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"All beings tremble before violence.

All fear death, all love life.

See yourself in others.

Then whom can you hurt?

What harm can you do?" - Buddha

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Mission statement

To build a harmonious and
compassionate society for all animals.



Dear friends and our kind supporters,

I am honored to address you as the President of Animal Nepal, an organization that has been working to improve the lives of animals in Nepal since our establishment in 2009. It brings me great pleasure to reflect on the remarkable achievements and progress we have made together in 2023. At the heart of Animal Nepal's mission lies a deep commitment to advocating for the well-being of all animals. We believe that every animal deserves to live a life free from suffering, cruelty and neglect. This core belief has fueled our determination to bring about lasting change, and I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished over the years.

Throughout 2023, our team worked tirelessly to provide life-saving treatment, raise awareness about various animal welfare issues, engaging with communities, individuals and policymakers alike. By amplifying our voices, we have successfully sparked important conversations, and mobilized people from all walks of life to join our cause. Together, we have become a powerful force for change.

This year saw the successful formulation of the Shadow Animal Welfare Act. This crucial piece of legislation was drafted in collaboration with the Federation of Animal Welfare Nepal (FAWN) and other Nepali animal welfare / rights organizations, representing a united front in the push for comprehensive animal protection

laws in Nepal. Once finalized, the Shadow Animal Welfare Act was submitted to various ministries, the goal was to influence the official legislative process, with the aim that the recommendations within the shadow act would be adopted in the drafting of the official Animal Welfare Act in Nepal. The significance of an Animal Welfare Act cannot be overstated as it serves as a cornerstone for ensuring the humane treatment of animals and safeguarding their rights. I am optimistic that our government and policy makers will introduce a meaningful Animal Welfare Act in the very near future.

Throughout 2023, our dedicated team of staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to rescue animals in need, providing them with the medical care and love they so desperately need. Whether it's through our sterilization program or through providing treatment for sick and injured animals, we have made a real difference in the lives of many animals.

Education and awareness raising remains a foundation of Animal Nepal's work. We firmly believe that by empowering individuals with knowledge and understanding, we can help build a kinder society to humans and animals alike. By nurturing empathy and respect in children, we are sowing the seeds of a brighter future where animals are treated with kindness and dignity. I am so very proud of our Humane Education classes for school children which we have been able to deliver in Kathmandu valley, Pokhara and Bharatpur.

None of our achievements would have been possible without the unwavering support of our incredible donors, partners and volunteers. Your generosity and commitment have fueled our progress and enabled us to make a profound impact on the lives of animals in Nepal. We are truly grateful for your trust and continued support. As we look ahead to the future, we are filled with optimism and determination. Animal Nepal will continue to strive for meaningful change, expanding our reach and influence to ensure that animals receive the protection they deserve. We will continue to advocate for stronger animal welfare legislation and work towards ending the exploitation of animals in various industries.

Together, we can create a world where animals are respected, cherished and granted the rights they so deserve. Our journey may be challenging, but with your support, we are confident that we can achieve our vision of a kinder and just society.

Thank you for standing with us and being part of Animal Nepal. Together, we really are making a difference.

*With warm regards
Pramada Shah*

Helping Working Animals – How our work makes a difference

Equine Outreach Program

Donkeys, mules and horses have long been used in Nepal as draft animals, commonly used to carry construction materials, cooking gas, food items, medicine and people. The livelihood of the equine owning communities spread across various parts of Nepal is largely dependent on the income generated through the service provided by these hard working animals. At times of natural disasters in Nepal such as yearly floods and landslides, when many roads to rural villages are damaged and remote communities are further isolated, the service provided by these animals become indispensable. While playing a crucial role in supporting the livelihood and lives of people, historically, these hard working animals have often been mistreated by owners and overlooked by government entities. Animal Nepal launched its Equine Outreach Program in partnership with The Donkey Sanctuary in 2009, with the aim of helping equines and their owners. The program is focused on brick kiln equines but its long term nature enables welfare monitoring and improvement of equines in Nepal. Animal Nepal's Equine Outreach Program is currently present in Lalitpur, Dhading, Gorkha and Banke districts.



In 2023, Animal Nepal's Equine Outreach Program continued to make significant strides in improving the welfare of equines and supporting their owners through a multifaceted approach focusing on health & veterinary services of equines, economic support for the equine owning community, awareness & education about equine welfare, infrastructure development to improve welfare of working equines and policy advocacy & coordination with government bodies.



2023 Highlights

- 1. Veterinary services and health management of working equines:** As always, the main focus of our work remains helping animals in need. In view of this, Animal Nepal's Equine Outreach Team treated 2200 sick and injured donkeys & mules in Dhading, Lalitpur, Nepalgunj and Gorkha. Common ailments in these working animals include colic, wounds, lameness, nutritional deficiencies, skin infections and dehydration + heat stress. To strengthen the animal's immune system, Animal Nepal also conducts regular health camps in our working areas, and in 2023 we vaccinated 387 equines against Tetanus, 157 equines against Rabies and dewormed 301 equines. Provision of veterinary services for these hard working animals is such an important part of the work we do, without which majority of these animals would succumb to their ailments or endure great suffering as they have very limited or no access to modern veterinary care. In 2023, Animal Nepal also came across 11 positive cases of Glanders and 1 positive Rabies case – which were all managed by Animal Nepal's veterinary team in collaboration with government veterinary service providers.
- 2. Economic and livelihood enhancement of equine owning communities:** Animal Nepal works with the belief that when animal owners are secure financially, then they are more able and willing to provide better care for their animals. With this in mind, in 2023, Animal Nepal provided livelihood training for the equine owning community in Nepalgunj with a focus on alternative income-generating activities such as tailoring as well as sustainable farming practices to ensure food security. These trainings help diversify income sources, reducing the financial burden on equine owners and enables them to invest in better care, nutrition and healthcare for their animals. These trainings were attended by 21 members of the equine owning community in Nepalgunj.
- 3. Awareness and education initiatives:** Animal Nepal conducted 7 education sessions in Nepalgunj, Gorkha, Dhading & Lalitpur which was attended by 111 equine owners, handlers, businesses, brick kiln owners, community leaders and other key stakeholders. These sessions aimed to educate them on the importance of equine welfare, promoting responsible practices, disease management and better management of working animals. By engaging with these key groups, the program seeks to develop a greater understanding and commitment to the well-being of equines within the community.
In addition to in-person sessions, the program utilized hoarding boards and radio jingles to broaden its reach. 2 Hoarding boards were strategically placed in high-traffic areas of Nepalgunj and Gorkha to catch the attention of the public, effectively disseminating messages about equine welfare and encouraging community involvement. The radio jingles, designed to be catchy and memorable, were broadcast across the Far West of Nepal through Bagheswori FM ensuring that the message of equine welfare reached a wide audience, including those in remote areas. Additionally, the program highlighted the importance of vital registration and school enrollment for children of equine owners, ensuring that they have access to essential services and education, thereby breaking the cycle of poverty and enhancing the overall well-being of the community.

4. **Infrastructure and resource provision:** In 2023, the working equines of Nepalgunj continued to benefit from the infrastructure developments established in previous years, significantly enhancing their welfare. The provision of grazing land ensures that equines have access to adequate, nutritious forage, reducing overgrazing pressure on other areas and promoting better health and productivity. The established shelters and isolation units provided a safe and comfortable environment for equines, protecting them from harsh weather conditions and facilitating effective quarantine and treatment for those with infectious diseases. In 2023, 69 donkeys and mules used the shelter facilities, these animals belonged to owners without land of their own. Further 14 equines rescued from the roads by the Municipality were also housed in the shelter and one mule suspected of suffering from Glanders was quarantined in the isolation unit. The establishment of the shelter in Nepalgunj has played a crucial role preventing traffic accidents in this big city because owners without their own land often had to leave their animals on the roads, exposing them to risk of accidents & injuries to themselves as well as to the public.
5. **Policy & advocacy efforts:** One of the biggest achievements was advocating for the inclusion of the Kasgar community in the national budget. The Kasgar community, known for its reliance on equine labor, often faces economic and social challenges. By lobbying the National Planning Commission, Animal Nepal successfully secured recognition and Rs. 55,000,000 budget allocation for this community for the fiscal year 2080-2081. This inclusion aimed to strengthen their livelihoods, providing them with necessary resources and support, ultimately improving the care and welfare of their working equines.
6. **Capacity building and community engagement:** Animal Nepal's Equine Outreach Program also includes a comprehensive capacity-building initiative aimed at government veterinary service providers. This training program is designed to enhance the skills, knowledge, and capabilities of veterinarians and technicians who play a crucial role in ensuring the health and welfare of equines in Nepal. In 2023, Animal Nepal's Veterinary Team trained 19 government veterinary service providers on disease management and equine welfare practices. By investing in the capacity building of government veterinary service providers, Animal Nepal ensures that there is a community of skilled professionals who can sustainably support the health and welfare of equines. This not only enhances the quality of veterinary services but also develops a culture of continuous improvement & professional development within the veterinary community.

Equine Welfare Project

Animal Nepal's Equine Welfare Project, launched in partnership with World Horse Welfare in 2018, aims to address the pressing welfare needs of working horses in Hirminiya of Banke district and Kailali district in the Far West of Nepal. In these areas, where the majority of households rely on horses as their primary source of income, horses are commonly used for transporting bricks in kilns and pulling carts.

The horse-owning community in the Far West of Nepal faces significant challenges, including low development indicators related to education, health, sanitation, and overall livelihood. Recognizing that the well-being of equines is closely linked to the socio-economic stability of their owners, Animal Nepal is committed to a holistic approach. The project not only provides direct veterinary care to the animals but also focuses on improving the socio-economic conditions of their owners. To achieve this, Animal Nepal implements a range of initiatives aimed at enhancing both animal welfare and community development. These include livelihood training programs to boost economic opportunities, school enrolment initiatives to ensure education for children, and vital registration assistance to formalize identities. Additionally, the project offers education sessions on zoonotic disease management and public health classes to improve overall community health and hygiene.

By addressing these interconnected issues, Animal Nepal strives to create a sustainable and supportive environment where both equines and their owners can thrive. The project reflects the belief that secure, educated, and healthy communities are better positioned to care for their animals, ultimately leading to improved welfare for working equines.



2023 Highlights

- 1. Veterinary services and health management:** A total of 373 working horses were directly helped by Animal Nepal in 2023. Common ailments in these working animals include colic, wounds, lameness, nutritional deficiencies, skin infections and dehydration + heat stress. Provision of veterinary services for these hard working animals is such an important part of the work we do, without which majority of these animals would succumb to their ailments or endure great suffering as they have very limited or no access to modern veterinary care.
- 2. Registration and welfare assessment of working horses:** in 2023, Animal Nepal completed the registration of 272 horses from 24 communities of Banke and Kailali districts. 2 welfare assessments were conducted in January and August, which showed improvements but the horses belonging to Indian owners needed more focus. The regular monitoring of brick kilns in the program area showed that welfare standards were being met, including workload management and temporary shelter for the horses.
- 3. Economic & livelihood enhancement of equine owning families:** in 2023, two group farming initiatives in Kailali and Banke continued to do well, supported by the local governments, sustaining both equine welfare and family livelihoods. The Saving & Credit groups benefited 111 beneficiaries accumulating savings of Rs. 4, 37,745. Loans were provided to 65 beneficiaries thus reducing reliance on money lenders. The project also facilitated 182 vital registrations and enrolled 164 children from equine owning communities in schools, contributing to community Upliftment.
- 4. Policy & advocacy efforts:** In 2023, the project made significant strides in coordinating with government and non-state stakeholders to enhance interventions on infectious diseases. The Infectious Diseases Act Draft was finalized in 2023 which is a big achievement as the Infectious Diseases Control Act plays a crucial role in enhancing animal welfare by establishing a robust system for disease prevention, management and response. The draft is currently being reviewed by the relevant government departments and ministries to ensure alignment with existing laws and policies. Due to the unstable nature of Nepali government however such processes tend to take a long time as it has to start from scratch each time there is a change in government.



One Health – One Wellbeing Animal Health & Conservation Training Workshops & Animal Health Clinics in Manang District

In September 2023, Animal Nepal, and our partners International Veterinary Outreach, Mountain Spirit, and Snow Leopard Conservancy hosted an eight day training program for Junior Technicians and Junior Technical Assistants working in Manang District as part of the "One Health - One Wellbeing Animal Health & Conservation Training Workshop & Animal Health Clinics".

The workshops were designed to strengthen local institutions to advance domestic animal health & welfare while mitigating human-wildlife conflict in the remote mountain communities of Nepal. Combining classroom based interactive learning with hands-on training, the workshop aimed to empower veterinary technicians who play a crucial role in promoting animal health & welfare as well as mitigating human-wildlife conflict in their communities to support coexistence with carnivores. Through this program, we were able to train 18 Junior Technicians and provide preventative veterinary care for 250 domestic animals (dogs, cats, mules, horses, goats and sheep), reducing the threat of emerging zoonotic diseases spread to wildlife, particularly endangered snow leopards in Nepal.

Very special thanks to our local and international partners and the rural municipalities within the Manang district of the Annapurna Conservation Area for making this possible!





Helping Companion Animals – How our work makes a difference

Animal Nepal works to reduce the suffering of homeless and vulnerable companion animals through a comprehensive approach encompassing population management, disease prevention, rescue operations, community engagement and advocacy efforts.

Humane Dog Population Management (HDPM): Animal Nepal employs a combination of animal birth control and vaccinations to manage the dog population humanely. By sterilizing community dogs and cats and returning them to their original territories, this approach naturally reduces the population over time and improves the health of the remaining animals. Animal Nepal’s HDPM programs are active in Lalitpur, Kirtipur, Lumbini, Nepalgunj, and Mahagadhimai, enhancing human-animal interactions by leaving only the most socialized animals in the community.

Rabies Prevention: Mass vaccination campaigns are crucial in controlling rabies, targeting street dogs to achieve herd immunity. This prevents the spread of rabies from animals to humans, significantly reducing the risk of transmission through bites or scratches.

Dog Rescue & Treatment Center: Located in Chobhar, this center provides critical care for ill and abandoned dogs, with a capacity of up to 45 dogs. The center, managed by a dedicated team of veterinarians, technicians, and volunteers, rehabilitates dogs before returning them to their communities or finding them adoptive homes.

Mobile Response Treatment (MRT): Introduced in 2018, MRT provides on-site treatment for sick and injured street dogs in Lalitpur, reducing the need for transport to the treatment center and promoting community involvement in animal care.

Dog Adoption & Fostering: Animal Nepal promotes dog and cat adoption as an alternative to supporting unethical breeding practices. The organization facilitates adoptions through established guidelines and encourages fostering to improve the animals’ socialization and readiness for adoption.

Campaigning & Advocacy: Animal Nepal conducts research and advocacy campaigns to address animal welfare issues and promote legal recognition of animal mistreatment, striving for meaningful change in the status of animals.

Responding to Animal Cruelty Cases: Animal Nepal actively responds to reports of animal cruelty, providing immediate assistance and intervention to protect and rehabilitate abused animals.



2023 Highlights

1. **1046 dogs sterilized in Lalitpur, Kirtipur, Mahagadhimai, Lumbini and Nepalgunj** - Animal Birth Control continues to be one of our priorities with the work we do for companion animals. In 2023, thanks to the support of our partners Help Animals India, Brigitte Bardot Foundation, Marchig Animal Welfare Trust, Nepalgunj Sub-Metropolitan City, Lumbini Cultural Municipality & Lumbini Development Trust, we were able to successfully sterilized hundreds of dogs in different parts of the country.
2. **1524 dogs treated in Kathmandu valley & Lumbini** – Through our dog treatment centers in Chobhar, Lumbini and our Mobile Treatment Service for Lalitpur & Kirtipur, in 2023 Animal Nepal was able to provide vital medical treatment for 1524 dogs suffering with various injuries & illnesses.
3. **1585 dogs vaccinated in Lalitpur, Kirtipur, Lumbini, Nepalgunj and Mahagadhimai** – Routine vaccination of dogs is the most effective way of preventing rabies outbreaks in the community, thus protecting both animals and humans. In 2023, Animal Nepal successfully vaccinated over 1500 dogs against Rabies in different parts of Nepal.
4. **30 dogs adopted** – In 2023, 30 of Animal Nepal’s rescued puppies and dogs were adopted into loving homes. When you adopt a dog, you are providing a loving home and a second chance for a deserving animal, which can be an incredibly rewarding experience. Do remember that adopting a dog is a long-term commitment, and it’s essential to consider your lifestyle, resources, and ability to care for a pet before making this decision.
5. **68 cats sterilized** – Animal Nepal runs its Animal Birth Control program for cats in partnership with Catmandu Lovers, supported by Help Animals India. Due to the shy and solitary nature of cats, they are not as easy to catch as dogs but every cat that we are able to sterilize, makes a difference to the cat’s welfare and helps to control the issue of cat overpopulation in Nepal.



Humane Dog Population Management Program in Mahagadhimai Municipality with Fondation Brigitte Bardot

In 2019, Animal Nepal initiated the Humane Dog Population Management Program in Mahagadhimai Municipality, in partnership with Fondation Brigitte Bardot. This program was established with the goal of reducing the number of stray dogs humanely and improving their health through regular sterilization and vaccination camps.

Since its inception, the program has held annual camps dedicated to the sterilization and vaccination of dogs in Mahagadhimai. These camps have been a cornerstone of the program, ensuring that a significant number of dogs are treated each year.

Mahagadhimai is renowned worldwide for its Gadhimai Festival, which is held every five years and attracts considerable attention due to the large-scale animal sacrifices traditionally associated with it. Given the cultural significance and the global scrutiny the festival attracts, Animal Nepal recognized the importance of promoting animal welfare in this region. By maintaining a continued presence in Mahagadhimai through the Humane Dog Population Management Program and our Farm Animal Welfare Program, Animal Nepal aims to show the local community that animals deserve care and consideration. This ongoing commitment not only addresses the immediate needs of the stray dog population but also helps to slowly develop a culture of compassion and responsibility towards animals among the residents.

In March 2023, Brigitte Auloy, a representative of our partner organization Fondation Brigitte Bardot, visited Mahagadhimai during our annual camp. During her visit, Brigitte had the opportunity to see our work firsthand and meet with local authorities, including the mayor of Gadhimai.



The consistent efforts in sterilizing and vaccinating dogs have led to a natural reduction in their population over time, while also ensuring that the remaining dogs are healthier and less likely to spread diseases. This humane approach has helped improve the overall health and well-being of the dog population in Mahagadhimai. Our continued dedication to this program emphasizes our commitment to animal welfare and our belief in humane and effective solutions to animal population management. The program's success in Mahagadhimai serves as a model for other regions and highlights the importance of sustained, compassionate intervention in promoting animal welfare.



Helping Farm Animals – How our work makes a difference

Animal Nepal's Farm Animal Welfare Program is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of farm animals especially those used for food, through a multifaceted approach. One of the primary objectives is the implementation of Transportation Standards to ensure humane handling and transport of farm animals as the transportation of live animals under horrific conditions is common place in Nepal. This involves advocating for regulations that minimize stress and suffering during transit, such as proper loading and unloading practices, adequate ventilation, sufficient space, and access to food and water. By promoting and enforcing these standards, the program aims to reduce the incidence of injuries, disease, and mortality associated with the transportation of farm animals.



Another significant focus of the program is ensuring that poultry farms adhere to the Five Freedoms welfare standards. These standards serve as a benchmark for evaluating and improving animal welfare practices on farms. Animal Nepal conducts regular assessments and provides guidance to poultry farmers on how to meet these standards, fostering an environment where animals can thrive and exhibit natural behaviors. Promoting cage-free eggs is a key component of the program. Animal Nepal advocates for the transition from conventional battery cages to cage-free systems, where hens have more space to move, perch, and engage in natural behaviors such as dust bathing and nesting. This shift not only improves the physical and psychological well-being of the hens but also aligns with growing consumer demand for ethically produced food. The program supports farmers in making this transition through training, resources, and market connections to ensure a sustainable and profitable shift to cage-free egg production.

Additionally, Animal Nepal campaigns vigorously against the confinement of layer hens in battery cages. These cages, which severely restrict the movement and behavior of hens, are associated with numerous welfare concerns, including skeletal problems, feather loss, and high levels of stress. The campaign involves raising public awareness about the issues associated with battery cages, lobbying for legislative changes to ban or phase out their use, and encouraging consumers to choose cage-free eggs. Through these efforts, the program aims to eliminate the use of battery cages and promote more humane farming practices.

In summary, Animal Nepal's Farm Animal Welfare Program is committed to improving the welfare of farm animals by implementing humane transportation standards, ensuring adherence to the Five Freedoms, promoting cage-free egg production, and campaigning against battery cages. These initiatives work synergistically to create a more humane and sustainable farming environment, benefiting both animals and farmers.



2023 Highlights

- 1. Formulation of the Model Animal Welfare Act:** Drafted a Model Animal Welfare Act in collaboration with the Federation of Animal Welfare Nepal (FAWN) and other welfare/rights groups. This Act is a crucial step towards creating a legal framework that enforces humane treatment of animals. By drafting a model Act, Animal Nepal has provided a structured guideline that can influence national legislation. The Act's presentation to the government signifies a move towards formalizing animal welfare standards in law, ensuring better protection and rights for animals.
- 2. Animal Welfare Training for Police:** Obtained approval to conduct animal welfare training for police officers across all seven provinces of Nepal, aiming to integrate animal welfare into the police training curriculum. This is pivotal as it incorporates animal welfare into law enforcement training, ensuring that police officers are equipped to handle animal cruelty cases effectively. By integrating animal welfare into the police curriculum, Animal Nepal is promoting a culture of respect and protection for animals within law enforcement, which can lead to more robust enforcement of animal welfare laws.
- 3. Media Collaboration:** Signed an MoU with the "Policy Dialogue" TV program to create episodes highlighting animal welfare. Media collaborations are essential for raising public awareness and educating the broader community about animal welfare. By partnering with a prominent TV program, Animal Nepal has leveraged media reach to spotlight critical animal welfare issues, engage public interest, and foster a more informed and compassionate society regarding animal treatment.
- 4. Field Visits and Monitoring:** Conducted regular field visits and interactions with drivers and handlers in Bara district, and monitored poultry farms in Kathmandu and Chitwan to ensure adherence to welfare standards. These are critical for implementing and enforcing animal welfare standards on the ground. These visits allow for direct assessment of welfare practices, immediate intervention if standards are not met, and engagement with stakeholders to promote best practices. This hands-on approach helps ensure that welfare standards are upheld and that any issues are addressed promptly.
- 5. Awareness Among Stakeholders:** Made significant progress in raising awareness among stakeholders, including government, policymakers, suppliers, hotel and restaurant groups, and the media, about farm animal welfare. Raising awareness among diverse stakeholders is crucial for creating a broad base of support for animal welfare initiatives. By educating and engaging various sectors, Animal Nepal hopes to build a collaborative approach to improving welfare practices, leading to more comprehensive and effective solutions. Increased awareness can drive policy changes, influence industry practices, and enhance public support for animal welfare.
- 6. Support from Open Wing Alliance (OWA):** Received support from OWA for capacity building, training, advocacy, communications, campaign management, and policy development related to ending the confinement of layer hens in cages. This provides Animal Nepal with the resources and expertise needed to effectively advocate for and implement changes in animal welfare practices. OWA's assistance enhances Animal Nepal's capacity to manage campaigns, develop policies, and execute advocacy strategies, particularly in addressing the issue of confinement of layer hens, which is a critical aspect of improving the welfare of farm animals.

Dukuchhap Animal Sanctuary – a haven for our rescued animals

For 16 years, our Dukuchhap Animal Sanctuary has been home to several rescued animals. Our sanctuary is currently home to 5 donkeys, 1 hinny, 6 horses, 4 mules, 4 goats, 2 bulls, 1 cow, 1 buffalo, 1 turkey and 9 dogs. Each of the animals that have come into our sanctuary have their own story of suffering to tell and represent millions others like them who are exploited for various reasons. While we may not be able to rescue every animal in need, the ones at our sanctuary are able to live a life without fear and hardship.

Our longer term vision for the sanctuary is for it to become a compassionate alternative to zoos, where people, especially children can learn about the animals and interact with them in conditions, where they are not deprived of exhibiting their natural behaviors. The stories of the survivors in our sanctuary can act as a message of hope, healing and compassion, which will hopefully encourage people to treat animals with kindness.

This year, we welcomed a big group of new residents to our sanctuary, 3 donkeys, 1 hinny, 1 horse, 1 cow, 1 buffalo, 1 turkey and 9 dogs! It's been a busy and challenging year making space for all these additional animals but we wouldn't have it any other way! All of the working animals at our sanctuary are sponsored by our long-term friends Animal Aid Abroad, to whom we remain grateful. Thanks to support from The Frick Foundation and individual local supporters over the years, we have been able to create a beautiful place for our animals.





Animal Nepal veterinary internship program

In 2023, Animal Nepal provided internship opportunity to 34 final year veterinary students from HICAST – Himalayan College of Agricultural Sciences & Technology. The interns spend 1 month with us and spend 15 days at our dog treatment center and 15 days at our animal sanctuary where they learn about larger animals.

Our internship program provides valuable hands-on clinical experience in veterinary medicine. The interns have the opportunity to assist in examinations, treatments, surgeries and other procedures under the supervision of Animal Nepal’s Vets, who incidentally are also all previous interns of Animal Nepal! This practical experience helps to enhance their technical skills and give them a deeper understanding of veterinary practice especially in the context of an animal rescue organization. The interns are also exposed to a wide range of cases which they would not otherwise encounter in a traditional veterinary clinic setting, which helps them to develop their problem solving skills and adaptability in different situations.

By interning with an animal welfare organization, the interns actively contribute to our mission and makes a difference in the lives of animals. Most importantly, this internship opportunity provides exposure to the broader aspects of animal welfare work, allowing the interns to understand the interconnectedness of veterinary care and the overall welfare of animals.



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