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Main accomplishments

← Started an outreach programme in Nepalgunj

→ Organised weekly community education camps



← Organised monthly pet health camps

→ Rescued over ten handicapped and sick working donkeys



← Introduced successful chemotherapy for dogs with cancer

→ Prevented 42 puppies from being smuggled to India



Introduction

2010: A Ray of Hope

2010 was the year in which we matured as an organization and improved our interventions. Among the most visible successes of 2010 are:

- ✓ Establishment of an outreach programme in Nepalgunj to help impoverished 'brick donkey' owners and their animals
- ✓ Organised weekly education camps in the community in which we conduct Animal Birth Control/Anti Rabies
- ✓ Spayed 364 female dogs; vaccinated and treated 860 dogs
- ✓ Introduced successful chemotherapy for dogs with cancer
- ✓ Organised regular clinics for working equines in 12 brick factories
- ✓ Treated almost 3000 working equines; rescued over ten
- ✓ Rescued 42 puppies from being smuggled to India

In 2010, we were able to provide a ray of hope to countless suffering animals, not only to those living on the street, but also to pets and working animals. By focusing on preventive treatment and education, and improving our treatment strategies, we feel we are providing long term solutions to the overwhelming suffering of Nepal's pets, stray and working animals.

Take **Puppy** for instance. Suffering from cancer of the uterus and a tumour covering one of her eyes, her chances seemed slim. Three months later Puppy had turned into a happy, tumour free dog, with her eye sight restored. After being reunited with her caretakers, a poor tailor family, she became a popular member in her neighbourhood. Few dogs get as many biscuits as Puppy does!

Or take **Mukti**. This lame, severely malnourished mother horse was found in one of the brick factories, wasting away while trying to keep her foal Shakti alive. After she was rescued, Mukti had to be separated from the foal to prevent her from drinking mother's milk. If not, Mukti would not have survived. Now, a few months later, both mother and foal are doing very well.

2010, like the previous year, did not bring the much desired political changes. The political parties continued to lack vision and unity. As a result the long awaited new constitution could not be completed. Corruption created many obstacles in the work of development workers and animal rights activists. One of the disappointing outcomes was the random release of 210 captive monkeys by Minister Deepak Bohara, resulting in the death of over 30 rhesus monkeys and a sharp increase of human-macaque conflict.

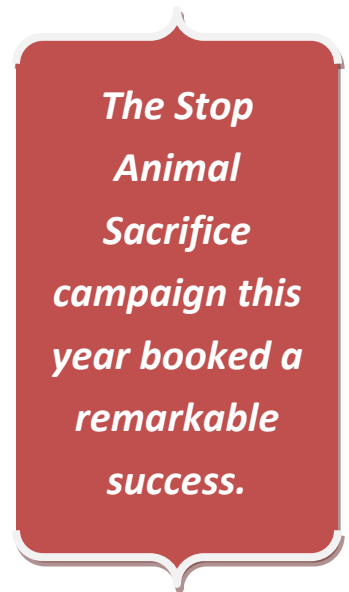
In 2010 we continued our campaigns for the inclusion of animals in the new constitution and the passing of an animal welfare act. As the secretariat of the Animal Welfare Network Nepal (AWNN) we launched the Stop Animal Sacrifice campaign, which this year booked a remarkable success. In Khokana, a village in Lalitpur district, during a festival in August, a live goat is used as a 'football' and torn apart by a group of boys. This year Animal Nepal organized a series of health camps in the village and used these as an entry point to talk to the locals. As a result, a major improvement could be seen. The goat was quickly killed and no longer used as an object in a cruel competition.

None of these achievements would have been possible without our staff. We want to thank programme manager Krishna and veterinary managers Dr Sudeep and Dr Surendra. Thank you too, Dr Parisha Dr Prativa and Surendra (Karki)! We also share our appreciation for caretakers Narayan, Mohan, Ishwori, Hari (dogs) and Keshab, Bal Krishna and Santosh (donkeys). Thank you Mahesh and Santosh at AWNN. Last but not least we thank volunteers Dr Ramesh (Donkeys Sanctuary India), Jiggy, Shristi, Sushma and Ramona for their selfless support.

We owe countless local sponsors; thanks to you our local donations tripled in 2010. We thank our partner organizations in the Animal Welfare Network Nepal for creating a joint task force to fight animal abuse in Nepal.

Last but not least we want to thank our loyal international donors, Animal Aid Abroad (Australia), Brigitte Bardot Foundation (France), Donkey Sanctuary (UK and India), Humane Society International (USA), Mayhew Animal Home (UK), Serve & Share (Holland) and 30 Million d'Amis (France). AWNN wants to give thanks to Mr Alan McCormack (Australia) and One Voice (France). Bless you for your ongoing trust, advice and support!

Pramada Shah & Lucia de Vries , Volunteer Directors



2010 in Words and Images

January

January 8 - HICAST and AN sign MOU



On January 8 the Himayalan College of Agriculture Science and Technology (HICAST) and Animal Nepal signed a

Memorandum of Understanding, vowing to cooperate in different fields to reduce animal suffering in Nepal. The MOU was signed by Dr Binayak Rajbhandari on behalf of HICAST and Lucia de Vries on behalf of AN.

HICAST and AN have cooperated in health camps for working donkeys in the past. They now like to expand the joint services to stray dogs, research, imparting animal welfare into the curriculum and organising exposure visits. HICAST interns will be based at AN's stray dog and working donkey programmes later this year.

January 8 - Donkey clinic treats 40+ donkeys

Today the vets of Animal Nepal together with 20 aspiring vets studying at HICAST conducted a health camp among over 40 working donkeys stationed at Bolbum brick kiln.

The participants treated various problems including saddle wounds, weakness due to malnutrition, digestive problems, colic and pneumonia. The team dewormed all donkeys

and provided mineral supplements to the weak ones. The students were shocked by the conditions in brick kilns and vowed to help donkeys in Bhaktapur district, where HICAST is based.

AN's vets will complete a survey of all brick kilns later this week. Dr Sudeep and Surendra

have already treated a dozen very sick donkeys suffering from pneumonia, colic, leg injuries or birthing problems.



January 10 - Remembering Jessy

Animal Nepal this week received a wonderful donation in the name of Jessy, the much loved pet dog of Sushma Thakuri which passed away earlier this year. Sushma decided to offer Animal Nepal much needed goods in the memory of Jessy. Among the goods were a bag of rice, biscuits and different kinds of brushes. The donation has been well received by the dogs at our shelter. May you rest in peace, Jessy!

January 12 - First puppy arrives at shelter

Although the Chobar Animal Sanctuary does not accept healthy puppies, it has a single kennel for injured and sick puppies. Today the first such puppy arrived and was pampered with a cosy basket, a hot water bottle and lots of blankets. Namuna is a 2 month old puppy



suffering from mange and parasites. Her mother too suffers from an advanced stage of mange and is being treated on the street. We wish

Namuna a speedy recovery!

January 18 - Nepal at Asia for Animals

The Asia for Animals conference is held every two years to inspire and bring together Asia's professionals. This year Animal Nepal was represented by Manoj Gautam, Pramada Shah and Lucia de Vries. The volunteer directors gave



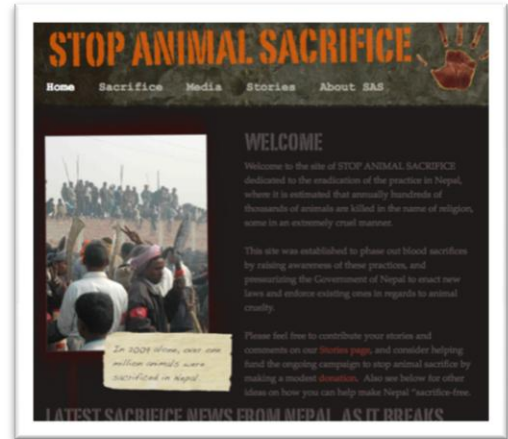
a presentation about Campaigning for Change, based on the successful campaign against the export of rhesus

monkeys to US labs. The team also organised a seminar of animal sacrifices, which saw the launch of a documentary on Gadhimai festival produced by UK filmmaker Tassia Kobylinska. During the seminar an international coalition was formed which brings campaigners from across Asia and the rest of the world together.

January 18 - New website on animal sacrifices launched

Today a new website was released by the Animal Welfare Network Nepal that contains

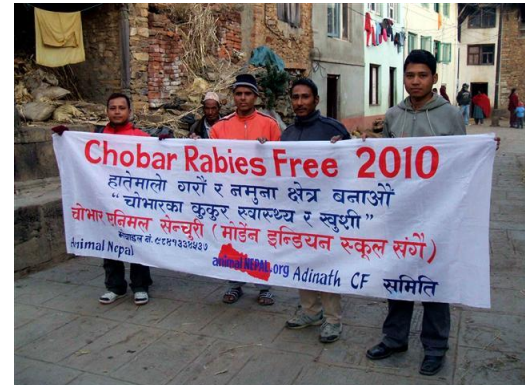
info and media in regards to the movement to phase out animal cruelty in the name of religion and culture in Nepal. The 5-year campaign was launched after



Gadhimai festival saw the cruel killings of over 200,000 animals. The site features a forum where supporters can share their personal stories. It further explains how you can help stop these inhumane practices, as a Nepalese citizen, as a visitor, or as a concerned citizen on the other side of the world.

January 20 - Chobar Rabies Free 2010 Campaign Launched

Animal Nepal together with the Adhinath Forest Committee launched a campaign to create a rabies free Chobar in



2010. Chobar, where our rehabilitation center is located, faces many stray dog problems. An unknown number of locals get bitten by aggressive dogs and twice a year female dogs produce large litters whose chances of survival are minimal. The forest committee together with volunteer Rajendra Bista since many years provide rabies vaccinations to local dogs. AN will support them by educating the community and spaying female dogs to create a healthy and happy dog population by the end of 2010.

February

February 21 - Workshop for municipalities

Today Animal Nepal together with Lalitpur Sub-Metropolitan City (LSMC) organised a 1-day workshop called 'Solving Stray Dog Problems

Humanely and Effectively'. Animal Nepal since 2004 has been lobbying with Lalitpur and Kirtipur Municipalities to implement an effective stray



dog management programme for the southern part of Kathmandu Valley in cooperation with NGOs such as Animal Nepal. During the workshop stakeholders including representatives of the local government, political parties and Department of Livestock identified problems and discussed solutions. Sadly it was found that LSMC still poisoned aggressive dog. Animal Nepal introduced the concept Animal Birth Control/Anti Rabies (ABC/AR) as well as other effective solutions. To prove that ABC/AR works we spayed and vaccinated the female dogs inside the compound of LSMC and treated a number of dogs with skin problems. LSMC has agreed to stop its poisoning programme. In June LSMC

announced it has set aside Rs 100,000 as seed money for an effective, joint stray dog management programme.



March

March 4 - Saving Clover

Today AN rescued Clover, a very sick donkey from Bolbum brick kiln. Clover recently gave birth to a dead foal. After this the condition of the partly blind donkey deteriorated to the point where she was close to death. Clover is one of the 500 equines working in brick kilns in Lalitpur district. The animals are beaten, overloaded, underfed and hardly receive medical care. When Kit Spencer, manager at Summit Trekking, saw the donkey, he immediately decided to adopt her. The AN team negotiated with the brick kiln and donkey owners. Clover was brought to her new home in the back of AN's ambulance. After she arrived at the premises Clover collapsed from exhaustion. AN vets Sudeep, Parisha and Surendra immediately provided the donkey with emergency treatment. Clover will have to receive intensive treatment for at least a month. We wish Clover and her adoptive parents Kit and Moyra all the best!

April

April 10 - Volunteer Day at Chobar Animal Sanctuary

The dogs at Chobar today had a wonderful time when volunteers arrived to further improved their living conditions. During AN's Volunteer Day



children from Ama Ghar children's home brought colourful signs for the kennels, painted by Shrijana Gurung. Other young volunteers

worked incredibly hard to remove rocks from the play areas for injured dogs. Aicha, Krishna and Surendra made a resting place for dogs while Martin, Miriam, Lies and Devi strengthened the bamboo gate. Isabelle, Joyce and Kareff painted the new kennels for injured dogs. On behalf of the Chobar residents: THANK YOU SO MUCH!

April 13 - Dog # 100 spayed and vaccinated



On December 28, 2009, vets Surendra and Sudeep spayed and vaccinated the first batch of stray dogs. Today we celebrated the spaying and we vaccination of 'dog # 100' which marks the end of our pilot programme

"Patan Rescue". Dog # 100 was Putali, a lovely black dog from Taudaha village. Putali was carried to the Operation Theatre by caretaker Mohan Maharjan and shaved, ear notched and vaccinated by dr Parisha Thapa. Vets Surendra Basyal and Sudeep Koirala carried out the surgery. Afterwards the shelter staff celebrated the achievement with a decorated cake saying "100 dog spaying". Animal Nepal now launches



a 2-year "Kathmandu Rescue" programme in which over 2000 dogs will be spayed, treated and vaccinated. Congrats to our

staff and the 100 dogs who are all set to lead happy, healthy lives

April 17 - Stray dog health camp at Chobar

AN today organised a health camp for the stray dogs of Chobar. The village management committee of this village



close to our Chobar Animal Sanctuary organises annual rabies vaccination camps and asked AN to treat dogs suffering from skin problems. Vets Parisha, Surendra and Sudeep treated over 15 dogs and provided pet care information to the local community. Among the patients was a young dog suffering from a hernia. He will undergo surgery at our shelter. AN in January launched the "Chobar Rabies Free Campaign". By spaying and vaccinating female dogs and treated sick dogs, AN will help Chobar to become rabies free by the end of this year.

April 19 - Animal Nepal rescues three more working equines

AN in the past week has rescued two mules and a donkey who were abandoned when they were no longer able



to work in one of the brick kilns of Kathmandu Valley. The Donkey Sanctuary now has 15 residents. 16-year old mule Tika was rescued

from a village called Tika Bhairab. Her front leg is dislocated, leaving her permanently handicapped. She is also blind in one eye and had a skin problem. 13-year old mule Bobby came all the way from Kavre district where he was abandoned along the highway when he became blind and started suffering from saddle wounds and respiratory problems. Because he was unable to find food and water Bobby became severely malnourished and dehydrated. 15-year old donkey Manu was rescued from Manakamana brick kiln. She was in a very serious condition when she arrived. Manu had just given birth to a dead foal, was partly blind and suffered from very severe malnourishment and dehydration. Initially she reacted well to the intensive treatment, but sadly she died in our care a few days later.

April 24 - Puppy Adoption Camp organised at Saleways



Animal Nepal today organised a puppy adoption promotion camp at Saleways supermarket in Patan. Close to the supermarket stray dog has given birth to eight puppies. They live by the side of a busy road and are vulnerable to road accidents. AN has vaccinated and dewormed the gorgeous puppies and aims to get at least half of them adopted. Volunteers Margaret and Lawrence, Martin and Miriam and AN's Krishna, Pramada and Lucia tried to convince supermarket visitors to adopt. Brochures on puppy care and general pet care were used to

create awareness. Unfortunately no one wanted a mixed breed puppy. However, the campaign continues through the internet (see www.adoptnepalidog.info). Already one puppy has found a loving home!

Animal Nepal directors today gave a lecture at the Shankar Hotel, organised by the Cultural Studies Group of Nepal. The presentation was advertised with the title 'Blood "Bricks - Environment, People and Animals"'. With the help of a powerpoint presentation and short documentaries Shah and De Vries explained the appalling conditions of people and animals in Nepal's brick kilns, and its impact on the environment. They explained Animal Nepal's role in improving conditions of working equines and focused on possible solutions. CSGN members donated generously towards Animal Nepal's Emergency Fund. Rs 12,000 was collected.

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April 30 - Donkeys raise awareness on Queen's Day

Rescued donkeys Lucia and Clover went orange on Dutch Queen's birthday to raise awareness about the plight of working equines in Nepal. Visitors of the fair at the Summit



Hotel provided them with healthy treats: fresh organic vegetables, sold at the fair. The donkeys were abandoned after becoming sick and handicapped. Lucia and Clover are adopted by the manager of Summit Trekking where they enjoy their well deserved retirement in luxury. During the fair AN staff provided the visitors with information and sold T-shirts, cards and memberships.

May

May 21 - Dutch school visits donkey sanctuary



Today students from the Dutch School, based in Jhamsikhel, Patan, visited the Godavari Donkey Sanctuary. The children brushed the fifteen retired donkeys and fed

them green vegetables. They also asked many questions about the abuse of working equines and how the donkeys came to the sanctuary. The students handed over Rs 4500 to managing vet Dr Sudeep Koirala to improve the facilities.

Manoj Gautam, Pramada Shah and staff members Krishna Singh and Sudip Koirala.

The center will rehabilitate sick and injured stray dogs, and spay and vaccinate female dogs. The project is supported by Brigitte Bardot Foundation, Humane Society International and Mayhew Animal Home. A number of individual sponsors fund a kennel in the name of their loves one.

June

June 5 - Mobile camp at Baisepathi

Today our vets conducted a mobile camp for stray and community dogs at Baisepathi. This satellite town, despite well organised in many areas, suffers from



many stray dog problems. The vets treated 25 dogs which suffered from parasite infestation, skin problems, malnutrition, open sores and/or ingrown toe nails. Alongside the camp, the community was informed about the importance of pet care and humane dog management. Our new brochure on ABC/AR works well, convincing countless people of a better approach to dog problems. We also captured one batch of Baisepathi female dogs for spaying and vaccination at the Chobar Animal Sanctuary.

June 11 - Puppy Preeti adopted

Today puppy Preeti, who was rescued from Lazimpur area, was adopted by Ramesh Nagarkoti from Bhaktapur. His family recently lost their pet dog and were very happy to find a healthy puppy at the Chobar Animal Sanctuary. We wish Preeti, Ramesh and his family much happiness!



June 15 - Rescued dancing bear safe in Sanctuary

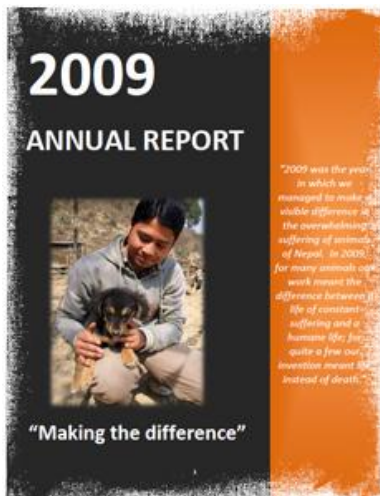


Dancing bear Rubina, rescued by Roots and Shoots Nepal in coordination with Chitwan National Park authorities, has safely arrived at the Agra Bear Sanctuary run by Wildlife SOS. Animal Nepal

with the help of Indian activist Maneka Gandhi successfully campaigned for the repatriation of the bear. Rubina after her rescue was kept by the warden of Chitwan National Park. AN realised that rescued bears like her need specialized care which Nepal at present cannot offer.

Mahesh Sharma and Lucia de Vries published a plea in The Kathmandu Post to save Rubina's life by sending her to a special sanctuary in India. A press release (See Press Releases) led to more coverage in the national media. After a life marked by abuse and torture, Rubina will be able to retire with grace.

June 30 - Animal Nepal presents Annual Report 2009



Animal Nepal today presented its Annual Report 2009. 2009 will be remembered by us as the year in which we really got going. By launching two integrated outreach programmes and building two

rehabilitation/retirement centers for equines and companion animals 2009 became the year in which we managed to make a visible difference in the overwhelming suffering of the suffering animals of Nepal. In 2009, for many animals our work meant the difference between a life of constant suffering and a humane life; for quite a few our intervention meant life instead of death.

We owe our donors and countless sponsors who stood by us in 2009. Read the Annual Report on the link 'Reports & Docs' or ask us for a copy.

July

July 5 - AN launches Nepalgunj Outreach Programme

Today Animal Nepal officially launched its Nepalgunj Outreach Programme by organising the first in a series of interactions with



local stakeholders. Managing vet Dr Sudeep Koirala and Programme Manager Krishna Singh will spend two weeks in Banke to train local staff and introduce ourselves among local authorities and media. The programme, supported by Donkey Sanctuary UK, aims to improve the health conditions of working equines in Banke District during off-season. Specific objectives are to stop illegal import of unsuitable equines into Nepal, to improve health conditions of working equines with help of authorities, to improve economic conditions of owners and children, to increase awareness on working equine problems in the local community and to create exposure of the issue

in the media. For more information read our campaign report 'Beasts of Burden' on the link 'Reports & Docs'.

July 7 - 14 journalists join Nepalgunj press meet



14 journalists based in Nepalgunj joined AN's press conference on the conditions of working equines in Banke District. Animal Nepal

presented its campaign report 'Beasts of Burden - Equine Abuse in Nepalgunj'. The report calls for immediate action by authorities, media and civil society to end the 'crying shame of Nepalgunj'. According the AN Nepalgunj has become the home to a large percentage of Asia's pathetic and emaciated working animals. The journalists actively involved in a debate about the problems of solutions. AN believes public awareness is an important first step to reduce the terrible abuse. An wants to thank Surendra Karki for organising the press meet..

August

August 5 - Animal Nepal reaches out to injured stray cows

Stray cows have a tough life in Kathmandu Valley. Though considered holy and protected, their fate is often a sad one, suffering from road accidents, hunger and thirst. Virtually no medical care is available. Animal Nepal in the past months has treated three injured cows. First case was in Kopan, where Bibek and Preeti Shah found a cow suffering from a broken horn and a large infection. When AN vets Sudeep, Surendra and Parisha arrived on June 12, the

wounds, which were bleeding, were caused by maggots, which drove the cow to hit its face against trees and fences. After



capturing the poor creature some 400 maggots were pulled out. According to the local community the cow is fine now. In August we treated bull in Sanepa whose leg was broken. The vets concluded that the leg had healed by itself and that the limp did not seem to hurt the bull. A few days later an owned cow suffering from open sores in Balkhu. Its owner already sought help but was unable to provide follow up treatment. She was taught how to clean the wounds twice a day.

August 23 - Mobile treatment camp reaches Khokana

In the past month Animal Nepal organised three mobile treatment and vaccination camps for stray and pet dogs. Today our team reached Khokana,



where Animal Nepal wants to gain the trust of the community and convince the people to abolish cruel rituals. It seemed the whole of Khokana had showed up. No less than 48 dog were vaccinated and treated. Among them a very weak male white dog who suffered from dehydration and parasite infestation. The dog received saline and deworming and its hair was cut. A few hundred community members were educated about humane and effective stray dog management.

August 26 - Anti-sacrifice campaigns books success



Animal welfare campaigners today were relieved to find that an annual ritual in Khokana was

celebrated in a less cruel manner. In Khokana for decades each year a live baby goat use to be thrown into a pond after which it was torn apart by young men using their teeth. After a prolonged campaign the community today decided to drown the goat first and not bite it.

In the month before the festival Animal Nepal for weeks conducted an Animal Birth Control/Anti Rabies programme in the village. A dog treatment camp was organized to build further trust in the community.

Comedian duo Madan Krishna and Hari Bamsha today requested communities such as Khokana to stop cruel blood sacrifices. "It is ignorance that leads to cruel killings. Therefore let's stop blood sacrifices and restore our dignity," the comedians said.

August 30 - One eye Romeo rescued

Mating season is here and dog fights are abundant. Animal Nepal rescued a big black male dog from Binayak Temple in Chobar whose one eye had been torn out during a fight over a handsome female. Binayak, as we call him, at first was apprehensive when he was removed from his temple territory. However, thanks to the good care by vet Surendra and the shelter staff, he now feels at ease.

Unfortunately his eye cannot be saved. We trust he will take a little more care when courting the girls of Binayak Temple!



September

September 1 - British School students come to the rescue

"Argh, they are soooo cute!" That was what students of grade 7 said when two rescued donkeys came to visit them at the school compound. The students will be collecting money for the Godavari Donkey Sanctuary through a sponsored game. After Animal Nepal gave an introduction about the lives of equines working in brick kilns, grade 7 spoiled the two visiting donkeys, Lucia and Clover, with carrots and fresh grass.



The students also gave some good advice on how to stop the abuse of working equines. "It's better if humans do the job because they can speak up," they concluded.

September 7 - Overworked working horse with foal in donkey heaven



Our team today rescued a blind working horse with her foal. Both were skin and bones. The adult horse was found to be in a

pathetic state at Tri Shakti Brick kiln in Harisiddhi, Lalitpur, in March. However, its owner refused to hand her over, as she was pregnant. When Animal Nepal recently found that the foal was getting malnourished, the owner was pressurised to give up both mum and foal. The horses were provided with fresh drinking water and nutritious food after their arrival at the Donkey Sanctuary. They will be kept in quarantine for at least two weeks. We have named the new residents Shakti and Mukti. We wish them a happy time with us!

September 14 - First chemotherapy treatment for CTVT dog

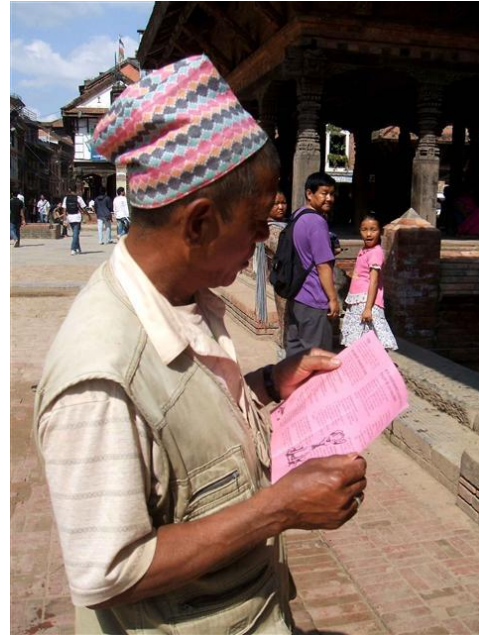


CTVT or cancer of the genitalia is a very common disease in female dogs in Nepal. Until recently we

ethanized dogs with advanced stages of CTVT. As this was affecting us deeply we searched for alternatives. Today we provided the first chemotherapy treatment to Puppy, a community dog suffering from cancer both in the right eye and the vagina. Puppy will have to

be treated weekly for six weeks to know if the treatment has been fully successful. Today we were happy to notice that Puppy did not seem to suffer from any side effects.

September 28 – Free vaccinations on World Rabies Day



Animal Nepal today celebrated World Rabies Day by organizing a vaccination camp at Patan Durbar Square. Today it was reported that a suspected rabid dog has bitten ten people and 18 cows in Ranipawa, Nuwakot District.

The incident shows that rabies is still a much feared disease in Nepal and that the need for a long term solution is urgent. A large group of Ranipawa residents met with programme manager Ram Chandra Khatiwada of the Department of Livestock Services today to request support. Animal Nepal will be sending a fact finding team to Ranipawa tomorrow. The team will use a dart gun to capture the dog.

Animal Nepal with the help of the Alliance for Rabies Control this week will vaccinate 100 pet and community dogs as part of a comprehensive programme to eradicate rabies in Lalitpur district.

October

October 4 - Happy World Animal Day!



Today we celebrate World Animal Day by organising a Walkathon called Walk 4

Animals. Hundreds of students and animal lovers will walk from Patan to Kathmandu to raise funds and awareness for animals. After the finish students will give short talks and perform a play. The Animal Welfare Network Nepal will honour the winners of the essay competition 'Ragat euta ho, dukha pani'.

In Nepal animal welfare campaigners on World Animal Day focus on the need for an animal welfare act and improved conditions for all animals, including pets, wildlife and working animals.

October 4 – Hundreds of students join Walk 4 Animals



Today hundreds of students joined Animal Nepal's rally to celebrate World Animal Day.

“Unchain your dog”, “Animals look up to you, don’t let them down” and “Animals feel pain like you”. These are some of the slogans that could be seen during a Walk 4 Animals.

Hundreds of students and animal lovers walked from Patan to Kathmandu to raise funds and awareness for animals. At the finish, at GAA hall, Pramada Shah and Rita Limbu spoke about the importance of creating a cruelty free society. Students from Ullens' School performed a play and introduced a new song. The Animal Welfare Network Nepal honoured the winners of the article writing competition 'Dukha euta ho, ragat pani': Bishwa Poudel, Sambinda Shrestha, Govinda Sudebi and Roshan Shrestha.

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Says Pramada Shah, Volunteer Director of Animal Nepal: “Nepal faces many challenges when it comes to animal welfare. That is why on World Animal Day we want to launch a movement for animals led by students. Respect for animals is a basic requirement for a just society.”



The rally raised NRs 200,000, which will be used to improve the living conditions for sick and injured animals at our shelter, Animal Nepal wants to thank sponsors Green Ventures, Samsung, Nepal Sri Bank and Rio, as well as Shristi Shrestha and friends for organising the Walk 4 Animals.

October 9 – One more rescued donkey passes away

Animal Nepal today once more had to deal with some sad news. Despite great efforts by our vets to save her, Nanu passed away in the evening of the 9th. Only a few weeks ago Benji, another much loved resident at our Donkey Sanctuary, passed away. This means that of the eight donkeys we rescued from Kavre, a place where an estimated 55 donkeys died in the rainy season of 2009, only four are still alive.

The surviving donkeys were in a bad state when they arrived, but improved gradually and were enjoying their new lives at the sanctuary.



After we lost four 'Kavre donkeys' we realize their condition was a fragile one from the beginning. During post mortem it was found that

both Benji and Nanu had stomach ulcers which acted like ticking time bombs. They also suffered from deterioration of the lungs (due to peritonitis and TB).

We feel sad and frustrated that we could not give Benji and Nanu a few more happy years at our sanctuary! We pray the health of the four surviving donkeys will further improve so they can live a comfortable old age at our shelter.

October 10 - Swiss volunteer vet joins our team

Swiss vet Ramona Deiss arrived a few days ago to join our team for four months. Ramona studied Veterinary Science at Bern University and has worked in shelters for around six years. An ardent trekker and mountain biker, she chose Nepal not only for its widespread animal abuse but also for its natural beauty. Ramona is interested both in livestock and small animal

medicine, but first wants to get a hands-on experience of working in stray dog and working donkey programmes in Nepal. We are very happy to have Ramona and wish her a wonderful time working with us!

October 19 – Dogs rescued during Dasain festival

Dasain festival is always a busy time for the rescue of discarded injured or sick dogs.

When the festival is approaching, people drop unwanted dogs (including unweaned puppies) on the street in order to clean up the house. This year we rescued one puppy with a dislocated hip, called Asha.



When driving to our Chobar sanctuary we noticed a dog on the side of Ring Road who seemed to have died. When we approached the lifeless body, the dog actually wagged its tail! Nana suffers from an ear wound, malnutrition and dehydration but is believed to be able to survive his ordeal.



We also rescued a survivor of distemper, who has permanent neurological damage. Only after one month of intensive treatment will we know if the damage is reversible.

November

November 1 - Cancer treatment at our shelter successful

When on September 14 we provided chemotherapy to the first dog suffering from CTVT (Canine Transmissible Venereal Tumour) we were not sure what to expect. Puppy suffered not only from a large cauliflower like growth from the privates but also from a tumour in her right eye. CTVT is a common disease in female dogs in Nepal. Until recently we euthanized dogs with advanced stages of



CTVT. As this was affecting us deeply we searched for alternatives.

We are very relieved to be able to report that the chemo has

been extremely successful and that Puppy – after being spayed- has been returned to her owners. She has no more tumours and can see perfectly well with both eyes. By now we have successfully treated two stray dogs, all of whom reacted very well to the treatment.

November 4 – Nepalgunj programme taking wings



Today our team returned from Nepalgunj, Nepal's main equine bazaar. Here thousands

horses, mules and donkeys are prepared for various jobs, including hauling bricks in brick factories in Kathmandu Valley.

Last year, after being shocked into action, Animal Nepal, with the help of Donkey Sanctuary UK and India, launched a local outreach program. We found that during off season donkeys are abandoned on the streets. They suffer from injuries, malnutrition, dehydration and gastric problems including colic.

Our staff Dr Prateeva and Surendra work day and night to improve the conditions.

During our trip we mobilised the women of the impoverished donkey owners' community for income generation. We also cleaned areas of plastic and created shift shelter. We requested the municipality to provide us with land for permanent homes for the donkeys.

The day before leaving we held a press conference to create nationwide awareness. Our work in Nepalgunj has taken wings!

November 5 – Dog puja celebrated at our shelter

Today we celebrated Kukur Puja, Dog Worship. One day in a year dogs (both pets and strays) are worshipped.



Every family finds itself a dog to pamper with incense, fruits, flowers, seeds and rice. As part of the worship the dog receives a boiled egg and sweets.

Today we blessed the sick dogs at our shelter and those of our friends and volunteers.

It was a beautiful day and the dogs had the time of their lives. After all the fun we took them for a walk along the river. If only it was Kukur Puja every day!

November 24 – Gadhimai remembered

On November 24 and 25 Animal Nepal commemorated the 'world's largest animal sacrifice' which took place at Gadhimai Festival a year earlier. They did so by lighting candles in the memory of each animal killed. The Animal Welfare Network Nepal announced a grassroots movement in Bara and Parsa districts to promote vegetarian sacrifices during the next Gadhimai festival, scheduled for 2014.



"I felt at peace for the first time after witnessing some of the gruelling killings a year ago," said AN Volunteer Director Pramada Shah after the lighting

of 250,000 oil lamps at the Gadhimai temple. "What made me feel even better was that the priest who presided over the killings this time conducted our ritual," added Shah. Chief priest Mangal Chaudhary helped the campaigners to make vegetarian offerings to the image of the goddess Gadhimai and presided over the 'lakh batti balne' (lighting of lamps) ritual.

According to Shah the ritual needed to take place: "In our culture we remember living beings by lighting lamps. It is also a way to purify the area, which was awash with blood a year ago and continues to see regular animal sacrifices," says Shah.

Executive member Manoj Gautam together with campaign coordinators Santosh Khatiwada and Krishna Singh facilitated two interaction programmes in Bara and Parsa districts. Apart from State Minister Karima Begum the meetings were attended by political and religious leaders, business people and representatives from the District Administrative Office, Department of Livestock, various NGOs and the media.

State Minister Begum said animal sacrifice cannot be stopped but promised her support to the campaign.

AWNN with the help of local NGO Janahit Sanchar will launch a 4-year social mobilisation programme to support a grassroots movement against animal sacrifice.

Pramada Shah's article on the Gadhimai anniversary called 'Never Again' can be read here:

<http://www.ekantipur.com/2010/11/24/oped/never-again/325508/>

December

December 10 – Animal Nepal and Roots and Shoots rescue 42 puppies



Thousands of Nepalese stray puppies have been sold as 'Himalayan breeds' in India in the past decade. This was found when Animal Nepal and Roots and Shoots exposed the illegal trafficking of Nepalese dogs to India by rescuing 42 puppies in two raids last night. The puppies were destined for Sonepur Mela, Asia's largest animal fair, held annually in Bihar. The organisations call for stricter law enforcement and request Nepalese families to come to the rescue by adopting one the puppies.

Animal welfare groups for some time suspected that illegal trafficking of Nepalese puppies to India was going on but were unable to expose the trade. Traders collect stray puppies from the streets of Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur districts and promote them as special Himalayan breeds in India.

Traders Mohammed Sagir, Aka Kallu Miya, Mohammed Ali and Mohammed Nasin, when reporting at the police, said that in the past



years they were never asked any questions by Nepalese or Indian authorities. Some of the traders were arrested for bird smuggling in

the past but were released as the police deemed the confiscated bird species not important enough for prosecution.



The puppies are cramped in mesh wire cages and transported on top of public buses from Kathmandu to Sonepur in Bihar via Malangala in

Siraha. "The puppy trafficking, apart from being illegal, is an extremely cruel business. The majority of puppies are no longer alive when the consignment arrives in Sonepur. They die due to cold, weakness and a lack of food. Most puppies are not properly weaned and don't stand a chance in the first place," says Manoj Gautam from Roots and Shoots Nepal.

Last night 37 puppies were rescued from a bus ready to depart from Kalanki bus station while five more were taken from the traders'. They are presently being treated at Animal Nepal's Chobar Sanctuary. According to Managing Veterinarian Dr Surendra Basyal the condition of the puppies is appalling. "Some of the puppies are properly weaned. Some are as young as three weeks. When we opened the jute covered cages the puppies were totally wet from sweating. One was squeezed to death. I cannot imagine that any of them would have survived the long journey to Sonepur."

Volunteer directors Pramada Shah and Lucia de Vries request the public to come to the rescue by adopting a puppy. "The popularity of Nepalese stray puppies in India shows that Nepal's mixed breeds are as handsome as any pure breed," they argue.

December 25 – Eight puppies still looking for a home



Of the 42 puppies that we rescued on December 10 only eight are still looking for a good home. We request the public to help out by volunteering and adopting a puppy. We want all the dogs to have a home by the end of 2010!

The puppies have been treated and dewormed, and those who survived are in excellent health. Thanks to our kind staff and volunteers they are fully socialised and love to play and run!

December 13 - Animal Nepal launches Walking with Donkeys programme



As the donkeys at our sanctuary are in need of some excitement and more exercise, Animal Nepal introduced a

novel Walking with Donkeys programme. to raise some extra funds to improve the infrastructure.

With the help of equine trainer Tek Bahadur Bhandari we build a rank and started training the residents from September onwards.

The Summit Village Resort at Lamatar was interested in supporting the novel project. The staff build a donkey shelter where the long ears can spend a warm and comfortable night.

Krishna and Fuzz were selected by Bhandari to join the first 2-day pilot walk. A group of three friends (Dutch supporters Eric and Judith with 1.5 year old Luna) together with volunteer vet Ramona and Lucia last Monday walked from the donkey sanctuary to Summit Village Resort in Lamatar. It is a 4 hour trek during which Krishna

carried two small rugsacks and Fuzz carried donkey food.

It was a wonderful trek. The weather

was remarkable - we could see the whole stretch of Himalayas almost all day long. During the walk one has views across the Kathmandu Valley; the scenery includes patches of forest, village temples and farm houses.

The donkeys were so excited that once we unloaded the luggage and gave them a free reign they ran up the Rishi Danda hills, almost all the way to the resort!

Krishna and Fuzz enjoyed their night at the resort. We brought choker and lots of fresh vegetables. The staff also organised hay for the donkeys to munch on at night.

We like to thank donkey trainer Bhandari, Keshab and the staff of the Summit Village Resort for an unforgettable trip!

December 25 – A road trip from Nepalgunj to Kathmandu

Dr Sudeep Koirala during Christmas travelled with some of the equines from Nepalgunj to Kathmandu and discovered that both equines and their owners are abused in the process. During the 33 hour journey the animals were provided nor with water nor with food. The driver drove like a madman, injuring a



donkey and a horse in the process. Sadly two horses were injured and died after their arrival. One horse became fully blind and was taken to our sanctuary, where it died a week later from internal injuries. The equine owners apart from paying NRs 35.000 (€ 350) for truck hire, paid an additional NRs 45.000 (€ 450) for fees and bribes to government officials and unidentified gangs while transporting the equines to Kathmandu.

December 26 – Dutch couple builds recreational objects

Eric Schloesser and Judith de Vries during their holiday in Nepal build several recreational objects for the dogs at our shelter. With the Chobar Animal

Sanctuary overfilled with puppies the new objects are high in demand! They also piloted our 2-day donkey trek to the Summit Village Resort. Eric and Judith designed a simple catching device for stray dogs and donated two of these to Animal Nepal. Thank you Eric and Judith!



Animal Nepal Team in 2010

S.N.	Name	Position	Date of joining
1	Pramada Shah	Vice President, Volunteer Director	2008
2	Lucia de Vries	Volunteer Director	2004
3	Krishna Singh	Programme Coordinator	March 2009
4	Dr. Sudeep Koirala	Veterinary Manager donkeys	March 2009
5	Dr. Surendra Basyal	Veterinary Manager dogs	August 2009
6	Dr Parisha Thapa	Veterinarian	Jan-August 2010
7	Dr Prativa Shrestha	Veterinarian Nepalgunj	June 2010
8	Surendra Karki	Outreach coordinator Nepalgunj	June 2010
9	Iswori Maharjan	Caretaker	July 2010
10	Mohan Maharjan	Caretaker	Sept 2009
11	Santosh Gautam	Caretaker	Nov 2010
12	Balkrishna Neupane	Caretaker	Aug 2010
13	Mahesh Sharma	Campaign coordinator AWNN	Dec 2009 – Oct 2010
14	Santosh Khatiwada	Campaign coordinator AWNN	Nov 2010
15	Narayan Khanal	Vet technician dogs	Dec 2009
16	Keshab Dahal	Vet technician donkeys	Nov 2010
17	Hari Khadka	Shelter caretaker	Dec 2010
18	Sushma Maharjan	Volunteer	Oct 2010
19	Shristi Singh Shrestha	Volunteer Communication	July 2010
20	Dr. Ramona Deiss	Volunteer Vet	Sept 2010



Figure 1 All KTM staff except donkey sanctuary caretakers



Figure 2 - Sudeep, Krishna and Surendra



Figure 3 – Narayan and Mohan



Figure 1 – Pramada and Lucia



Figure 5 – Parisha and Santosh

Financial Report 2010

Exchange rate 2010: 1 euro = Rs. 97,45

Income

Source	NRs	€
Overseas grants Animal Nepal	30,62,525	31.427
Overseas grants Animal Welfare Network Nepal	783,313	8.038
Local donations	673,501	6.911
Sponsorship donkeys	263,918	2.708
Bank Interest	81,688	838
Total	48,64,945	49.922

Expenditure

Source	NRs	€
Chobar Animal Sanctuary and Dog Outreach Programme	7,18,937	7.377
Godavari Donkey Sanctuary and Donkey Outreach Programme	10,82,824	11.112
Animal Welfare Network Nepal campaigns	3,73,770	3.836
Ambulance	1,10,439	1.133
Salaries	12,34,300	12.666
Administration	3,43,666	3.527
Transportation	1,22,455	1.257
Construction	4,76,708	4.892
Total	44,63,099	45.800

Equine Treatment Report 2010

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	T o
Health camp in all brick kilns (D/TT.V) ¹	320	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400
Harness wound	46	50	24	26	4	4	8	2	2	2	22	15	205
Saddle wound	28	40	31	16	1	3	2	2	0	1	15	5	144
Hobbles wound	34	70	50	13	2	3	4	2	12	2	24	9	225
Hoof problem/growth	45	35	14	13	2	2	8	2	20	12	8	4	165
Leg lameness	25	37	20	16	5	1	5	4	4	2	4	2	125
Eyes problems	25	22	15	14	3	2	4	2	2	2	12	5	108
Mixed infections	2	6	1	8	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	25
Pyrexia	1	12	2	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	10	3	38
Anemic condition	2	5	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	3	2	20
Mineral deficiency	7	15	20	13	2	4	12	1	3	4	15	8	104
Urea condition	1	10	5	7	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	29
Diarrhea/gastrointestinal problems	2	4	2	4	4	0	0	2	0	2	3	2	25
Colic	0	8	4	5	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	24
Nasal discharge/respiratory problem	0	7	2	3	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	2	20
Circling movements	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Dystocia condition	0	2	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	14
Dermatitis	2	4	3	5	2	2	4	3	13	3	13	6	60
Anal prolapse	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	6
Tetanus vaccination	320	80	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	2	15	423
Rabies case	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Deworming	320	80	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	25	1	434
Acid case	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Teeth Problems	4	5	4	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	2	1	22
Skin wound	40	45	49	30	36	20	12	14	20	14	25	20	325
Maggot infection	2	6	3	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	2	20
Total	1226	626	260	184	72	48	62	51	85	47	197	109	2967

¹ Deworming and tetanus vaccination

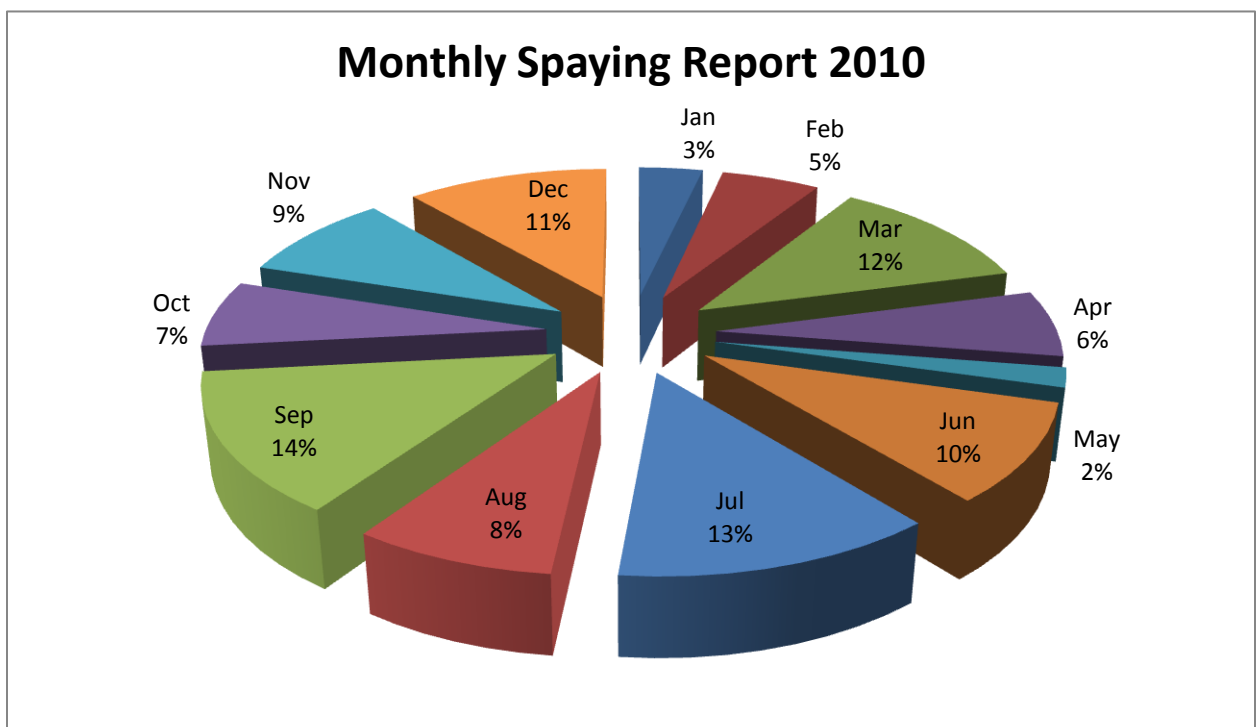
Dog Treatment Report 2010

	Disease	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1	Skin diseases	8	6	7	21	11	4	11	5	7	11	6	6	103
2	Wounds	6	2	1	1	3	3	2		5	11	4	2	40
3	Malnutrition	1	1	2	1	10	1	-	3	1	1	-	1	22
4	Poisoning	1		1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
5	Diarrhea	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4
6	Hernia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
7	Distemper	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	8	12
8	Nail grow	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4
9	Eye infection	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	1	-	1	1	7
10	Tick in ears	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	4
11	Ascitis	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	5
12	Ear infection	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	6
13	Lameness	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	3	-	2		9
14	Deworming	1	1	3	11	16	1	-	-	-	-	-	12	45
15	Blind	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
16	Ear Haematoma	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	3
17	Epistaxis	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
18	Paralysis	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
19	CTVT	-	3	1	-	1	1	1	2	-	-	2	-	11
20	Rickets	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
21	Accident	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
22	Parvo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
23	Vomiting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	3
24	Respiratory Problems	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
25	Pyomatra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
26	Constipation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
27	Anemic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

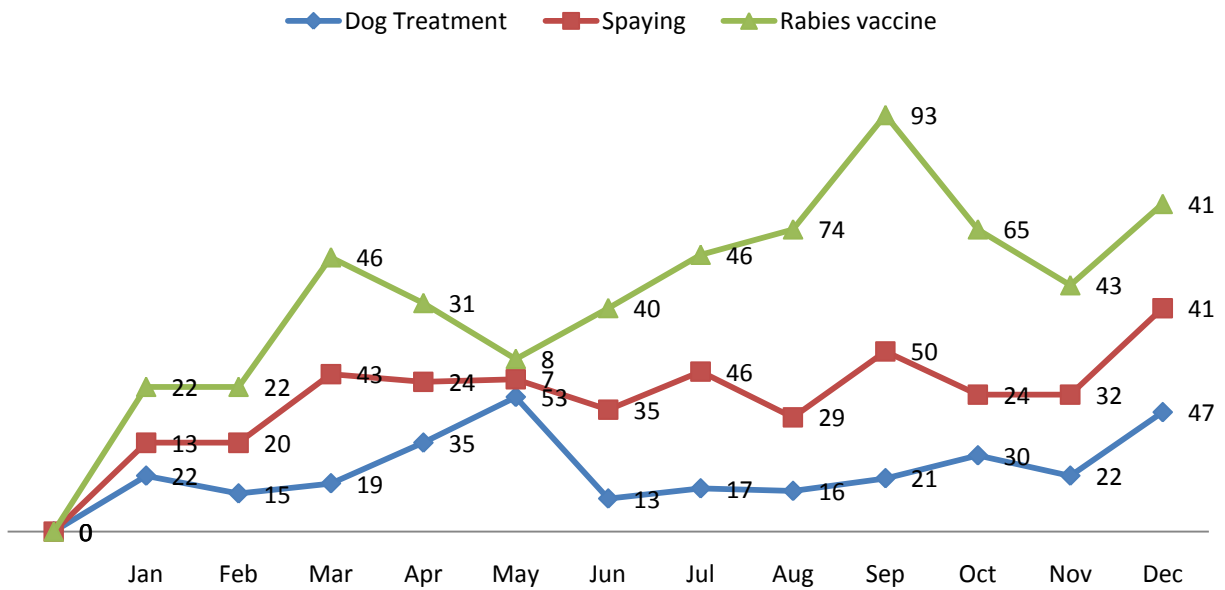
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29	Hip dysplasia	--	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
TOTAL		22	15	19	35	53	13	17	16	22	30	22	57	321

Summary of Main Interventions

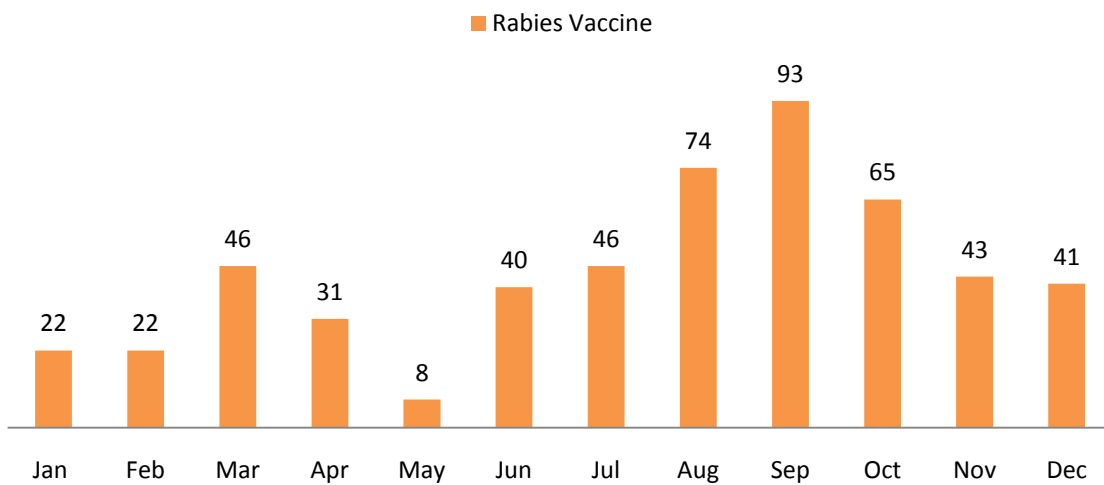
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1	General Treatment	22	15	19	35	53	13	17	16	22	30	22	57	321
2	Spaying	13	20	43	24	7	35	46	29	50	24	32	41	364
3	Rabies vaccine	22	22	46	31	8	40	46	74	93	65	43	41	531
4	Distemper vaccine	1	--	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	10



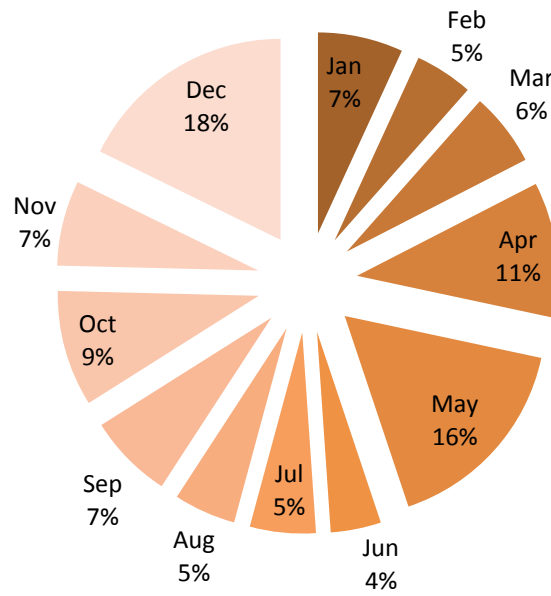
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