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## Dear friends and supporters of IPAN!

New Year and a full new decade have begun. I hope they will bring to You many new opportunities to support and be actively involved in animal welfare.

We have been fortunate to meet and make contacts with many good-hearted people from different walks of life who have given their support either as monetary donation, as their professional time or as non-monetary donations e.g. medicine or animal feed.

**IPAN would not exist without the help of all these individuals.**

**Thank You All SO MUCH!**

But, the work is not over and to continue one has to always also develop. Our plans and targets for this year include:

1. To start a dog licensing program in Ooty in collaboration with the municipality authorities to complement the Animal Birth Control program
2. To build better shelter facilities for the rescued animals as well as in-patients coming throughout the Nilgiris district
3. To establish an office cum exhibition room in Ooty to spread animal health and welfare related information
4. To involve more volunteers in our work
5. To improve our organizational capacity
6. To participate again in the World Rabies Day campaign on the 28th September
7. To arrange a World Animal Day event for the public in October 2010 in Ooty
8. To continue our animal rescue, emergency and preventative veterinary care
9. To continue Animal Birth Control program in the Nilgiris, focusing especially on owned and semi-supervised dogs
10. To provide practical advice and consultation regarding ABC programs, livestock health, captive elephant welfare and nature conservation in the Nilgiris
11. To work in collaboration with Worldwide Veterinary Service as they are establishing an international training center (animal health and welfare) in Ooty

To achieve these goals and to keep going, Your help is essential. Please, consider becoming a part of our monthly supporter's ring. By making an arrangement with your bank to send us the amount of your choice monthly will give us peace of mind as we can plan our activities ahead better. And remember that you are always welcome to visit us in the Hill View Farm Animal Refuge!

Looking forward in hearing from you,

*Hona Otter* - Veterinary Consultant of India Project for Animals and Nature

## Yes!

I want to be IPAN monthly supporter to help by donating:

Rs. 200/ month

Rs. 1000/ month

Rs. 5000/ month

Rs. 10 000/ month

**Monthly supporting can also be a collective activity from your company/school/family**

## Pet Animal Health and Welfare



IPAN has prepared a series of five 30 minute long sessions about pet animal health and welfare to present in different forums.

The topics of the lessons are:

1. Pet in the family
2. "There aren't homes for them all..."
3. Understand dog behavior, prevent dog bites

4. Routine medications, common illnesses and simple first aid
5. Time to say goodbye—discussion about humane euthanasia

The first courses are going to be held in the Bluemountains International School in March and in the Kurinji women's center (Mrs. Parks) Glenrock

followed by other interested schools and/or clubs in April.

Contact Dr. Ilona (962 6877538) for general information and to book the lessons or Mrs. Parks (9486711938) for further information regarding the Kurinji program.

## Asia for Animals—international animal welfare conference in Singapore



Dr. Ilona Otter was sponsored by WSPA to attend the conference

We were fortunate to have Dr. Ilona as IPAN representative to attend the Asia for Animals, international animal welfare conference in Singapore. Ilona spoke in the "Stray Animal Management" session about different approaches for implementing animal birth control program, focusing on the fact that up-to-date professional surgical standards have to be followed to ensure safe surgery.

"...Spay/neuter is routine veterinary surgical operation and as such serious complications should never be accepted as a routine consequence..", she stated in her presentation.

FIAPO, the Indian Federation of Animal Protection Organizations, also held a meeting for all the groups from India, discussing how to add value to the animal welfare movement in India.

"Conference enabled intensive social networking with other people in the animal welfare field in Asia and was very inspiring experience. I came back home with my head spinning with new ideas and also full of admiration for so many outstanding people who have achieved tremendous success in making difference for suffering animals"

- Dr. Ilona Otter-

## TRAUMATIC WOUND MANAGEMENT

Traumatic wounds with or without maggot infestation are very common cases at IPAN clinic as well as other veterinary clinics in India. Traumatic wounds might also be accompanied with fractures caused by traffic accidents or predator attacks.

The basic principle in wound management is: **CLEAN WOUNDS HEAL, DIRTY WOUNDS WILL NOT HEAL.** So the main thing to do is to

make sure the wounds are kept clean with daily hydration therapy and treating any infection with appropriate oral/injectable antibiotic (effective against gram-positive bacteria, e.g. penicillin, amoxicillin, first generation cephalosporins).

Hydration therapy is the best treatment for wounds treated as open wounds. It means that the wound is flushed with clean running water at least 10 min every day to remove all debris

and pus and to keep the healing tissue clean and moist.

Often the wound cases coming to IPAN clinic are not any more fresh wounds or the tissue defect is too large, and therefore not suitable candidates for suturing but need to be treated

as open wounds.



Left: IPAN staff and trainees hydrating an open wound. Above: Volunteer veterinarian Dr. Urpu treating a dog with an open wound.

## Animal Field Worker training supported by Mariamma Trust



**Mariamma Trust**, which is based

in a Mangala village near Bandipur National Park, supported a week long animal field worker training program for six selected farmers and/ or government dairy union workers in the area. This was the first time such an activity took place in Mangala and all the participants

expressed their interest to attend a second training course later, after first practicing the skills gained this time. This first five day long course covered subjects like wound management, mastitis and prevention and treatment of diarrhoea.



Two days focused on practical hands-on skills, like measuring animals to calculate correct dose of medicine, learning to read the important information on medicine labels and attending real life cases in the villages. Volunteer vet Dr. Andrew from UK and IPAN's vet Dr. Arun as well as Dr. Ilona conducted the training.



## Volunteer in focus —Dr. Andrew, UK

I arrived at IPAN during the maelstrom of activity that I must assume is everyday life in *Mavanalla*. Despite having cases to attend to, outreach projects to organize, political battles to fight, not to mention two young children to look after and a house to run, there was a warm welcome in store for me from both Nigel and Ilona!

During my time at IPAN I have been lucky enough to partake in farmer training courses, ambulatory equine and farm animal practice, small animal surgery and an ABC project; thus getting just a taste of the huge range of welfare work that emanates from this busy rural centre.

My short stay here has also clarified my starry eyed view of voluntary work in a developing country.

Never have the frustrations of India seemed quite so stark: farmers absenting themselves from courses for distant weddings, religious dogma or uncaring disbelief overshadowing compassionate reason and an utterly elastic concept of time provide a constant challenge to the running of an efficient and caring welfare organization. Nigel, Ilona and their team however seem to be the embodiment of that mantra:

***“May God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.”***

They are pragmatically fighting the case for worthy causes, and innovating with new projects whilst standing apart from the unconstructive rhetoric of some of the idealistic zealots so prevalent in the welfare sphere.

This has been an inspiring visit and an enthralling insight to the dedication of the IPAN team.

- Dr. Andrew Bitmead -



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**We do...**

- **Animal Birth Control (ABC)**
- **Anti-Rabies Program**
- **Animal Field Worker Training**
- **Emergency veterinary service**

**We do...**

- **Equine Health Camps**
- **Animal Rescue and Refuge**
- **Animal Scouts**
- **Volunteer Program**

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## Life in the Animal Refuge

The Hill View Farm Animal Refuge in Mavanalla village, Masinagudi has been home for Emma (5) and Saara (2) for most of their lives.

They are daily involved in all the activities of the farm, having their own special responsibility in socializing with the puppies, making them better adoptable.

They help preparing feeds for horses and grooming ponies and dogs.

Emma has learned her father's skill in observing and noticing animals, especially those in distress.

Emma & Saara welcome children from the Nilgiris to visit the Hill View Farm Animal Refuge as a school theme day or as a weekend outing with their family.

On request we arrange educational program (*Animal Scouts*) for school groups about animal health and welfare



**WELCOME!**