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Something to think about:

## The Animal Welfare laws in India

The animal welfare laws in India are among the best in the world. But, the laws are never implemented. Unless the authorities from the highest level of officials to the low rank officers are made aware of the laws, to implement the welfare laws will remain very difficult.

- Nigel Otter, MD, IPAN -

## Responsible breeders vs. puppy milling

When you are planning to buy a puppy, of which ever breed, you need to keep in mind the danger of puppy-millers and make sure you buy from a responsible and reputed breeder.

Weaning age means the time when a puppy is taken away from its mother and its diet is gradually changed from mainly milk to more solid food. The milk of the bitch contains all the necessary nutrients that a small puppy needs to grow healthy and in addition it contains antibodies against common microbes and thus protects the puppy from getting sick before routine deworming and vaccination schedules take place. It is very important that puppies are kept together with their mothers for at least two months to ensure a good start for their lives.

Responsible breeders who care of the offspring of their breeding dogs, do NOT give away puppies that are younger than 3 months of age. Before that age, puppies can be shown to prospective buyers and they can be booked with advance payment etc. but they need to remain with their mothers until they are three months of age.

## Cont. Responsible breeders vs. puppy milling

By the time the puppies are ready to be given away, they should have been dewormed at least once. A responsible breeder advises the buyer of a puppy of the routine vaccination schedule, feeding and training and is interested in hearing feedback of how the puppy settles in the family.

Puppy-millers show and sell puppies from cages on the roadsides and in different functions and festivals. These puppies are kept without their mother and they are usually way too young to be weaned. Puppy-millers have not vaccinated nor dewormed the dogs since they want to maximize the profit and just sell off the puppies fast for high price to people who don't understand enough about dogs to see the danger in such a buy. As these puppies are too young to be separated from the mother, still very much needing their mother's milk, they fall sick very easily and are very difficult to treat. To survive they need high quality puppy milk replacer, any human baby food is just a poor substitute and won't always help. If they have diarrhea and refuse to take in any liquids their chances to survive are minimal. Parvo infects young, unvaccinated puppies very easily and causes very serious infectious diarrhea – even in the best intensive care conditions in the best animal

hospital, parvo puppies often die.

People think they can “save” a puppy by buying it from a roadside cage, but actually they are only just being cheated by the puppy-miller, who will happily continue his cruel business since it is so profitable as there are so many easily cheatable people around to make their business successful. When buying a puppy, always make sure you get to see it with its mother in their normal living environment and do spend time observing and playing with them. By seeing the mother you will also get a better idea of how the puppy is going to grow and what characteristics it might have.

“Shirley” is an example of the destiny of so many female dogs that spend their lives as puppy-producing machines in the puppy-mills and as they become too old or sick to reproduce any more they are simply left on the roads. She was found from Gundalpet by Sunita Dharyam and initially treated at the IPAN clinic. Shirley now enjoys a special place in the group of eight rescued dogs at Sunita's home and her condition is greatly improved. However, the joints of her hind legs are permanently damaged because of improper nutrition when she was still growing.



## Lara – an abandoned German Shepherd – AGAIN!



IPAN received a call from the staff of the Diamond lodge in Ooty that there is an injured dog on the roadside near to the hotel. Nigel, Ilona and Sam went to investigate the matter and found an abandoned female German Shepherd who had suffered a terrible traffic accident. She was laying in the mud and dirt with her left hind leg broken and left front leg badly wounded. They carried the dog to the rescue vehicle and fed her with biscuits and gave first aid in the form of



meloxicam tablets to help in the pain.

As much as we were again sad to witness the fate of so many female German Shepherds in Ooty (they are easily abandoned from the puppy mills) we were grateful to the prompt action of the staff at the Diamond lodge to inform us and help us as we rescued the dog. The dog that was later on named as Lara,

was the immediately brought to the IPAN veterinary clinic where Dr. Jencillin started the treatment by cleaning the wounds and gave

iv-fluids and iv-antibiotics as Lara was too weak to take much of anything by mouth. Dr. Ilona and Dr. Jencillin then together amputated the hind leg because the fracture was complex and so much of essential structures of the leg were permanently destroyed. The front leg was found only wounded without any fractures so we were happy that the dog had a chance to survive. At IPAN clinic we only amputate limbs if the dog will have three functioning legs to walk on afterwards. So the front leg was cleaned and bandaged and Dr. Jencillin began an intensive wound treatment program with Lara.

After two weeks the amputation wound has completely healed and Lara walks happily with her three legs. Wounded front leg still needs care for at least three weeks but the progress has been good as was expected for this kind of open wound.

While IPAN advocates intensive animal birth control program to reduce the number of free-roaming dogs by sterilizing them and releasing them back to the place where they were caught, we NEVER release back to the roads dogs that have suffered badly as Lara had.



Those dogs we either keep in the Hill View Farm Animal Refuge or we re home them to good homes. Lara is really a sweetheart and we hope that she would get a good caring home with a dog loving person who won't mind that she only has three legs. Please contact us at [ipannilgiris@gmail.com](mailto:ipannilgiris@gmail.com) if you would like to adopt Lara. To support IPAN's work, also financial adoption is possible – please contact us for further details.

## What you can do to help, financial adoption

Most of the animals we treat are returned to their owners or released back into the neighborhoods where they came from. But for those who cannot live independent lives or who have suffered a lot, Hill View Farm Animal Refuge becomes their permanent home.

Many of our visitors play with the attempting idea and thought of taking home one of these animals but often it is practically

difficult. Even when you can't take one home, you and your family can still be part of your favorite dogs/donkeys/ponies life by making a financial adoption.

Each animal who lives in Hill View Farm Animal Refuge needs someone who is compassionate and caring to help IPAN to provide their food, their medicines, and personal care. Every day.

Dogs Coffee (see picture below) and Romeo have been financially adopted (for life) by Mrs. Carolien Roovers (Netherlands) from the Foundation for World

Animals. Please consider joining the community of Hill View Farm Animal Refuge -family by making a financial adoption. Contact us by email [ipannilgiris@gmail.com](mailto:ipannilgiris@gmail.com).

Financial adoption of a donkey for life is Rs. 15000 / EUR 245 / USD 325

Financial adoption of a dog for life is Rs. 24 400 / Eur 400 / USD 530

Financial adoption of an ex-racehorse for a year is Rs. 40 000/ EUR 655 / USD 867.



## Ketti- the donkey

This beautiful, white male donkey was roaming the roadsides in the Ketti village, near Ooty in the Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu. A wire had been tight around its right front leg and it had cut deep in through the skin and in to the muscles.



People from the village were very upset with the owner who had simply abandoned the donkey after the injury made it unable to walk. They called Nigel from IPAN to rescue the donkey and so the team set off to bring "Ketti" –the donkey to the Hill View Farm Animal Refuge.

Whatever is said about the ignorance of general public towards animal cruelty matters around them, we were very happy with the action and attitude of all the people who were involved in informing us about the matter. The unity among them against the cruelty that these working donkeys, who live on the roadsides, face, was really a ray of warm sunlight to our hearts. Thank you for caring so much! The first night Ketti spent in the outdoor shed of the government veterinary hospital in Ooty where the livestock compounder helped IPAN team to give first aid to the poor animal. The next day Ketti's journey continued to the

animal refuge and he finally arrived and was greeted by 60 other rescued donkeys plus the other two, three and four-legged residents of the farm.

The treatment for this major wound that Ketti has, included the initial therapy with topical ivermectin to kill all maggots from the wound and after that the daily flushing with running water, silversulpha-ointment and fresh bandage every day. Ketti has also been given a 7 day long course of oral antibiotics (sulphadiazine) and phenylbutazone as an analgesic.

Healing of the deep wound has progressed well in the gentle care of Dr. Jencillin, IPAN's resident veterinarian who has also developed a special bondage with Ketti. Ketti always comes to meet Dr. Jencillin when she is having her lunch because he knows that she will let him to lick the rice left-overs from her plate. Ketti has also made friends with the other shelter donkeys as well as with the dogs and eagerly comes to greet any visitors.

Now that Ketti's wounds have started to heal well it is also time to castrate him so that we can safely keep him together with the rest of the rescued donkeys without needing to be preparing for 30 baby donkeys next year! Of course donkey babies are VERY cute...

You can see a short film of the wound treatment of Ketti- the donkey on facebook – Join the friends of India Project for Animals and Nature at Facebook!



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*I, who put this newsletter together, my name is Linda Alnebo. I have stayed at*

*IPAN twice, the first time was for two months in the beginning of 2006, volunteering as a veterinary nurse, it was an amazing experience, meeting Nigel and Illona and their staff who became good friends, not to mention all the dogs, donkeys and monkeys! The second time late 2007 I visited for a week helping out with various tasks that needed to be taken care of. I will share a story with you in a coming number of this newsletter! Watch this space!*

## We do

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