

Street Animal Sterilization Program

Introduction

Stray Animal Foundation India (SAFI) is an organization dedicated to improving the lives of stray animals across India. Since its inception in 2020, SAFI has made significant strides in creating a better life for India's stray animals through comprehensive care, education, and advocacy. We have saved over 2,500 animals, spayed and neutered more than 2000 animals, and facilitated the adoption of over 140 dogs. Our mission is clear: To sterilize as many stray dogs as possible to curb overpopulation, reduce rabies deaths, and improve the perception of stray animals within communities.

Needs Statement

India is home to an overwhelming population of nearly 80 million homeless dogs and cats. These stray animals are often perceived as nuisances and threats due to frequent bites and the spread of rabies. Without government-sponsored spay/neuter programs, many residential associations, businesses, and universities have resorted to inhumane methods such as catching, relocating, or poisoning stray animals to address this crisis.

Imagine the plight of a helpless street dog, limping along the road with a broken leg, searching desperately for food and shelter. Picture the countless litters of kittens born into a life of hardship, their malnourished mothers unable to provide for them. These heartbreaking scenes play out daily across India, and the problem will only worsen if we don't take action now. The longer we wait, the more animals will suffer and the harder it will be to control the population.

Solution: Our Street Animal Sterilization Program offers a compassionate and effective solution. By increasing sterilizations, we can humanely control the population of stray dogs and cats, preventing countless births into a life of misery. Sterilized animals are less likely to engage in territorial and mating fights, making them more adoptable and reducing their impact on communities. Our expert veterinary team, trained at World Veterinary Services, is ready to perform mass sterilizations at our newly built clinic. With your support, we aim to sterilize 70 animals per month, making a significant dent in the homeless animal population.

Program Description

SAFI's approach to sterilizing Hyderabad's street dogs and cat project involves several key stages:

1. **Feeding and Familiarization:** We work with neighbors to engage in daily feeding activities to build trust with stray dogs, which helps in humane catching.
2. **Humane Catching:** Once the dogs become familiar with neighbors or our staff, we proceed to catch them humanely.
3. **Sterilization and Release:** The dogs are sterilized in our well-equipped veterinary clinic and subsequently released back into their habitat.

This method has proved effective in ensuring the humane treatment of stray animals while achieving the necessary outcome of population control.

Objectives and Outcomes

(MindSpace (Hyderabad's one of the largest IT parks) as an example project)

Our SMART objectives for this project are:

1. Sterilize 150 stray dogs on the MindSpace Hyderabad campus within 6 months.
2. Increase awareness among businesses and residential complexes about humane methods of animal population control.
3. Reduce rabies cases and dog bite incidents in the MindSpace Hyderabad campus by 50% within 12 months of project completion.

We will measure our success through:

- Monthly reports on the number of dogs sterilized.
- Surveys on the perceived threat of stray dogs pre- and post-intervention.
- Records of rabies cases and dog bites within the campus.

Budget and Financial Plan

Cost to sterilize dogs in MindSpace area Hyderabad, broken down as follows:

- Dog Catchers: \$10 per trip, 200 trips per year - \$2,000
- Transportation: \$5 per trip, 200 trips per year - \$1,000
- Sterilization: \$50 per animal, 150 animals - \$7,500
- Feeding: \$1 per day per dog for familiarization, 150 dogs for 30 days - \$4,500
- Miscellaneous Expenses: Medical supplies, administrative costs - \$18,000

This budget will ensure the successful sterilization of stray dogs on the MindSpace Hyderabad campus and serve as a model for other business complexes to follow.

Sustainability and Future Plans

Our long-term vision includes the expansion of this program to other IT parks, universities, and residential complexes. The sustainability of our programs is assured through:

- Building strong partnerships with local veterinary hospitals.
- Community support and involvement in humane animal welfare practices.
- Continuous education and awareness campaigns about responsible pet ownership and the benefits of sterilization.

With this grant, we aim to impact the Mindspace Hyderabad campus and set a precedent for humane stray dog population control across India.

Long-Term Impact of the Sterilization Program

Reduction in Animal Suffering

Sterilizing stray animals will significantly reduce the number of animals born into a life of hardship. Fewer animals will suffer from starvation, disease, and injuries, leading to a healthier stray animal population.

Lower Incidence of Territorial and Mating Fights

Sterilized animals are less likely to engage in aggressive territorial and mating behaviors. This will reduce the number of fights and injuries among stray animals, making them less of a nuisance and more acceptable to communities.

Improved Public Health and Safety

With fewer stray animals on the streets, there will be a decrease in the spread of zoonotic diseases, such as rabies, and a reduction in the number of animal-related accidents and injuries. This will lead to improved public health and safety.

Enhanced Adoption Rates

Sterilized animals are more likely to be adopted as they exhibit calmer behaviors and are perceived as healthier and less of a burden. Increased adoption rates will further reduce the number of strays on the streets.

Economic Benefits

A controlled stray animal population will lead to reduced costs for municipalities in managing and caring for stray animals. This will allow for better allocation of resources to other essential services.

Creation of a Compassionate Society

By taking a proactive approach to animal welfare, we will foster a culture of compassion and responsibility towards animals. This will inspire future generations to continue these efforts and promote a more humane society.

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Your donation/grant will directly fund the sterilization of at least 600 animals per year, covering the costs of dog catchers, transportation, and the surgeries themselves.

Together, we can break the cycle of suffering and build a brighter future for India's street animals. Your support will not only improve the lives of these vulnerable creatures but also demonstrate your commitment to creating a kinder, more humane world. Join us in our mission, and let's give these animals the chance they deserve.

Sterilizations Project Expenses to sterilize 200 dogs and cats per month		
Staff and Operating Costs		
	2 Veterinarians	1300
	2 Vet techs	800
	Driver	250
	Dog catchers	500
	Kennel Cleaners	400
	Manager	600
Total Salaries		3850
	Food	400
	Vaccines and Medicines	800
	Anesthesia and Medical Supplies	300
	Fuel	400
	Stationery and Software for Data Management	100
	Long-term Care for Injured/Sick Animals	400
Total Monthly Operating Expenses		10100
Yearly operating expenses		121200
One-Time Purchases and Infrastructure		
	Steel Kennels for Post-Surgery Recovery	4000
	New Van for Transport	12000
	Gas Anesthesia Equipment	3000
	Miscellaneous (Collars, Nets, Poles, Gloves)	200
Total one time costs		19200
Annual costs		
	Vehicle maintenance	2000
	Food, water for staff	1000
	Others	1000
	Total Annual Costs	4000
Total Budget for the First Year		144400

More about Stray Animal Foundation India (SAFI)

SAFI is a dedicated nonprofit organization focused on improving the lives of stray animals across India through rescue, rehabilitation, and sterilization programs. Established in 2020, SAFI seeks to address the severe overpopulation of nearly 80 million street animals in the country, which leads to significant public health concerns, including bites and rabies cases.

Our core activities include:

Sterilization Programs: Providing free spay/neuter services to control the stray animal population and prevent countless births into a life of hardship.

Rescue and Rehabilitation: Offering immediate care and long-term sanctuary to injured, old, and disabled animals.

Humane Education: Conducting school programs and community workshops to foster responsible pet ownership and raise awareness about animal welfare.

Adoption Services: Facilitating local and international adoptions through stringent screening processes to ensure loving homes for animals.

Cruelty Prevention: Operating a hotline and online reporting system for animal abuse cases, collaborating with law enforcement for investigations, and conducting public awareness campaigns.

Vaccination Clinics: Regularly vaccinating street dogs to reduce the prevalence of rabies and maintain public health.

SAFI operates a shelter and sanctuary that can house up to 130 animals, with separate areas for various needs including puppies, paralyzed, and recovering animals. Our facilities are equipped for comprehensive veterinary care, ensuring 24/7 monitoring and enrichment for all residents.

In collaboration with Mindspace Hyderabad, one of the largest IT parks in the region, SAFI is executing a humane sterilization initiative on their 97-acre campus. This project serves as a model for other businesses and residential complexes, highlighting the importance and feasibility of humane population control methods.

To expand our efforts and inspire similar initiatives, we are seeking funding to support our sterilization and education programs. With your support, we can continue to make a significant impact on both animal welfare and public health in India.

Funding Utilization and Target Population

Potential funding will be used to support SAFI's sterilization programs, purchase medical supplies, conduct education and public awareness campaigns, and expand rescue and rehabilitation facilities. These funds will enable us to sterilize

and vaccinate thousands of stray dogs, reducing overpopulation and rabies cases. The target population includes stray animals, particularly street dogs; local communities troubled by stray animal issues; educational institutions for humane education programs; and volunteers dedicated to animal welfare advocacy, thereby creating safer, healthier, and more compassionate environments.

Target Population:

The funding will directly benefit:

- **Stray Animals:** Primarily focused on street dogs, thousands of whom will receive life-changing medical care, sterilization, and vaccinations. This intervention not only improves their quality of life but also significantly reduces the incidence of health issues like rabies and distemper.
- **Local Communities:** Including residential neighborhoods, business complexes, and rural villages, where stray animal overpopulation and rabies pose significant public health concerns. Improved animal welfare leads to safer, healthier communities.
- **Educational Institutions:** Involved in our humane education programs, fostering a generation of compassionate and responsible individuals who are aware of animal welfare issues and the significance of humane treatment.
- **Volunteers and Animal Welfare Advocates:** By providing them with the necessary training, resources, and support to carry out effective animal welfare activities and advocacy within their communities.

This funding will enable SAFI to implement comprehensive, sustainable, and humane solutions to the stray animal crisis in India, creating a lasting impact on both animal welfare and public health.

Thank you for considering our proposal. We look forward to the possibility of partnering with you to improve animal welfare in India.

Sincerely,
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