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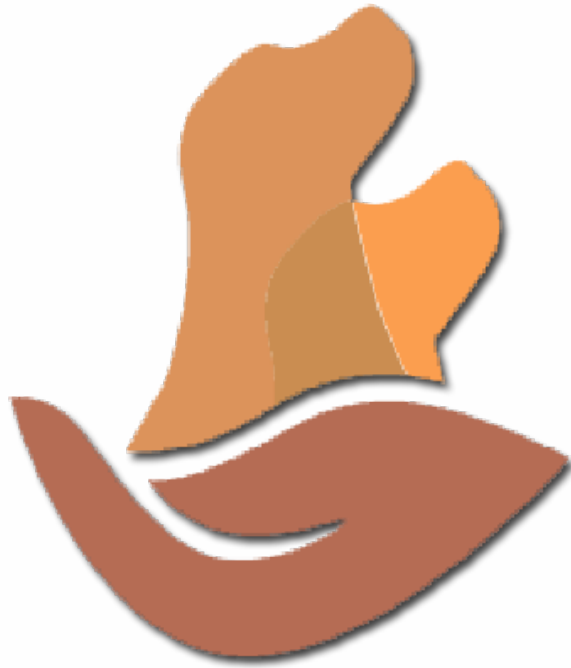
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BARK INDIA CHARITABLE TRUST

A non-profit NGO working for the welfare of stray animals in and around Puducherry, India. We work tirelessly to make sure the homeless animals get the best treatment, care, rights protection, food and medical care when needed. Our ultimate aim is to create a balanced human-animal- environmental friendly society that lives in harmony with non-human species.

EXPERIENCE

Started in August, 2015, above 6,000 animals have been helped by the Organization. Our experienced and trained veterinary team provides the best possible medical care to sick, injured, wounded stray animals.

SERVICES

Our various programmes aim to provide them the best services. Focusing on Stray animal rescue and Treatment, ABC/AR, Vaccinations, Other veterinary surgeries, Adoption Programme, Vaccination camps and drives, School Awareness Programme, Stray animal feeding programme etc, we make sure they have a better life.

We are happy to submit the 8th Annual report of Bark India Charitable Trust.



Our Team

Trustees



SOLAIRAJAN N
(Founder & managing Trustee)



Gerald L.
(Trustee)



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(Trustee)



Veterinary Team



Dr. Ravivarman S
(Veterinary Surgeon)



Dr. Arunthathi R.
(Veterinary Doctor)



Dr. Vijay E
(Consultant veterinarian)



APRIL 2022-MARCH 2023

As an animal welfare Organisation, we are dedicated to provide our best to the animals and to be responsible to all the rescue calls we get.

The year had been a lot more important in helping animals and in-terms of our development and activities as an animal welfare Organisation. Crossing the number of rescues 6,000 have been a great step in helping them. With the support of everyone, hope the coming years would be more fruitful in carrying out the activities. We thank everyone who extended their hands of support throughout the year.

RESCUE AND TREATMENT

Our sick animal rescue and treatment- the primary and most important animal welfare programme of the Trust, falls mainly on the rescue, admission, care, food and medical care till their recovery.

In the year 2022-2023, 1141 stray animals were rescued and given medical care in their medical urgency. Sick, injured, wounded animals would be rescued by our rescue team, or with the help of public or rescuers. After the veterinarians' consultation and first aid, the animal would be admitted for further medical care, surgeries or any other medical procedure required. Once the animal is healthy, they will be released back to their territories after sterilization and vaccinations, in the presence of their informer/rescuer.

The year was another stepping stone in helping many more neediest strays. Our helpline provides easy access to the public to contact us in case of an animal in emergency. We are always committed to answer their requests and help all the animals that come to us.



The cases include, but not limited to myiasis infection, tumors and cancers, kidney and liver failure, fevers, canine distemper, parvovirus, leptospirosis, accident cases-fractures, paralysis, rabies, heat stroke, hypothermia, jaundice, poisoned, human cruelty victims, beaten, hematoma, and all other diseases that happen to animals.

Our experienced veterinary doctors and team handle all types of diseases and medical conditions.

All the animals rescued are sterilised and vaccinated before releasing them back to the places where they were taken from.

WHY RESCUE AND TREATMENT



Millions of stray animals have been living in India even without meeting the basic needs of proper food, a comfortable space or medical care when required. The primary intention of the rescue programme is to help the stray animals in their medical needs as its one of the very basic rights they are deprived of.

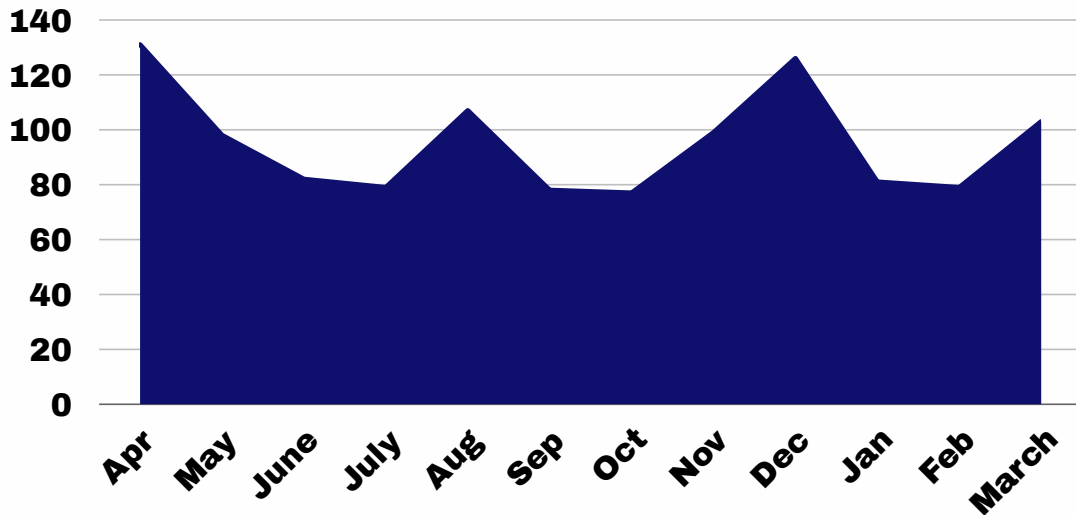


We make sure of the best possible medical care, food, supplemets, comfortable stay during their admission. Everything necessary will be provided to the animal till they recover. Our veterinarians and veterinary assistants are in charge of their medical care during the period of admission.

The number of rescues in the year-1141
Total number of rescues till date- 6062

STRAY ANIMAL RESCUES- AN ANALYSIS

Compared to the previous year, the year 2022-2023 was remarkable with more rescue and treatments



RESCUE SUMMARY



- Dogs - 1091
- Cats - 34
- Others- 16

BEFORE TREATMENT



AFTER TREATMENT



Random pictures of some rescue cases- before and after treatment



Cat that had accident and wounded leg



Rescued dog with hyperthermia



Dog that had accident, leg wounded



Crow rescued with broken wing



Little puppy rescued with front leg fracture



Accident victim- after front leg pinning surgery



Dog bitten kitten-paraplegic hind legs



Spinal injury-cat hit by a vehicle



An aged dog with kidney and liver failure



Puppy rescued with myiasis on stomach



Rescued cat with cut wound on face



Kitten with lethargy and eyes infection



Poisoned stray dog



VETERINARY SURGERIES

All basic veterinary surgeries are done by our veterinary team, under the guidance of the surgeon. Animal Birth Control, tumors, hematoma, hernia, orthopedic, eye, spine, pinning and other necessary surgeries are done at the hospital.

In the year 672 surgeries were done in the hospital that ensured the best well-being of them for the rest of their life. Post-operation care and observation of the veterinarians get them heal faster.

We are happy that all the animals that undergone surgeries have been released to a better and happy life.









Animal Adoption Programme

WHY ADOPTION PROGRAMME?



Animal adoption programme is intentented to find forever happy homes to rescued animals after their treatment and recovery.

Puppies/kittens/handicapped animals/abandoned breed dogs and some animals who stay at the rescue centre for longer time for treatment etc. are less competent to survive at their territories where they are taken. Such animals are put for adoption once they are healthy and vaccinated (sterilised if adult).

Using contacts, social media and animal welfare networks, interested people contact us for adopting an animal. Home visit, pre-adoption counselling will be done with the interested adopters.

Adopting a homeless animal not only helps the animal to have a better life, but also helps the human to get better with an animal companion. The mutual companionship helps to create a better human-animal friendly society.

Free vaccinations, sterilisation will be provided on time to all the adopted animals. We make sure of their welfare always through follow-ups.

34 animals found their forever happy homes through the adoption programme and an adoption camp conducted in the year contributing to the total number of adoptions.

Our support is provided to the public and animal lovers/feeders by posting their adoption requests on social media to find homes for healthy stray puppies/kittens and abandoned adult dogs.





Assorted pictures of adoptions of the year



A Happy Adoption Tale



Michael- who was a pet dog, mercilessly abandoned by his family when the owners shifted to their new house. He was forced to live the life of a stray dog, finding his own food sources on streets. With the hardships, he got injured and developed a maggot infection on his right ear.



Rescued by Bark India team from Kottakuppam, Puducherry. The wound got healed, sterilised and vaccinated, his story of second life started on 30th January.



The family of Ms. Sasirekha rushed to Bark India their pet dog Shadow in extremely critical condition as he was bitten by a snake. Even though all the possible care and medications were given, the dog passed away after hours. The family decided to provide a happy life to an Indie dog by adopting, in memory of their pet- Shadow.

Thanks to the entire family for adopting an abandoned animal.

Adoption Camp



Please do not buy pets when thousands of homeless animals suffer on streets.

Adoptions also encourage people to grow in companionship with animals and helps the younger generation to learn kindness and compassion.

It also reduces the breed dog sale and abuse of animals where they would be treated as puppy producing machine.

An adoption camp was conducted at Marche de Noel, Pondicherry, with the aim of finding homes for some rescued puppies and kittens, as part of the institution's christmas stall.

12 puppies and 1 kitten got their forever happy homes through the programme. Thanks to all the volunteers and supporters who made the event successful.



STRAY ANIMAL FEEDING PROGRAMME

Started during the first lockdown of Covid-19, the programme used to cover the industrial areas of Pondicherry and boarder Tamil Nadu areas where food availability is less, focusing 550 stray animals every day.

From 2023, the programme currently focuses on 350 neediest hungry animals/ everyday. Our volunteers and staff are feeding them on their spots with healthy meal cooked, once a day.

The programme has benefits than feeding a hungry animal. They are,



- Befriends the non-human friendly dogs by regular feeding
- Helps creating a better human-animal friendly atmosphere
- Helps getting them for treatment, on-spot treatment when sick/injured
- Befriending helps to get them for sterilisation and vaccinations
- Helps maintaining the deccorum of a particular territory by feeding the hungry strays
- Less dogfights and territorial issues with better food availability
- Sterilization and vaccination helps prevent human-animal conficts

Every day food is taken by our feeding team, and distributed to the hungry strays at their places. We make sure of responsible feeding.



CONCLUSION

From 2019, we have been feeding and observing the dogs' behaviour in the areas where they are fed. A great percentage of them got sterilised, vaccinated and healthy. Regular feeding helps them meet their daily food needs, that automatically helps maintaining peacefulness and calmness among dogs. Less dog fights and diseases are noticed among them.

The wild dogs who were scared and insecure of humans, now comes to us with wagging tails and happy smiles.

Veterinary Medical camps



The primary intention of the programme is to enable basic medical check-up, deworming and vaccination to the animals of rural areas where veterinary services are less available.

This year marked our calendar with 5 successful vaccination drives that vaccinated 162 animals, contributing to the total number of vaccinations through the programme- 498.

In association with world anti-rabies day on September 28, 5 vaccination drives were conducted in different rural areas of Puducherry, from Sep 26th to 30th.





5 vaccination drives were conducted at JIPMER hospital campus, Pondicherry, Lawspet, Bahour, Pondicherry University campus and one day camp was conducted at Bark India hospital.



Number of animals vaccinated at each camp

- Lawspet- 32
- Bahour- 6
- Bark India hospital- 19
- JIPMER Campus- 22
- Pondicherry University- 83

School Awareness Programme



(Representative image from Bark India awareness programme)

School awareness campaigns has been one of our major programmes that we always want to focus on. Investing knowledge in the future generation is the most effective way to create a better society.

Throughout the years, we have been observing how the mindset of children changes through proper awareness, that can eventually create a human-animal society.

With covid19 related issues we have not been able to conduct the programme for a while but happy to re-start in the year with 3 sessions at Government Primary School, Navarkulam, Puducherry.

First hand demonstration and illustration is given to students on topics like 'basic dog behaviour', 'dos and dont's with stray animals', 'dog bite and prevention', 'rabies and prevention', the need and importance of adoption', 'how to care pets and strays' etc. are all well explained through interactive sessions, role plays and power-point presentations.



Assorted photographs of the awareness sessions conducted at Government Primary School, Navarkulam, Puducherry.

We are looking forward to conduct more educational sessions at different school levels , hoping for a better society of human-animal friendship and reduced human-animal conflicts.

Veterinary Internship



The initiative of veterinary internship in NGOs was started by Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education and Research (RIVER), Puducherry, from 2021.

We have been happy to welcome the second batch of B.VSc final year students to our hospital and rescue centre for 10 days internship.

All 59 veterinarians who did internship got first hand experience in veterinary surgeries, treatments and emergency medicines etc, under the guidance of our veterinarians.



The year at a glance: 2022-2023

	RESCUE	ABC	OTHER SURGERIES	ADOPTION	VACCINATION	STRAY FEEDING	OUTPATIENT SERVICE
April	131	71	25	1	0	550	111
May	99	60	19	0	0	550	98
June	82	20	10	2	0	550	81
July	79	32	9	0	0	550	83
Aug	107	41	18	0	0	550	82
Sep	78	47	19	0	162	550	102
Oct	77	41	12	0	0	550	83
Nov	99	52	14	5	0	550	83
Dec	126	62	8	13	0	550	84
Jan	81	25	4	5	0	550	83
Feb	79	12	9	1	0	350	55
Mar	103	50	12	7	0	350	73
Total	1141	513	159	34	162	350/day	1018



Thank You

We thank everyone who supported us in the year to help animals with monetary and in-kind donations, helped in rescues and transportation of animals, all informers on distressed animals, all well-wishers and animal lovers. Thanks for the trust and support you have provided.

We thank Animal Welfare Board of India for your guidelines and support.



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