on addressing the needs of 452 donkeys in the villages of Sagroli, Katkalamba, Sujlegaon, and their surrounding areas in the Nanded district. We provided assistance to 267 donkey owners, primarily focusing on general health check-ups, deworming, and vaccinations. Additionally, we dealt with cases involving injured, abused, and mistreated donkeys. Apart from administering treatment, we also conducted educational sessions for donkey owners, informing them about common diseases that affect donkeys, preventive measures, and overall care guidelines. This comprehensive approach aimed to improve the well-being of donkeys and enhance the knowledge of their caregivers.

Camp	Date	Donkey's served	Owner's served
Katkalamba	21 October 2021	352	254
Sagroli	30 December 2021	69	6
Sujlegaon	6 January 2022	51	7



Clinical Service

In addition to organizing medical camps specifically for donkeys, our organization operates a veterinary care center where we provide comprehensive animal care services. Typically, we address the requirements of local residents and their domesticated animals. Our services primarily focus on essential veterinary procedures such as deworming and vaccinations. Additionally, we handle cases related to various diseases and wounds, offering medical attention and treatment to ensure the well-being of the animals under our care.

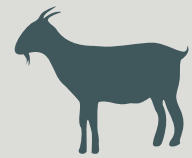


33

DONKEYS TREATED

05

GOATS TREATED



12

CATTLE TREATED

02

BUFFALOES TREATED



21

DOGS TREATED

02

CATS TREATED





Infertility Camp

Animal Care Centre, established in December 2020, has played a vital role in aiding numerous animals since its inception. One significant endeavor by Dharma Donkey Sanctuary (DDS) is the organization of Animal Health Camps. During the fiscal year 2021-22, an Infertility Checkup and Treatment Camp was conducted in Katkalamba village, Kandhar, an area densely populated with Desi Red Kandhari animals facing issues like infertility, anestrus, or repeat breeding.

Collaborating with KVK's OFT program, DDS hosted an Animal Infertility Camp. Skilled animal gynecologists diagnosed the animals and provided essential supplements and medications, including mineral mixtures, deworming liquids, and lick bricks. Selected animals underwent Hormone Therapy, a technique involving hormone injections to regulate their estrus cycles and improve conception rates.

This method, known as estrus synchronization, resulted in successful outcomes, with treated animals exhibiting estrus cycles and eight of them conceiving successfully. This effective program will also be replicated in the year 2023-24 and will remain an ongoing initiative, showcasing DDS's dedication to enhancing animal health and well-being.



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