



# **ANNUAL REPORT 2017**

**ANIMAL NEPAL**



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



### **Pramada Shah**

Founder/President  
Animal Nepal

Equally important were the steps we made towards creating a lasting change in the lives of suffering animals. We would like to give kudos to the animal welfare movement and to the Nepal government for criminalizing animal abuse through the introduction of a new Criminal Code, which recognizes animal welfare and criminalizes animal abuse.

The government with our support further passed the Animal Welfare Directive 2017, which legally protects working animals. The directive is the world's first of its kind, as it's the first one specifically for pack and traction animals, based on the OIE standards for working equines. Animal Nepal in 2017 became Nepal's first animal welfare organization to sign

Each year we are grateful for what we are able to do for the suffering animals of Nepal, and 2017 was no different. Thanks to your support and the dedication of our team, we were able to reach out to a surprisingly high number of sick or injured animals. With the expansion of our Equine Outreach Program to districts like Dhading and Gorkha, we treated no less than 1107 mules, horses, and donkeys. The Humane Dog Management team treated 1410 needy dogs, spayed 1105 and vaccinated an additional 2296.

an MOU with the government. We look forward to working with the Department of Livestock in addressing different kinds of animal issues, including the unregulated breeding of dogs.

When floods hit the country during monsoon, our team was swift to organize a response. In close collaboration with the district government offices and Nepal Veterinary Association (NVA) we reached out to thousands of suffering animals in six affected districts.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Government of Nepal, our loyal donors and supporters, the community members we work with and last but not the least Animal Nepal's wonderful management and outreach teams for their support in our work.







2017 was an exciting year at Animal Nepal, in which we focused on building a foundation for lasting change. We did that through working closely with the Government of Nepal and by putting legislation to protect animals in place.

To improve the lives of working equines, we helped the government draft the Animal Welfare Directive 2017, which legally protects working animals. The directive is the world's first of its kind, as it's the first one specifically for pack and traction animals (including not only equines but also elephants, bulls, buffaloes, yak, sheep and goats). It is also the world's first Directive that is based on the OIE standards for working equines.

In June 2017 Animal Nepal became the first animal welfare organization in Nepal to sign an MOU with the Ministry of Livestock Development. The MOU enables us to work on additional legislation and joint awareness raising activities for animals in general.

One of the first activities under the MOU was the drafting of a framework for a disaster management plan for animals. In the wake of the 2015 earthquake and the 2017 floods, this is a crucial step towards preparing a response to the disasters Nepal faces.

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of the animal welfare movement of Nepal, the criminal code or Muluki Ain was updated, and now acknowledges animal welfare and criminalizes animal abuse. Animal Nepal and its partners will continue to work with the government to implement the code and translate its key points into other legislation as well.

### **The phone keeps ringing...**

To improve the lives of dogs Animal Nepal further strengthened its relation with the Lalitpur Metropolitan City (LMC) administration. LMC governs the core of our working area in Lalitpur District. The government body this year supported our humane dog management program with \$5000 and organized different education programs for Ward representatives.

Each year our teams treat more sick and injured animals. This is partly caused by the expansion of our programs but is also the outcome of increased community involvement. Our hotline rings most of the day!



Animal Nepal's outreach teams in 2017 worked hard to respond to treatment requests. The 'dog team' spayed and vaccinated 1105 dogs, and treated 1410 needy dogs on the street and in the treatment centre. Another 2296 dog got vaccinated. The 'equine team' treated an astonishing high number of horses, mules and donkeys: 5977. This means a 290% increase from 2016. The team members vaccinated another 949 equines.

### **Easing the burdens...**

In 2017 Animal Nepal further expanded its work under its Working Equine Program in rural districts featuring brick factories, specifically Dhading and Kavre district. By placing two veterinary technicians in Dhading, the outreach work in 18 brick factories could be significantly intensified.

The pilot program for mountain mules in Gorkha district introduced in 2016 further expanded in 2017. Through health camps and training programs we aim to lighten the burden of these hardworking mules and bring lasting change into their lives.

During the last two months of the year, Animal Nepal intensified the effectiveness and economic empowerment of the Equine User Group in Nepalgunj by organizing micro credit programs. The organization further involved in organizing a training for local vets and para-vets on important contemporary health issues among equines. As an additional intervention, a training in improved harness making was organized. This year we started an exciting new project to bringing lasting changes in the lives of equine and their owners. With the support of World Horse Association we introduced mushroom farming for the women of Himrinya village of Banke district. We strongly believe in the interrelationship between the welfare of equines and the economic status of their owners!

### **After the floods...**

After Nepal was hit by disastrous floods in August, which killed 143, affected 1.7 million, and forced around 461,000 out of their homes, Animal Nepal, with financial support of The Donkey Sanctuary, sent a rapid response team to the affected six districts. The team worked in close collaboration with the district Livestock Service Offices and the Nepal Veterinary Association (NVA) and managed to treat and vaccinate more than 2,000 affected livestock.

In order to change people's hearts and minds for the benefit of animals, Animal Nepal together with Radio Annapurna organized 40 special radio programs called Ahimsa (nonviolence). These regular airwaves are becoming an effective tool to create awareness on humane dog management and to engage government authorities, local people, and other concerned authorities in our regular activities.



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# MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Humane Dog Population Management Programme



**698**  
Shelter  
Treatments



**712**  
Mobile  
Treatments



**1,105** Dogs  
Spayed/ Neutered



**2,296** Dogs  
Vaccinated



**27** Dogs  
Adopted



**500+** School  
Students Reached



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# MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Working Equine Outreach Programme



**1107**

EQUINES  
REACHED DIRECTLY  
IN BRICK KILNS



**38**

EQUINE HEALTH CAMPS  
CONDUCTED



**1000 +**

MULES REACHED IN MOUNTAINS



**500+**

EQUINE HANDLERS  
REACHED



**90**

EQUINE OWNERS  
REACHED  
(BRICK KILNS)



**16K**

FOLLOWERS  
ON SOCIAL MEDIA

# What We Did for Dogs

In 2017 Animal Nepal worked hard towards lasting changes in the lives of Nepal's suffering dogs. The first important step was increasing the profile of animal welfare within the Government of Nepal. Animal Nepal in June 2017 became the first animal welfare organization in Nepal to sign an MOU with the Ministry of Livestock Development. The MOU mentions specifically the joint collaboration for creating animal welfare legislation, and to monitor the dog breeding industry.

The second important contribution to lasting change is a stronger relation with the local government. The Lalitpur Metropolitan City (LMC) administration showed its appreciation for our Humane Dog Management Program by supporting it with \$5000 and organizing three education meetings for representatives in different Wards.

During the first quarter of 2017, Animal Nepal and LMC jointly organized five vaccination camps. No less than 372 dogs got their shots! Working with the officials has made it much easier to reach Ward representatives and community members. The community members are the eyes and ears for our dog program; they provide information about sick and injured dogs and help our team to catch dogs.

The annual dog survey creates a base for a systematic approach to our spaying and vaccination efforts in the 22 Wards of LMC. The 2017 survey found that there are now a total of close to 2943 dogs in our working area, with 1749 females and 1709 males. Our team counted a total of 917 unspayed females. We strongly focused our activities in the Wards with the highest number of unsterilized females.

## RADIO WAVES & REACHING OUT TO THE YOUNG

In order to change people's hearts and minds for the benefit of animals, Animal Nepal together with Radio Annapurna organized 40 special radio programs called Ahimsa (nonviolence).

Apart from creating radio waves, we reached out to the young through our school education program. Thanks to our committed staff we managed to conduct awareness programs in five major schools in our working area.

Since animal welfare is an evolving concept in Nepal, the community and especially the children need to be educated on this topic. We stress the fact that charity begins at home and how animals of all kinds enrich our lives and inspire our imagination. By caring for our pets and domesticated animals and respecting animals in the wild, we will not only maintain balance in the eco-system, but our lives will be enriched too.



## Meanwhile at the Treatment Centre...

We are happy to share that in the month of January we formally launched an Isolation unit at our Chobar Treatment Center. The unit enables us to separate puppies and dogs suspected of suffering from communicable diseases and lower the death rate at the treatment centre.

Our team worked hard to meet its target for spaying 10,000 dogs in the period 2017-2022. When the year turned we were happy to note that 1105 dogs were spayed and vaccinated, 105 more than committed for.

The intensity of treatments of sick and injured continues to increase. In 2017, the number of treated animals was 1410: a 340% increase from 2010. Animal Nepal's free hotline is now widely known by the public and we try to respond to as many calls as possible.

## OUT THERE ON THE STREET...

Animal Nepal's team is proud to note that its mobile treatments in 2017 have been very successful. We have been able to considerably reduce animal shelter treatment and increase on- the-spot treatment. Only when the circumstances are too severe and serious the dogs are shifted to our treatment center. The mobile treatments include cancer patients, suffering from Canine Transmissible Venereal Tumors (CTVT). This year all CTVT patients recovered and are able to live a dignified life with better community support.

Overall, we've had a 51.6% recovery rate for sick and injured animals for various ailments at the treatment centre and 88.5% in our mobile treatments on the street. The high death rate at the shelter is caused by the severity of the injuries when sent here. Also, many puppies sadly catch distemper or parvo viruses at the shelter and despite our best efforts do not make it.

## Fighting rabies

Mass vaccination against rabies was another important achievement this year. A total of 2296 dogs (apart from those spayed or castrated at the treatment centre) got vaccinated. A total of 12 camps were organized in different LMC wards, as well as in Dhapakhel, and Chobar, Kirtipur and Bhaisepati.


























































One of the challenges found during this quarter was to find sufficient families to adopt dogs from the Chobar Treatment Centre. A total of 27 found a forever home. We hope to continue to promote the adoption of mixed breeds and to provide a loving home for the puppies at our Centre.

# SOME HAPPY DOG NUMBERS

## Annual Sterilisations

# 1,105

## STERILISATIONS

2010	  	352
2011	    	516
2012	     	605
2013	       	736
2014	      	659
2015	   	376
2016	           	1,290
2017	           	1,105

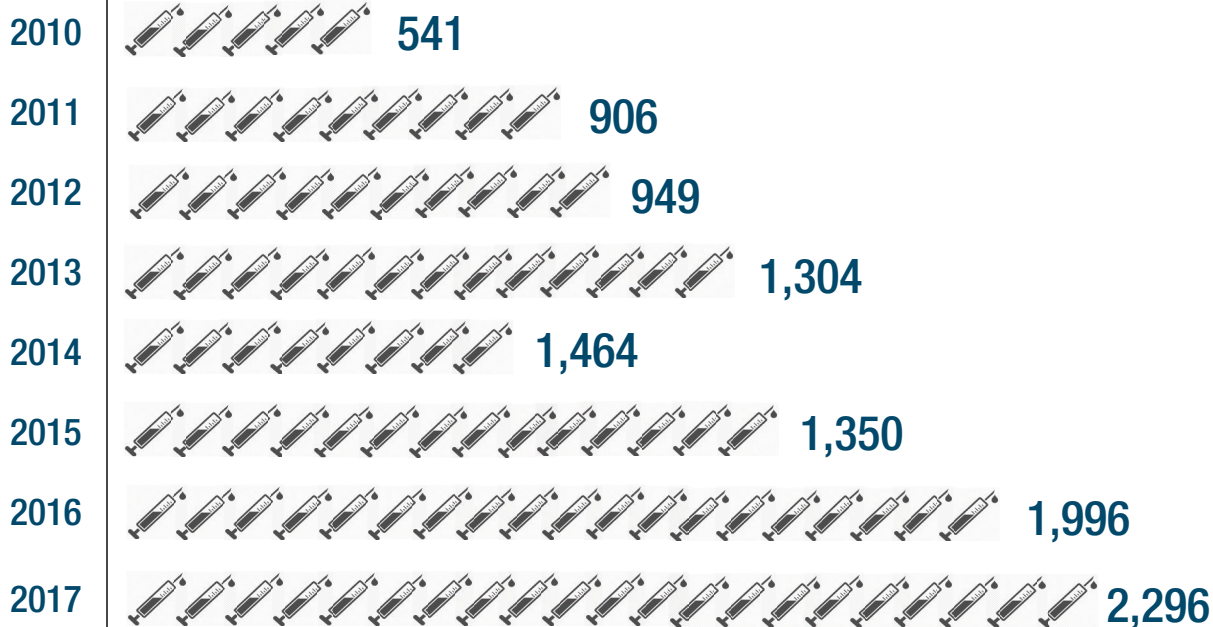




# 2,296 Dogs Vaccinated

In 2017 we vaccinated highest number of dogs since the beginning of our Humane Dog Management Programme

## Annual Vaccinations



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1410

## Dog Treatment Cases

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712 Mobile  
Treatment Cases



698 Shelter  
Treatment Cases



### Annual Treatments

2010	   	319
2011	  	292
2012	  	277
2013	    	473
2014	         	881
2015	          	1,052
2016	             	1,314
2016	              	1,410

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# What We Did for Equines

In 2017 Animal Nepal was pleased to be able to make some important headways in terms of its Equine Outreach program. The most important step was putting legislation for pack and traction animals in place (Animal Welfare Directive, 2017) and raising the profile of animal welfare within the Government of Nepal. Animal Nepal continued to cooperate with the District Livestock Service Office as well as the Quarantine Office of Banke District, which results in a joint collaboration for a number of programs.

This year Animal Nepal further expanded its work in rural districts featuring brick factories, specifically Dhading and Kavre district. By placing two veterinary technicians in Dhading, the outreach work in 18 brick factories has been significantly intensified. The pilot program for mountain mules in Gorkha district introduced in 2016 has expanded in 2017.

## More equines reached...

With the expansion of the outreach program, the number of treatments further increased. In 2017 our team treated an impressive 5977 equines suffering from disease or injuries. An additional 949 got vaccinated.

This year Animal Nepal once more used the HANDS assessment to measure the impact of its work both at the start and the end of the brick season.

Realizing the lack of proper water facilities in the brick factories, our team introduced a Model Watering Facility offering safe, hygienic water which is located close to the animals' shelter. The facility helps in preventing water borne diseases and colic. The facility was built with the participation of the brick factory owners on a 50-50% investment basis. Brick factories' involvement included the provision of cement and bricks.

After Nepal was hit by disastrous floods in August, which killed 143, affected 1.7 million, and forced around 461,000 out of their homes, Animal Nepal, with financial support of The Donkey Sanctuary, sent a rapid response team to the affected six districts. The team worked in close collaboration with the district Livestock Service Offices and the Nepal Veterinary Association (NVA). The collaboration greatly contributed to building strong relations with local government offices as well the NVA, which acts as a basis for future interventions.



## Mobilising equines owners

During the last two months of the year, Animal Nepal intensified the effectiveness and economic empowerment of the Equine User Group in Nepalgunj by organizing micro credit programs. The organization further involved in organizing a training for local vets and para-vets on important contemporary health issues among equines. As an additional intervention, a training in improved harness making was organized.

To educate vet students on equine health and welfare issues we organized a three days training called 'Equine Welfare and their Management' for final year veterinary students from the Himalayan college of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (HICAST).

To educate equine owners on hoof management, our Equine Outreach team conducted a farrier training program for equine owners in Gorkha District. During this program the team educated the participants on different hoof issues and how to correct them. During a follow up visit the team focused on saddle wounds and how to prevent these by using simple solutions. Animal Nepal also organized a microcredit training for equine owners in Nepalgunj, Banke and a mushroom farming training for the women of Himriniya of Banke district.



## AND SOME MORE...

As part of our ongoing efforts to motivate equine owners to bring strong, healthy animals to the brick factories and with the support of The Donkey Sanctuary India, we visited the "Dewa Fair-2017" in Barabanki District, Lucknow on 1st- 6th October. Close to 6000 equines were being sold here.

Both World Rabies Day and World Animal Day were celebrated with a splash. During this quarter the 10th AFA conference took place in Kathmandu from 2-5 December, drawing over 400 participants. It was a unique opportunity for our team to share some exemplary works of the organization. Executive Director Uttam Kafle highlighted the novel education efforts of Animal Nepal's Working Equine Outreach Program.





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# SOME HAPPY DONKEY NUMBERS



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EQUINES REACHED  
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**1000 +**

MULES REACHED IN MOUNTAINS



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EQUINE OWNERS REACHED



**500+**

EQUINE HANDLERS REACHED

**949**

EQUINES VACCINATED

**11**

EQUINE SESSIONS ORGANIZED

**1**

STAKEHOLDERS INTERACTION



## HAND ASSESMENT IN LALITPUR DISTRICT

S.N	Name of Brick kiln	No. of owners	No. of Donkeys	Body Condition Score			Wound		
				BS	MS	ES	BS	MS	ES
1	Shree Bajra Barahi	3	41	2	2.5	2.5	1	1	1
2	UK	2	35	2	2.5	2.5	2	1.5	1
3	Kantipur	2	26	2.5	2.5	2.5	1	2	1
4	BolBom	3	39	2	2.5	2.5	2	1	1
5	Bajra	4	59	2	2.5	2.5	2	1	1
6	Champi Mai	4	56	1.5	2	2	3	2	2
7	Om Shree no.1	7	44	2	2.5	2.5	1	1	1
8	Gautam Buddha	1	17	2	2.5	2.5	1	1	1
9	Gyan	1	15	2	2.5	2.5	4	2	1
10	New Bhairab	2	42	2	2.5	2.5	1	1	1
11	Santaneshwor	3	45	2	2.5	2.5	1	1	1
12	Kalash	3	48	2	2.5	2.5	1	1	1
13	Newa	1	8	2.5	2.5	2.5	1	1	1
14	Tata	1	20	2	2.5		2	1	
Total		37	495						

Lame			Other injuries			Behavior		
BS	MS	ES	BS	MS	ES	BS	MS	ES
1	1	1	2	1	1	1/Alert	1/Alert	1/Alert
1	1	1	1	1	1	1/Alert	1/Alert	1/Alert
2	1	2	2	1	2	2/Apathetic	1/Alert	1/Alert
1	1	1	1	2	2	1/Alert	2/Apathetic	1/Alert
1	1	1	1	1	1	1/Alert	1/Alert	1/Alert
3	2	2	3	2	2	Depress	Depress	2/Depress
1	1	1	1	1	1	1/Alert	1/Alert	1/Alert
2	2	1	1	1	1	1/Alert	1/Alert	1/Alert
1	1	1	1	1	1	1/Alert	1/Alert	1/Alert
2	1	1	2	1	1	1/Alert	1/Alert	1/Alert
2	1	1	1	1	1	1/Alert	1/Alert	1/Alert
2	1	1	1	2	1	1/Alert	1/Alert	1/Alert
3	2	1	1	2	2	1/Alert	1/Alert	1/Alert
1	1		1	1		1/Alert	1/Alert	



## HAND ASSESMENT IN DHADING DISTRICT

S.N	Name of Brick kiln	No. of owners	No. of Donkeys	Body Condition Score			Wound		
				BS	MS	ES	BS	MS	ES
1	PK 1	1	16	2.5	2.5	2.5	2	1	1
2	Everest	3	38	2	2.5	2.5	2	1	1
3	Sungava	3	42	2	2.5	2.5	2.5	1	2
4	Dhading	2	36	2.5	2.5	2.5	1.5	1	1
5	Tata	4	66	2	2.5	2.5	2.5	1	1
6	Everest 2	2	30	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	1	1
7	Mahalaxmi	2	24	2	2.5	2.5	2	1	1
8	Ganesh	2	28	2	2.5	2.5	1.5	2	1
9	New (Uma)	1	18	2.5	2.5	2.5	1	1	1
10	Pasa	4	49	2	2.5	2.5	1.5	2	2
11	Manakamana	3	45	2.5	2.5	2.5	1.5	1	1
12	PK (Tej)	3	10	2.5	NA	NA	1	NA	NA
13	Suvam	3	38	2.5	NA	NA	1.3	NA	NA
14	Dhunibesi	3	31	2.5	NA	NA	1	NA	NA
15	Raktakali	1	33	2	NA	NA	2	NA	NA
16	Jalpa Devi	1	10	1.5	NA	NA	2	NA	NA
17	Sulav	2	23	2.5	NA	NA	2.5	NA	NA
18	Sworna	2	27	2.5	NA	NA	2	NA	NA

Note: Last seven kilns' equines either returned back to Nepalgunj or shifted to another kilns so we couldn't conduct followup assessment.

Lame			Other injuries			Behavior		
BS	MS	ES	BS	MS	ES	BS	MS	ES
2	1	1	1	1	1	1/Alert	1/Alert	1/Alert
2	1	1	1	1	1	1/Alert	1/Alert	1/Alert
1	1	1	1	1	1	1/Alert	1/Alert	1/Alert
2	1	1	1.5	1	1	1/Alert	1/Alert	1/Alert
1.5	1	1	1	1	1	1/Alert	1/Alert	1/Alert
1.5	1	1	2	1	1	1/Alert	1/Alert	1/Alert
2	1	1	1.5	1	1	1/Alert	1/Alert	1/Alert
2.5	1	1	2	2	1	1/Alert	1/Alert	1/Alert
2	1	1	1	1	1	1/Alert	1/Alert	1/Alert
1.5	1	2	2	1	1	1/Alert	1/Alert	1/Alert
1	1	1	1	1	1	1/Alert	1/Alert	1/Alert
1	NA	NA	1	NA	NA	1/Alert	NA	NA
1.3	NA	NA	1	NA	NA	1/Alert	NA	NA
1	NA	NA	1	NA	NA	1/Alert	NA	NA
3	NA	NA	3	NA	NA	1/Alert	NA	NA
2	NA	NA	2	NA	NA	1/Alert	NA	NA
2.5	NA	NA	2.5	NA	NA	1/Alert	NA	NA
1.5	NA	NA	2	NA	NA	1/Alert	NA	NA

Total equine owners 42

Total equines 564



Detail of Cases	Treatment Number
Harness Wound	47
<b>Saddle Wound</b>	<b>85</b>
Hobble Wound	78
<b>Hoof Problem</b>	<b>89</b>
Lameness	269
<b>Eye Problem/Infection</b>	<b>80</b>
Fever	82
<b>Malnutrition</b>	<b>73</b>
Diarrhoea	178
<b>PTS</b>	<b>21</b>
Dystocia Condition	3
<b>Rabies &amp; Tetanus Vaccine</b>	<b>227</b>
Deworming	2169
<b>Colic</b>	<b>54</b>
Trypanosomiasis/Anaplaspsis	118
<b>Strangle</b>	<b>27</b>
Respiratory Infection	197
<b>Abortion</b>	<b>9</b>
Trips/Blood Parasite	393
<b>Coughing</b>	<b>4</b>
Anuria	3
<b>Hip Bone Dislocation</b>	<b>4</b>
Fracture	2
<b>Mixed Infection</b>	<b>152</b>
Teeth Rasp	2
<b>Castration</b>	<b>18</b>
Hebronemasis	1
<b>Anorexia</b>	<b>282</b>
HSBQ Vaccine	575
<b>Uterine Infection</b>	<b>3</b>
Blood Protozoan	3
<b>Frothy Mouth (Buccal Ulcer)</b>	<b>3</b>
Tetanus	4
<b>Hernia</b>	<b>2</b>
Anal Prolapse	1
<b>Ear Infection</b>	<b>14</b>
Ecthyma/orf	4
<b>Skin Infection</b>	<b>54</b>
Wound	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>5977</b>



## Dog Highlights

### #1 A NOSEY JOB

In February Animal Nepal came across a 'nosey' case. After being alerted by a community member from Mahalaxmasthan, Lalitpur, we found Naki, a dog whose nose was badly injured after someone tied a rubber around it. The rubber had grown into the soft flesh and was causing terrible problems for Naki. Our rescue team immediately took him to Chobhar Treatment Center where Dr. Sunil Thapa and his team operated on him. After tender loving care for three weeks the wound was fully healed, and Naki was released back on the street.



### #2 A perfect match



Seti, a 3 month old Spitz puppy was brought to our shelter, end of February 2017. Being abandoned as a pet is a painful experience in the lives of companion animals. When Pramod Thapa from Dakshinkali visited our center cute little Seti, who suffers from an unsteady gait, caught his eye. It was love at first sight, and Pramod decided to adopt the lovely Spitz. We bid goodbye to Seti, extremely happy that she found an owner who showers her with lots of love and care. We wish Pramod and Seti all the best!

## #3 Stopping rabies in its track

This year community members reported some worrying incidents: rabies outbreaks in different parts of our working area, including neighbourhoods within the ring road. In March we supported the people and dogs of Dapakhel village in Lalitpur district by vaccinating 60 dogs (44 male and 16 female). The program was one of the 12 vaccination camps we organized.

AN Program Manager Kapil Kafle, Veterinarian Krishna Kumar Yadav, Communication Officer Nirmal Sharma, Vet technicians Gautam Khetri and Kushal B.C, volunteer Trishna Shrestha, dog catcher Mohan Maharjan, and assistant Ramchandra Shrestha worked hard at the camp.

Besides vaccinating 60 dogs from these areas, many other dogs were treated for various problems, especially skin diseases. Animal Nepal would like to thank the local people of vicinity who were very caring, kind and extremely supportive towards our program and of course to the Humane Dog Management Program team too for making it a success.



## #4 No effort too small!

CTVT cancer is a disease which has commonly been seen nowadays. It is spread by the transfer of living cancer cells between dogs, usually during mating. The dogs develop tumours on their genitals which tend to smell bad and bleed continuously. This often leads to the dogs being ostracized from the neighbourhood. If diagnosed early the dogs have high chances of recovery.

Our Mobile Veterinary treatment team treated Tara who suffers from a CTVT tumor at Balkhu Chowk, Kathmandu. She received 4 sessions of chemotherapy. Our furry friend has responded well and is fully healthy again. We are happy to report that Tara is once more fully accepted by the people of her community.



## #5 HELPING PEOPLE BY HELPING DOGS

Burungchuli village in Lalitpur Animal Nepal suffered badly during the 2015 earthquake. In April we joined hands with Rotary Club of Jawalakhel Manjushree to spay/neuter the dogs of this village. The club has helped in the reconstruction of the houses; the members now aim to spread awareness regarding animal welfare and also wants help in controlling the dog population.

As part of the next phase Animal Nepal will be vaccinating the community dogs against rabies. A great example of how we are helping people by helping dogs!



## #6 CATCHING THEM WHILE THEY ARE YOUNG

At Animal Nepal, we believe in creating awareness amongst the young. On 9th June, 2017, we organized an educational program for students at Future Stars High School, Jawalakhel, Lalitpur.

AN Programme Manager Kapil Kafle described and showed them a short video about the work done by Animal Nepal in the areas of helping dogs, making lives of equines better and saving the Asian elephants.



He shared some success stories about abandoned and sick dogs, when, given timely treatment along with love, made remarkable recovery. Similarly, Advocacy Officer Urvashi Rana spoke to the students about the five freedoms of animals and why it should not be violated.

In 2017, school education program was our top priority list and to achieve this we plan to cover six major schools in one year inside Lalitpur. We would thank to Future Stars High School's teachers, staffs and students for giving us this opportunity to share our work; we are especially grateful for the support of Future Stars High School's Founder, Manju Karki Lamichhane and Vice Principal, Binita Karki.







## #7 Joining hands

Animal Nepal and Lalitpur Metropolitan City jointly organized an education session on Humane Dog Population Management on the 9th of April, 2017. The main objective for this joint program was to show case the work done by Animal Nepal to officials and Ward representatives and involve them in our grassroots based activities.

Animal Nepal's Program Manager Kapil Kafle described the work done by Animal Nepal in helping animals in Lalitpur. He shared some success stories about abandoned and sick dogs who, thanks to timely intervention, made a remarkable recovery.

Apart from a number of high level officials, forty social workers also participated in the discussion about Humane Dog Population Management. There was a healthy interaction amongst all the participants on the question what can be done for the welfare of the street dogs and the community members. Another important step in creating a grassroots movement for change!



## #8 Beauty is more than skin deep

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have." - Margaret Mead

Skin problems can bring any dog down! Luckily most conditions can be treated successfully. Bobby, a dog suffering from a severe case of mange, is a prime example of this. Animal lover Sadiksha picked up the dog from Babar Mahal and took him to our treatment center at Chobar. Bobby's condition was critical! Dr Sunil Thapa and his team treated him and kept Bobby in the center for 15 days for observation. During this time Bobby made an amazing recovery. Bobby has been released to his neighbourhood and is doing good. Stay healthy, Bobby!



## #9 New days, new hopes

Animal lover Mrs. Leela Bhatt lives in Dhobighat and is truly a dog messiah. While doing her daily rounds, she came across two beautiful dogs: frisky and friendly Seti and reserved, elegant Panda, who, unfortunately had been abandoned by their owner, near Ujyalo FM building, Lalitpur. "Seti" and "Panda" had been waiting for their owner to return not realizing that they had been abandoned.

The heartless move had had a deep impact on Panda especially, as he became snappy and aggressive and became a deterrent to society. People's general reaction was one of spite and fear and would throw stones at them, which did not solve the problem at all. Seeing them in such a state, Mrs. Bhatt immediately contacted Animal Nepal and we tried to coax them to come from their previous home to our office.

Now living inside our compound, we are happy to share that Panda has gone through immense change and feels much happier and social. They are best friends with our previous buddies: "Bhangi" and "Bobby".





## #1 Stella gets relief

Stella is a gentle, 10-years old mule who was rescued in Spring 2014. This male equine was hauling bricks in the hot sun while suffering from respiratory problems and countless wounds. Stella found a deserving retirement home at our Donkey Sanctuary.

Recently Stella's damaged eye started to give him trouble. We noticed that flies cause regular discharge and irritation to her eye socket. The team decided to close the socket surgically. The surgery was conducted by Dr. Atish and Dr. Sajana, with the support of International Volunteer Dr. David Thomson and the sanctuary team. The surgery was successful and Stella is feeling much better already!



## #2 Castration can be a painless affair!

In Nepal equines tend to be castrated without anesthesia. It's not only very painful, the equipment used is not hygienic, increasing the chances of infection. Many people have to hold the equine during the surgery, leading to injuries. Generally the mule needs to recover for a period of a month. Owners tend to call Animal Nepal only once the equine gets infected.

In order to change this outdated practice, Animal Nepal in November demonstrated a humane way of castration using an emasculator to the vets and para-vets of Nepalgunj. One equine owner provided a mule as a 'Guinee Pig'. The mule reacted well to the surgery, convincing the owner and his colleagues that a humane, hygienic castration practice is beneficial in many ways: the equine does not suffer, does not need to be held down, and does not suffer from infections. What's more, the castrated equine only rests for three days, and can work within a week.

As a result of our demonstration, the equine owners now tend to choose the painless method. Many are requesting Animal Nepal's team to carry out the scientific, humane castration.



## #3 A life-saving intervention

In the month of March our equine outreach team got an emergency call from Santaneshwar Brick kiln of Lalitpur. Equine owner Mumaj told our team that one of his pregnant horses was in extreme pain and rolling on her back on the ground. After examining the suffering horse, it was found that the foal had died in the stomach, a condition known as "dystocia". Our team's main motive was to save the mother's life as she was exhausted and struggling to push the baby out!! After a long procedure that took no less than four hours, the team was able to take the foal out and save the mother's life. A big thank-you to the team and to the vet volunteers from UK.



## #4 Education is the key!

Over 1000 equines work in brick factories in Kathmandu Valley, carrying bricks under tough conditions. Animal Nepal believes education is the key to improving the lives of these hard working horses, mules and donkeys. It uses fun education sessions for owners and handlers to bring about increased awareness.

The program started in February, at Chhampi Mai Brick kiln. During a health camp in the beginning of the season we found a lot of sick and injured equines in Champi.

Dr. Atish Yadav, vet of the Equine Outreach Program, introduced equine health care and basic treatment. He stressed on the fact that by providing substantial food, drinking water, adequate rest time, and proper shelter results in better performance by the equines. He further explained all the methods effectively a fun, educational game called Ludo.

Equine owners Salman Ghosi and Abdul Hassan explained their long association with Animal Nepal to all the participants. They acknowledged that Animal Nepal's support has always been consistent and continuous in the field of equine welfare.





## #5 Stopping disease in its track

In October, Animal Nepal's team in Nepalgunj came across a number of equines who were anorexic, lost weight and looked listless. The team members suspected *Trypanosoma*, a diagnosis which was supported by the appearance of pinpoint hemorrhage in the eyes. Animal Nepal provided an injection against the blood parasite and observed the equines for a few days. The team decided to treat all equines from the same owners to avoid transmission of the disease.

The sick equines recovered quickly and the disease could be stopped in its track.



## #6 Improving the lives of working equines, bottom up



Animal Nepal and The Donkey Sanctuary India for some years now have joined hands to motivate equine owners to bring strong, healthy equines to the brick factories. Each year the teams visit the "Dewa Fair" in Barabanki District, Lucknow. This year the fair took place from 1- 6 October. This time close to 6000 equines were being sold.

The two teams jointly organized a treatment and welfare camp, in which 292 equines were treated. Most equines were found suffering from lame issues, wounds, colic and eye infection. More than 500 equine owners and handlers from India and Nepal participated in the education/awareness program.

Buyers from Nepal this year insisted on buying healthy animals and getting them checked by the Animal Nepal team. The newly bought equines de-wormed and vaccinated, which was very much appreciated by the owners.



## #7 Training upcoming vets

Animal Nepal organized a three days training about 'Equine Welfare and their Management' for final year veterinary students from the Himalayan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (HICAST) from 13 – 15 October 2017.

The training focused on the welfare of working equines, approaches to handling equines and common health problems seen among working equines in Nepal. The main objective of the training was to make the vet students familiar with equines, equine welfare, equine handling and commonly seen problems.

On the first day of the training, Dr. Atish Kumar Yadav and Dr. Sajana Thapa introduced Animal Nepal, the importance of welfare of working equines and the ins and outs of equine handling. On the second day, our team including Dr. Atish, Dr. Sajana, vet technicians Santosh Gautam, Tara Budhathoki, Mana Nepali, Prem Rokka and Sijan Pokharel exchanged knowledge and experiences related to their field work.

As this was a hands-on training, the students got a chance to observe, examine and treat equines during a health camp in a brick factory.



## #8 Unburdening mountain mules

During a team visit to Gorkha district from November 19-21, we focused on fixing some painful problems for mountain mules. One of the main reasons for developing saddle wounds is the use of a wooden saddle called Kati. Instead of softening the contact of the Kati with the skin, the wooden harness presses directly on the spine. During our visit we taught the equine owners to put a mat and/or other saddle materials under the Kati. The team provided materials for 30 mules. If all equine owners follow the instructions, saddle wounds can be prevented in around 2000 mountain mules.

Apart from discussing the prevention of saddle wounds, the team treated over 250 equines suffering from wounds and other health problems.





## #9 From the horse's mouth

Empowering professionals in the veterinary field is an important part of our work, which aims at sustainable solutions. The objective of interaction programs is to share first hand knowledge and skills 'from the horse's mouth', to promote good practices in equine medical care and welfare.

On 24th November 2017 we arranged an interaction program with 28 local veterinarians and paravets at Nepalgunj. The Animal Nepal was represented by Dr. Atish Kumar Yadav, Dr. Sajana Thapa, Education officer Kapil Kafle, paravet Mana Nepali, International Volunteer Dr David Thomson and Rekha Shrestha.

During the program health and welfare problems seen among equines working in brick factories and emerging diseases were discussed. The issues faced by mountain mules were introduced as well.



## #10

### Celebrating World Animal Day with a splash

To celebrate World Animal Day with a splash, Animal Nepal partnered with the government to organize a rally. The special day was marked on Nepal on September 29, as October 4 coincides with the country's festival. Animal Nepal supported the printing of t-shirts with special slogans and joined the rally which started at the District Livestock Office of Lalitpur district. Over 100 people, included government officials such as the Ministry's Secretary and Joint Secretaries, joined the rally.

The rally was completed at the Department of Livestock, where special programme was held. During the event Animal Nepal was congratulated and received letter of appreciation from Hon. Minister of the Ministry of Livestock Development.





## #11 Better income, better welfare

Animal Nepal believes that improving the economic status of the owners will lead to better welfare of working equines. During the off-season some equine owners engage in buggy (horse taxi) service but most remain jobless. Animal Nepal wants to use this period to introduce microcredit and education activities. Microcredit is an important tool to address poverty as the owners heavily depend on Nike middle men to borrow money. They then become dependent on these middlemen when working in brick factories.

That is why we organized a microcredit training on 29th October 2017 in Nepalgunj, Banke. Ten equine owners from the Kashgar community of Nepalgunj actively participated in the program.

Currently there are 14 member in the 'Equine User Group'. Every member of the group is committed to put a certain amount of money into a joint bank account each month. Animal Nepal supported the group with seed money and supports the facilitation of the group.



## #12 Mushroom farming to improve equine welfare

Animal Nepal together with World Horse Welfare is piloting a community based Equine Welfare Project at Himriniya village of Banke district. The objective of this program is to insure the welfare of horses by supporting community people in their economic activities. As part of this program, we have recently conducted a mushroom farming training for the women's group of the community. We strongly believe in the interrelationship between the welfare of horses and economic status of the owners.





## #13 Better hoofs for mountain mules

In the 1st week of November, Animal Nepal Equine Outreach team conduct a second farrier training program for the equine owners in Gorkha District. The aim of the training is to create a team of experienced farriers in the district, so equine owners no longer depend on Animal Nepal. During this program, Animal Nepal team educated the ten participants on different hoof issues and how to correct them. The team also demonstrated hoof trimming methods.

A novel approach in the training was the use of a few sets of wooden shoes which are oversized, unbalanced, contain high heels, etc. The participants were convinced to try them out and walk on them on rough terrain. This way they experienced first hand how uncomfortable their equines are when walking on problem hoofs!

To further encourage the participants, a set of farrier tools was handed over to the Mule Association of Arkhet Gorkha.



## #14 Asia for Animals comes to Nepal

When the 10th AFA conference took place in Kathmandu from 2-5 December 2017, Animal Nepal took the opportunity to highlight its work in changing human behavior. President Pramada Shah gave a talk about mobile treatments for community dogs with community people. Similarly, Executive Director Uttam Kafle presented the novel education approaches by Animal Nepal's Working Equine Outreach Program.

Animal Nepal warmly welcomed about 60 AFA participants who visited our Donkey Sanctuary after the conference. We were also fortunate to have Alex Mayers and Kate Ferguson from the Donkey Sanctuary UK, Joseph Subrina and Natasha Lee on behalf of the World Horse Welfare, and Karen Reed and Craig Rooney from The Dog Trust.









# FINANCIAL REVIEW 2017

## INCOME

Details	NPR	EURO
Overseas grants	25,634,704.2	200,271.13
Local donations	1,930,676.1	15,083.41
Bank interest	106,673.84	833.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,672,054.14</b>	<b>216,187.92</b>

## EXPENSES

Details	NPR	EURO
Program expenses	11,853,478.66	92,605.30
Salaries	11,755,406.39	91,839.11
Land and office rent	474,574	3,707.60
Land purchase	6,631,318.42	51,807.17
Transportation	1,419,182.79	11,087.36
Miscellaneous	363,269	2,838.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,497,229.26</b>	<b>253,884.60</b>

Please note that the exchange rate applied here is that of 20-03-2018







A man with a beard and short dark hair, wearing a grey t-shirt and blue jeans, is sitting on the ground. He is smiling and looking towards the camera while holding a white cat. In the foreground, a light-colored dog is lying down, wearing a red collar. The ground is cluttered with various items, including shoes, a blue bag, and some debris. In the background, there are large black and white plastic containers. A teal circular graphic is overlaid on the top left of the image, containing the text "HELP US HELP ANIMALS!".

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## ADOPT



Although many people prefer pure breeds, at AN we believe that local mixed breeds are just as beautiful and clever. Moreover, mixed breeds tend to be healthier as they carry strong genes and are well adjusted to local conditions. And what could be more rewarding than to adopt a dog who otherwise has little chance of survival? If you are interested in adopting a beautiful mixed breed puppy check out our Facebook page to find the latest updates on available dogs. Animal Nepal makes sure that the new member of your family is dewormed and vaccinated. We also provide free sterilization for female dogs at the age of 5 months. On top of that, we provide 1 year of free medical care at our treatment center. You will also receive an adoption certificate, cute dog belt, dog bowl and puppy crate (if needed).

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## VOLUNTEER



Volunteers from Nepal and abroad who can help regularly for a period of at least a month are invited to walk and groom the dogs at the Chobar Animal Treatment Center. We also need volunteers to support our mobile response team as well as education and treatment camps, fund raising and communications.

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## DONATE

We very much appreciate your support! We welcome different kinds of sponsorships and of course also your regular or one time donation.

### Wire Transfer To NEPAL

Bank Name: NIC ASIA Bank Limited  
State: Kathmandu, Nepal  
Account Number: 03 CL 014224 NPR001  
Account Name: Animal Nepal  
Swift ID: NICENPKA

### PayPal donations

Animal Nepal cannot have its own PayPal account according to Nepali law. Some of our friends from abroad have kindly agreed to receive PayPal donations on behalf of Animal Nepal.

Himalayan Animal Treatment Center (UK) is kindly processing donations from Europe. Please visit <http://www.hat-uk.org/help/animalnepal.html>

### PayPal donations only from USA

To make a USA-based tax deductible donation, please visit [www.HelpAnimalsIndia.org/](http://www.HelpAnimalsIndia.org/) donate and assign your donation to "Animal Care in Lalitpur, Nepal." Help Animals India is a United States based 501c3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide financial and consultation support to animal shelters in India and Nepal, including Animal Nepal.





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