



Nigel's letter

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I want to thank all our supporters for helping us to continue to help animals in many different ways. The IPAN trustees have been a great support and source of progressive ideas.

We have been able to continue to train farmers in the neighbouring villages to give first aid and provide better management for the welfare of their animals.

Our volunteer veterinarians and vet students have been a great help in providing medicine costs and treatments to hundreds of animals.

Dr. Luke Gamble, the Chief Executive of the Worldwide Veterinary Service (WVS)

came with a TV crew to visit IPAN and to make an extensive TV program about the problems of plastic indigestion in animals. WVS has also requested us to join with them to conduct an international training program for vets and paravets in the next financial year.

We have added a couple of more donkeys and dogs to our well cared animal shelter, Hill View Farm Animal Refuge. The donkeys are rescued from brick kilns and the dogs are those unlucky ones that nobody wanted but who nevertheless need home and care.

I am glad to inform you that after so many

years of pleading and threatening the different municipalities and panchayats to conduct ABC program on street dogs, these officials have now formed communities to sign MOUs to conduct ABC. I feel this is a great success and we must be the leading example of conducting ABC program with the Best Practices to continue the success.

Last but not least, I must thank Ilona for her dedicated contribution in making IPAN to what it has grown into today.

-Nigel Otter-



Vet student training trips

- Freshly graduated veterinarians/clinical year students
- Three weeks of mixed animal practice in rural India
- Surgery and wound management
- Fee in 2009 is GBP 350/three weeks, incl. food and accomodation

Vet student trips

IPAN begun to arrange vet student trips first in collaboration with Worldwide Veterinary Service (www.wvs.org.uk) in 2007. Since then we have developed our volunteering program to involve these vet student trips, too, for freshly

graduated veterinarians and for vet students on their last clinical year.

Briefly, the idea is to provide the participants with three weeks of clinical practice in rural India with emphasis on basic soft tissue surgery and traumatic wound management

in small animals and in surgery, preventive and internal medicine of livestock.

In the Universities of Helsinki, Finland and Bristol, UK, the IPAN vet student training trip has been accepted as an elective module of the clinical rotation for the fifth year vet students.

Vet student in focus: Maiju Tamminen, Finland



I am a final-year veterinary medicine student from the Helsinki University, Finland. I spent three weeks in India with IPAN as a part of my clinical practice that takes the whole fifth year of the studies.

Working at IPAN's I got to do and see much more than I would have

been able to do had I spent that time in normal clinical rotation in Finland, not to mention the privilege to see and experience a totally different culture from various aspects. I got good practice especially in the field of surgery that I am most interested in.

I recommend this experience to every vet student

and I'm hoping myself to go back next year and help IPAN in the amazing work that they do.

-Maiju-



Asia for Animals, Singapore 2010

"..believe that our participation would be beneficial for the ABC program in Asia."

International animal welfare conference, Asia for Animals, will be held in Singapore on the 15th-18th January 2010.

We want to send our representative to the conference to give a presentation about the animal birth control (ABC) program, a field where we have gained considerable experience and

good reputation.

Being a small organization, IPAN does not have specific funds allocated for the participation in international conferences. At the same time we strongly believe that our participation would be beneficial for the ABC program in Asia.

We are searching for an

organization, an individual or a company, who would be willing to sponsor one person's trip to Singapore for the conference.

Please, contact us for further details.

Thanking you,

Dr. Ilona Otter, DVM



The 40 rescued dogs living in the IPAN Hill View Farm Animal Refuge are now able to sleep in their new spacious kennels. The construction of the kennel that has three rooms for dogs to sleep in and one room to serve as the kitchen to cook dog food, was donated by the Jean Marchig

Trust.

The old dog food kitchen was converted into a recovery room for any patient that has been under anesthesia and the former shelter dog kennels are now free to use and to be improved as quarantine units.

All the dogs like their new house very much and even

though they are always left out to run outside on the farm for the full day, they still sometimes opt for coming to rest in the house.

IPAN kennel staff are also very happy with the new spacious facilities for feeding the dogs.

New dog kennels sponsored by the Marchig Trust

Operation Cat-de-sex

Sponsored by the **Marchig Trust**, IPAN arranged a pioneering animal welfare consultation and ABC visit to a cat shelter in Gobichettipalyam near Erode, Tamil Nadu.

IPAN team operated 40 cats during its one day visit and evaluated the conditions of the cat shelter. A written report with suggested improvements to shelter management and protocols

was written after the visit.

The director of the shelter has dedicated her life for the cats, spending her own "dowry" money to care for the abandoned cats.

Unfortunately, however, she has no knowledge of proper nutrition, housing and treatments (incl.vaccinations) for cats. Many cats die unnecessarily due to lack of proper nutrition.

Normally cats can live up to 20 years—a fact that should

be seriously considered when attempting to rescue cats to shelters without proper rehoming program / funds to care for them well for so many years.



Volunteer vet student Maiju and IPAN assistant Mr. Baswaraj sterilizing a cat

Volunteer in focus: Dr. Maria, Finland

Working with IPAN

For some time it has been my dream to go and use my professional skills as a vet doing volunteer work with those animals who are really a big time in a need of help. This spring I finally could arrange some time off from work in Finland and decided to hit the road to India!

Working with IPAN was a really rewarding experience in many ways. Not only did I feel doing something worthwhile for the benefit of both animals and local people but I also got to experience things that would never have been possible for a "normal" tourist. Or what do you say about trekking down the mountains and crossing a river by feet to go to treat a buffalo with a

broken leg or running away from an elephant with local people...I want to say my warmest thanks to both Ilona and Nigel, I am so happy there exists people like you who really make a difference! Hugs to lovely IPAN mutts as well, especially "Vammakoirra" and "Lakshmi"!

-Maria-



"Or what do you say about trekking down the mountains and crossing a river by feet to go to treat a buffalo with a broken leg.."

Temple elephant with tuberculosis

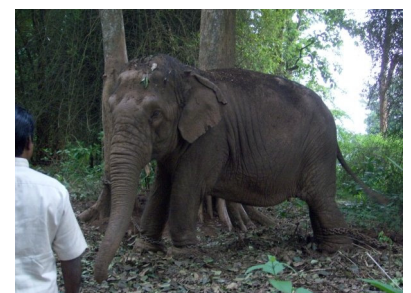
A 54 year old female elephant with a history of TB, was brought to the Mudumalai Wildlife National Park.

Dr. Ilona Otter, IPAN's consulting veterinarian, issued a doctor's certificate of the dangers of keeping a

TB infected elephant in the wildlife park. The report was used in the high court. Mr. Rajendran, a high court advocate, was able to get an order for the elephant to be transported back to Salem, 300 km away, and to be kept in a quarantine

area.

IPAN also helped in transporting the elephant back to Salem.



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Animal Welfare means Human Welfare



India Project for Animals and Nature

Established in 1997 IPAN is a registered Trust, managed by a Board of Trustees and headed by the Managing Trustee Nigel Otter, a well known animal activist in India who has received several awards (e.g. Civil Society Citizen Karmaveer Puraskaar in 2008) for his dedication for animal welfare and nature conservation. He is also appointed as an Hon. Animal Welfare Officer by Animal Welfare Board of India.



IPAN participates again in the international campaign for rabies control awareness.

Your help is needed.

Just 12\$ and one more dog is sterilized and vaccinated against rabies.

**RABIES IS
PREVENTABLE**

Since 2007 IPAN has intensively operated stray dogs in the Nilgiris district, Tamil Nadu.

The method we follow is known as the “trap-neuter-release” -method which enables a large number of dogs being operated from a given area within a relative short period of time.

High quality suture materials, pre-operative antibiotics, sterile surgery technique with new set of instruments and sterile gloves for the vets & assistants for each dog are the key elements in the successful implementation of ABC program using the TNR method.

Though the materials are more expensive than when

using more conventional methods that are still practiced in India, this method is very cost effective without comprising animal health and welfare at all.

Dogs are not kept in shelters or kennels for days after the operation but released back after post-oper check up to their original habitat/to their owners the day following the surgery. As the dogs are quickly released back, they maintain their territories and their place in the hierarchy. This prevents fighting and people are more willing to cooperate in giving their dogs for operation as they see them coming back soon.

Wounds heal well and fast

when the dogs get back to their own surroundings, back to food they were used to.

The dog population dynamics demand that 70% of free-roaming dogs in a given area have to be sterilized within six months to make an impact to the number of dogs. To achieve this, the ABC team has to be ready to operate in field surgery unit conditions that can be moved easily from one place to another. Big hospital and in-patient facilities are not necessary and should not be the priority of any organization intending to start ABC program.

Please, contact us for further details and information.

6000 dogs!