



IPANews

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Dear friend of IPAN,

I want to thank you for your encouraging words and support for IPAN's work!

Seeing the new stables for abandoned ex-racehorses being built on the new grazing land is really something that brings warmth to our hearts. The lame and disabled animals have now easier access for good pastures. IPAN's new veterinary clinic is spacious to work in with ample storage for donated medicine.

We have been lucky to meet and make friends with new, like-minded people and organizations who have given us new ideas and lots of moral support to continue the work. The farmer orientation program to train them principles of preventive medicine has started with kind support from WSPA and Helsinki Humane Society. We are also really looking forward in finally starting the large-scale Animal Birth Control program in the Nilgiris district.

To continue our work we need YOU – in this IPANews we give you ideas of what you can do NOW to help suffering animals.

Nigel Otter, Managing Trustee



Recent activities

Stray dogs in the Nilgiris

Animal Birth Control Program has begun in Ooty. Stray animals are a familiar problem all over world where there is no effective garbage disposal system for edible waste available. The only sustainable solution to this is to maintain the roads clean from garbage and control the stray dog population by sterilising them. Vaccination against rabies is essential and should cover 60-70 % of the population, including owner's dogs and the stray dogs.

Working equines

Equine Street Clinics to treat horses, ponies and donkeys have been arranged in Mettupalayam, Palani, Kodaikanal and Mysore. Street ponies and horses in Ooty are regularly attended by IPAN's vet team.

Education of horse owner's about good horse management practices and first aid is important to create a sustainable solution to the equine welfare problems now faced in the Nilgiris and elsewhere in Tamil Nadu.

YOU CAN HELP NOW

With Rs. 150 You can deworm and give anti-tetanus vaccine for one donkey

With Rs. 1000 You can treat ten donkeys for septic wounds

With Rs. 10 000 You can arrange a farrier training in the community

Animal Field Worker training program

In February 2007 IPAN started a new project concept to bring preventive medicine and first aid services easily available in each of the 10 rural villages in Masinagudi-Mudumalai where IPAN operates by training selected farmers as *Animal Field Workers* (AFW). The training is tailored to meet the needs of the target communities and covers subjects like parasite control and balanced nutrition.

New facilities

Hill View Racehorse Shelter

IPAN has been very fortunate to receive kind donation to buy some land for a shelter for abandoned horses as well as donation to build the shelter. We wish to thank all those warm-hearted people who have helped us with the abandoned ex-racehorse issue. We have also received a right to use an additional nine acres of land for grazing our disabled animals. However, our battle to find the continuous funding needed to maintain the horse shelter continues.



At home at last – a rescued ex-racehorse being brought recently to the Hill View Racehorse Shelter.

YOU CAN HELP NOW

With Rs. 200 You can deworm and give anti-tetanus vaccine for one rescued ex-racehorse.

With Rs. 2000 You can feed one rescued ex-racehorse for a month.

With Rs. 20 000 You can ensure initial intensive medical treatment needed for five rescued racehorses.

IPAN Veterinary Clinic

On the 23rd November 2006, IPAN's new veterinary clinic was officially declared open by Mrs. Nagina Dev, Secretary of South Indian Kennel Club on behalf of Sri Abu Babaji Trust.

With the kind donation from Sri Abu Babaji Trust, IPAN has constructed a new veterinary clinic in two rooms in the Hill View Farm Animal Refuge that had been used as store rooms. We now have separate operation theatre, post-surgery recovery room and general treatment room.

Family news

Two of our rescued bonnet macaques, Lisa and Anu, have made friends with wild macaques that visit our macaque group living in semi-captivity as an attempt to introduce them back to nature. Lisa and Anu became pregnant and are now proud mothers, looking after their babies very well. Lisa lost her own mother in a road accident and was reared then at IPAN with an old teddy bear as a substitute. Despite of the lack of mother's love when she herself was a baby she is very affectionate and caring mother to her own baby.

We welcome ideas for the names of these two new baby bonnet macaques.



Do You want to know more about IPAN's work and how You can help? Please, contact us for more information or visit the website.

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