



IPANews

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Dear friends of IPAN,

The last six months we have been working intensively on the Animal Birth Control (ABC) program with the result of 3500 stray dogs being sterilised and vaccinated against rabies during the year 2007. This is very good result from our team and also a very promising start to the large scale ABC program in the Nilgiris district. Besides Chennai, ABC program has not been implemented on a large scale anywhere else in the state of Tamil Nadu. We want to make Nilgiris a model for other districts to show that the stray dog population and rabies can be controlled without sacrificing animal welfare.

We have also set a helpline for people to call whenever they want to complain about sick, injured or trouble-maker dogs. This service has met with a positive response from the public since IPAN goes immediately after the call to evaluate the situation and catch the dogs that have caused the complaints.



A stray dog suffering from mange being caught

I wish Happy New Year 2008 for you all – let's make it a happy year for animals, too.

Nigel Otter,
Managing Trustee

Max – a rescued ex-racehorse

Max is one of our most recent rescued animals. This ex-racehorse, left to survive on its own on the roads, had fallen some 30m down to a compound. Having injured his hind leg seriously he was unable to walk up the narrow steps back to the road. IPAN hired a crane to lift the horse up. Besides injuries on the legs and hoofs Max's general body condition is very poor, he has lost all the shine and beauty of a well fed racehorse while grazing on roadsides.



Max being treated at IPAN

Cattle transport - success

After many years of campaigning against the illegal cattle transport through the Mudumalai National Park area, IPAN finally succeeded in its efforts when the High Court ordered the police to maintain animal movement register with proper documents (veterinary certificates etc.) at the check post before entering the Mudumalai Sanctuary area.

While we do realise that this is by no means the end of all illegal cattle transportation in South India, it is still a very good eye-opener

for the public about the matter. Animal welfare during slaughter transportation is a globally important issue that many organizations work with around the world. The battle continues.

Preparing for the dry season

We have begun to collect and store grass for our shelter animals for the coming dry season. At the same time we are demonstrating to people how to ensure adequate fodder available for livestock during the dry summer months. Ways to improve the poor quality fodder, like plain straw, have been taught to the Animal Field Workers.



AFWs learning how to use local legumes to improve the nutritional quality of fodder

Animal Field Worker training

The first year of the new concept we started in 2007, the animal field worker (AFW) training program, ended well. The AFWs have got good reputation in the villages, people know already to contact them for help and their work is seen as valuable. The second training block that was held in December included nutrition and pregnancy as its main topics. A photoreport with the training curriculum is available at www.indiapan.org.

The training program continues this year.

With the AFWs IPAN has conducted village vaccination camps to vaccinate young livestock against blackquarter, a fatal and endemic disease in the area. The vaccination not only saves the calves from dying of this disease but is also saves them from the cruel traditional practice of branding their legs with hot irons as a believed prevention and cure for

the disease. We vaccinated 600 animals against blackquarter in 2007.



The AFWs practising rectal examination to confirm pregnancy

How You Can Help Now

With Rs. 100

you buy feed for 30 shelter dogs for one day

With Rs. 500

you can sterilise one stray dog and vaccinate it against rabies

With Rs. 1000

you can buy one animal field worker the necessary kit of supplies and equipment for first aid in domestic animals

With Rs. 5000

you can arrange a deworming camp for 80 donkeys working on the hills of Nilgiris

With Rs. 10 000

you can ensure the rescue, medical treatment and feeding of an ex-racehorse in IPAN Racehorse Shelter for three months

With Rs. 50 000

you can distribute 500 doses of oral rabies vaccine in a rabies endemic area to prevent rabies spread by the wild carnivores

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