Making a world of difference for animals and people

Here is something you need to know about the strays in India

India has the highest numbers of stray dogs in the world at an approximated 35 million. It also has the highest amount of human deaths by rabies – 95% of the time this is the result of a dog bite.

Historically, and in some communities today, the Indian government has taken to mass culling. This practice is inhumane and ineffective.

Here is what we are doing about it

We follow the World Health Organization’s protocol for creating a rabies-free, healthy dog and human population, which states that to have a successful Animal Birth Control/Anti Rabies (ABC/AR) program, 70% of the dogs in an area must be sterilized and vaccinated.

We work to end human deaths from rabies, provide humane animal control and rescue programs, adoption, and community education.

MISSION
We seek a humane and sustainable environment for animals with direct benefits to the people of Dharamsala, India.

VISION
We work to eradicate the suffering of animals in and around Dharamsala and end human deaths from rabies. We also aim to promote better relations between people and the animals sharing our environment, by teaching them to view the animals as part of our community.

OUR PROGRAMS
We work to end human deaths by rabies, provide humane animal control and rescue programs and community education.

Animal Birth Control/Anti-Rabies
We have implemented a humane and effective program for creating a healthy sustained population of stray dogs which directly impacts community health.

Mobile Clinic
This program provides aid for animals who need non-critical care. Animals are treated in the community they live which decreases their stress and involves the community.

Street Animal Rescue
For animals in critical condition, they are treated at our clinic and heal at our recovery center. Car accidents, wire traps, and skin diseases are the main issues we see daily.

Humane Education
We visit schools and villages to educate them about rabies and compassion towards animals. The goal is to have a community partner in caring for the street animals.

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DAR’s goal is to empower the community to be our partner in caring for the street animals. Through our programming, we build a Cycle of Benefit which begins with our sterilization and vaccination program to create a healthy sustained population.

Our humane education program teaches the community that the stray animal population is a local issue that can be managed by the community for the benefit of the community.

CYCLE OF BENEFIT

VILLAGE SELECTION
Community benefits by becoming a rabies free zone

EMPOWERING VILLAGERS TO TREAT STRAYS AS PART OF THEIR COMMUNITY
A new partner for DAR in promoting animal welfare

STERILIZE AND VACCINATE 70% OF STRAY DOGS
Creates a healthy sustained population

EDUCATE THE VILLAGE ON COMPASSION TOWARDS ANIMALS
Less animal cruelty cases

EDUCATE THE VILLAGE ABOUT RABIES
Less humans dying of rabies

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2009 - 2018
Sterilized 3,931 dogs
Rescued 6,159 animals needing urgent medical care
Treated 4,242 animals through our mobile clinic
Vaccinated 5,766 dogs against rabies and other diseases
Found homes for 133 rescued street dogs, 103 locally, 30 internationally
Reached 1,103 children through humane education camps in local schools

Social Media Followers on Facebook 21,758 / Instagram 18,216 / Twitter 393

CASE STUDY
Help in Suffering, Jaipur India
Since 1994, Help in Suffering, an Indian charitable organization, has been providing an Animal Birth Control and Anti-Rabies program in Jaipur, the largest city in Rajasthan and the 10th largest city in all of India, and has effectively eradicated rabies in Jaipur. Help in Suffering has been held up as one of the models for stray dog population control by maintaining a rabies vaccination rate of more than 77% of the street dog population. Visitors to Jaipur report the street dogs as healthy and friendly, a sharp contrast with other areas where ABC/AR programs are not in operation.