

2011

Annual Report



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“Touching Lives”

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Main accomplishments

← Organised fun workshops for child donkey handlers



→ Launched new educational materials



← Piloted Equine Convoy Programme



→ Rescued countless sick stray dogs



← Organised workshops for young professional with Mayhew Team



→ Danced to campaign against 'Blood Bricks'



Introduction

2011: Touching Lives

2011 was the year in which Animal Nepal was able to touch countless lives and create a strong bond between suffering animals and their care takers.

Among the most visible successes of 2011 are:

- ✓ Organised workshops for young professionals with the help of Mayhew International Home
- ✓ Piloted a convoy programme to bring working equines safely back home
- ✓ Brought child donkey handlers together in fun, educational workshops
- ✓ Invited street children to meet street dogs at our shelter
- ✓ Campaigned against 'Blood Bricks' as founder member of BrickClean Network
- ✓ Organised weekly education camps in the community in which we conduct Animal Birth Control/Anti Rabies
- ✓ Spayed 518 female dogs; vaccinated and treated 1793 dogs
- ✓ Introduced successful leg amputation for dogs
- ✓ Organised regular clinics for working equines in 13 brick factories
- ✓ Treated over 2000 working equines; rescued over ten

In 2011, we continued to build on our approach to address both short and long term needs of stray and working animals. We rehabilitated sick and injured animals at our two sanctuaries, and organized education and treatment mobile camps within the community. We also reduced the stray dog population through sterilizations, and improved the conditions of working equines during transportation.

By focusing on preventive treatment and education, improving our treatment strategies, and continuously lobbying for improved standards, we feel we are providing long term solutions to the overwhelming suffering of Nepal's pets, stray and working animals.

One such example is **Kutto**. Suffering from multiple fractures, this emaciated male dog at first was very scared to be with us. There was no other option but to amputate his back right leg. Once he recovered from surgery, Kutto became

interested in the dogs and people around him. He was released in his old spot and occasionally comes back to greet us.

Another such example is **Buddy**, a lame, dehydrated horse with a painful hoof condition. He too felt apprehensive at the sanctuary when our staff started treating him, but soon realized his days of scavenging were over. Buddy's hoof is improving and he has become very protective of his donkey girlfriends.

In 2011, the political leaders continued to lack vision and unity. The long awaited new constitution is yet to be completed. Corruption created many obstacles in the work of development workers and animal rights activists.

In 2011 we continued our campaigns for the inclusion of animals in the new constitution and the passing of an animal welfare act. As the secretariat of the Animal Welfare Network Nepal (AWNN) we drafted an ideal act, which we handed over to the Constituent Assembly.

None of these achievements would have been possible without our staff. Thanks all of you for your selfless support.

We owe countless local sponsors and volunteers. We thank our partner organizations in the Animal Welfare Network Nepal for creating a joint task force to fight animal abuse in Nepal.

Last but not least we want to thank our loyal international donors, Animal Aid Abroad (Australia), Brigitte Bardot Foundation (France), Donkey Sanctuary (UK and India), Mayhew Animal Home (UK), Serve & Share (Holland) and 30 Million d'Amis (France).

Bless you for your ongoing trust, advice and support!

Pramada Shah & Lucia de Vries
Volunteer Directors

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2011 in Words and Images

January

January 6, 2011 Animal Nepal organizes workshop for vets

Today volunteer vet Dr Ramona Deiss organized a workshop on pain management and euthanasia at Animal Nepal. Vets from different shelters and practices joined the discussion on how to best prevent pain and discomfort, and how to euthanize a suffering animal. Dr Ramona used manuals from WSPA and AAHA/AAFP.



The participants concluded that Nepalese vets would be helped with tools such as a oesophageal stethoscope as it is challenging to judge the state of the animals just from observation. Dr Ramona stressed the importance of

somebody always being by the side of the anesthetized animals, watching out for subtle signs of the animal waking up and catching it BEFORE it starts moving.

26 January - Animal Nepal organizes health camp in Banglamukhi

Today Animal Nepal organised its monthly community health camp in Banglamukhi, close

to the famous Patan temple which is very popular with young visitors. While we catch female dogs for spaying and vaccination,



we also organise health camps, in close collaboration with the local community. With the help of Banglamukhi locals we treated seven sick or injured dogs and vaccinated 28 (both stray and pets). We provided various education materials to the local community, including a leaflets about the importance of dog population control and ways to avoid dog bites.

January 27, 2011 – Animal Nepal honours ‘clean’ bricks producer

Animal Nepal today honoured Mr Indra Tuladhar from Bungamati Itha Udyog for producing ‘clean and green’ bricks



using Chinese technology. The animal welfare organization urges other brick producers to follow the example and eliminate environmental pollution as well as the exploitation of working children and equines. “The industry has the technology and the resources to stop the production of ‘blood bricks’; all it needs is the right kind of

motivation,” said Krishna Singh, programme manager at Animal Nepal.

Animal Nepal’s gesture is supported by Dutch Party for the Animals member Martin Schoenmakers. Together with Animal Nepal Volunteer Director Lucia de Vries he offered a certificate and gifts to the clean bricks producer.

February 7 - Ricky suffers from rickets



Today the Chobar Animal Sanctuary welcomed Ricky, a puppy with a serious form of rickets. Rickets is a bone and muscle condition caused by

a lack of nutritious food. Ricky's front legs are bended severely. Still, the puppy loves running around the shelter, especially when food is involved! Ricky is being treated with vitamins and calcium. We hope his front legs will soon be back in shape!

February

February 27 – Health camp organized at Patan Dhoka

Today Animal Nepal organized its monthly health camp in Patan Doka, where it presently



conducts its Animal Birth Control and Anti Rabies programme. A total of 38 dogs vaccinated while 12 dogs got treated. Among

the cases was a dog with water retention in the abdominal part, one with an eye infection, and other patients with wounds and skin infections. The team also handed out brochures and provided education on pet care and dog bites.

March

March 3 – Nepali girls rescues drowning puppy

Babita, a 9-year old from Chobar, last night rescued a puppy from the Bagmati river. The puppy, who suffered from pneumonia and skin problems, was thrown into the river in a jute bag. Babita heard the puppy crying and convinced her sister to wade into the

river to catch it. The young animal rescuer then washed the puppy with warm water and took it to our shelter. Here the puppy immediately received medical treatment. Babita is very happy that the puppy could be saved. "I am angry with the people who did this. Why would anyone want to kill a puppy in such a cruel manner?" she says. Babita has named the puppy Babu. Animal Nepal will provide the brave rescuer with a certificate and enlarged portraits of Babita and Babu.



March 5 - AN celebrates Losar with arrival of cancer dog

Today we celebrated Losar or Tibetan New Year by welcoming a male dog suffering from



skin cancer and tumours in both eyes. The dog was found by a Tibetan family living in Boudha. "We fed the dog for many weeks but could no longer endure the fact that he was becoming blind and suffered from terrible skin ulcers," the family said. Losar, as the dog has been named,

will be treated with chemotherapy. We wish him a speedy recovery!

March 13 – 50 dogs vaccinate at annual camp in Chobar

Today we organized our annual vaccination camp in Chobar, the village where our animal shelter is located. With the help of Chobar Youth Club and vet technician Rajendra Bista from Department of Livestock Services we vaccinated 49 dogs (community and pet dogs). A total of 11 dogs were treated, most of them for open sores and skin infections.

Animal Nepal last year launched its Chobar Rabies Free programme. Together with the community we aim to make Chobar rabies free within three years.

March

March 14 - Maiti: holy but abandoned

This morning we received a phone call from St Xaviers college in Maitighar. A male calf was hit by a car and had broken its front leg. The students were keeping the calf in a safe place. Our vets rescued the calf, now known as Maiti, and plastered its leg. At the shelter our staff developed a simple support system, allowing the injured calf to stand up every three hours.

Maiti is recovering fast and feels at home at our Animal Sanctuary.

Even though the cow is considered holy in Nepal, stray cows suffer tremendously, especially in the cities.

Abandoned calves rummage through garbage, while old cows can be found sleeping on the hot tarmac.



We wish Maiti a speedy recovery!

March 31 – Students vets exposed to equine welfare



Today we welcomed a group of 30 upcoming vets from the Himalayan College for Agriculture Studies (HICAST). The students in the morning participated in a workshop on Working Equine Welfare, presented by visiting equine specialist Dr Ramesh Kumar (Donkey Sanctuary India) and Animal Nepal staff Dr Sudeep, Krishna and Lucia. During a visit to Bol Bom brick factory the students got a chance to treat injured working equines. At our donkey sanctuary they got a chance to come face to

face with our residents, 13 rescued horses, mules and donkeys. A few students have committed to working with us as a volunteer.

April

April 1, 2011 – Rescued donkeys find a new home at Pauline's Guesthouse



It sounds like an April Fool's joke but it isn't. Today two of our donkeys, Bibi and blind Naina, as well as a mule foal called Shakti, today moved to a resort on the edge of the Valley. The lucky threesome was adopted by the two managers of Pauline's

Guesthouse, both called Pauline. It was an unnerving journey for the threesome but it was worth it! The resort prepared a cozy shed for them, which they will share with two very curious dogs. Bibi and Shakti will join short trekkings with tourists in the nearby Shivapuri National Park. We wish the threesome a happy stay at Pauline's Guesthouse!

April 2 – Fun time at the brick factory

Today, at Bol Bum brick factory, an unusual scene could be seen. A group of around thirty donkey handlers, aged 8-18, were standing in a circle, holding hands. They were having a fun time, playing games, eating good food, trying

their hand at simple writing skills, and listening to a new message: "Don't beat your donkey!"

Animal Nepal today launched a novel pilot project for children who are employed in brick factories to handle working equines. During Saturday workshops, Animal Nepal provides the boys a much needed break by offering games, artwork, snacks and a chance to learn the Nepalese alphabet.

The boys learn how to take good care of the animals. The handlers at Bol Bum brick factory respond with much enthusiasm and have stopped the beatings.

Using discarded plastic bottles and pebbles they invented a simple instrument to make the donkeys move, by sound!



April 8 – Four horses rescued from Nagarkot

Animal Nepal today rescued four horses from Nagarkot. They were used for rides by tourists but were in a sad state after being abandoned by their owner. The horses have gone wild



and are presently being trained by Tek Bahadur Bhandari. After they fully recover and have calmed down we will be looking for good homes for them!

April 9 – Working with animals can be therapeutic!



Today over fifty recovering drugs users listened to a presentation about working with animals at Richmond Fellowship Nepal. The rehab place is located close to our animal sanctuary. The main motto was ‘Volunteering

saves lives and can save yours too’.

Education Officer Sushma Maharjan shared how volunteering helped her to recover from breast cancer. Volunteer Director Lucia de Vries shared some stories of the dogs at the shelter and gave tips on how to work with animals. We hope to receive the Richmond volunteers soon!

April 9 – Animal Nepal staff dance for clean and green bricks

“Say no to blood bricks: use clean and green bricks.” This was the message of a stunning flashmob with 200 dancers on 9th April 2011 in Jawalakhel football ground in which our staff participated with much



enthusiasm. The main purpose was to promote the Brick Clean Network, and its national consumer campaign. The Network was created by organizations such as Animal Nepal working in brick factories to promote socially responsible brick making. Some 200 dancers danced to a choreographed flashmob dance on two locations: Kathmandu Durbar Square and Jawalakhel Football Ground. Thousands of people witnessed the programme which apart from Nepal’s first ever flashmob, included a photo exhibition by Achinto and a contemporary art performance by Karl Knapp.

April 12, 2011 – Chobar Animal Sanctuary gets a facelift

Today renovations have started at the Chobar Animal Sanctuary. Thanks to a generous grant from 30 Million d’Amis the compound will be paved, fenced and the kennels tiled. We will build six extra kennels for sick and injured dogs, a store room and install solar lights and AC in the operation theater. We also plan to create a lab with microscope to improve our diagnostic skills. Last but not least we will create flower beds to create an even better atmosphere for our staff and furry friends!



April 30 - World Vet Day celebrated in Nepalgunj

Today our staff in Nepalgunj participated in a rally to celebrate World Veterinary Day 2011. Using the slogan “One world, one health, Rabies eradication is our goal” over 200 people from different Government and NGOs rallied for more awareness on rabies. The march started from DLSO office and moved through the main chowks of Nepalgunj, including the area where equine owners live. The closing ceremony was addressed by DLSO chief Dr. Puspa Prasad Shrestha, who remarked that “a society and its



people will only be healthy when its animals are healthy. The cruelty against animals should be stopped and

we must raise our voices for animal rights.”

May

May 12, 2011 – Animal Nepal vet joins VPAT conference

Dr Surendra Basyal, vet coordinator of our stray dog programme, today returned from Thailand where with the support of WSPA he joined the annual Veterinary Practitioners Association of Thailand (VPAT) conference. Dr Surendra returned refreshed and excited about the new knowledge and skills he acquired at the conference. He is especially impressed with his new knowledge about current techniques in wound management, autoimmune skin disease and basic requirements for emergency practice etc. Dr Surendra enjoyed exchanging knowledge with colleagues from all over the world. Thank you WSPA!

May 15, 2011 - Donkeys in pants



The three rescued donkeys that were adopted by Pauline’s Guesthouse are doing very well. The managers of the resort have even fitted them with special ‘trousers’ to avoid mosquito bites. Blind Naina looks quite fashionable in her new pants....Thanks Pauline!

May 18 – Animal Nepal helps to rescue 180 birds

Animal Nepal and Roots and Shoots today joined hands to save the lives of 180 birds. The birds were rescued in a raid conducted by Bird Conservation Nepal (BCN) and Roots and Shoots (R&S) on Buddha Jyanti (Buddha’s birthday) yesterday. The birds are rehabilitated at Animal Nepal’s Chobar Animal Sanctuary. The non-

indigenous species will be handed over to the Central Zoo.



Indian traders Firoj, Raja and Naushad were found keeping 300 birds which are illegally trafficked from India.

Birds such as Munia, Blossom Headed Parakeet, Baya Weaver and Budgi Gus were kept in small cages and some of them were suffering from serious health problems.

The raid proves once again that Nepal has become a hub for bird smuggling. Each day, traders sell hundreds of birds in major cities of the nation, making a mockery of laws that prohibit trade in birds. A recent report by BCN concludes that the bird smuggle takes place in the absence of a mechanism to rein in the illegal trade and points out that no bird trader has been nabbed in recent history.

May 20 - Maiti sees full recovery



Maiti, the young calf with a broken leg which we rescued on March 14, has fully recovered. He now can walk normally and enjoys grazing in the area around our shelter. Although we still

feed him at night, soon Maiti will be released fully in the nearby forest area. We still hope to see him at least once a day for some extra treats!

June

June 1 - Lulu the hairless dog



Today we rescued Lulu, a mangy and severely malnourished dog. At the moment she is not a candidate for Nepal's handsomest dog but we trust that with treatment and good food she soon will be. We wish Lulu a happy stay at our sanctuary!

June 3 – Animal Nepal relaunches its Adopt a Nepali Dog campaign

Today we relaunched our Adopt a Nepali Dog campaign by introducing new poster slogans and designs and one month of media exposure. The cool designs were prepared by Shirish Dali. The campaign uses a special website (www.adoptanepalidog.info) to promote the

adoption of Nepalese mixed breeds, most of



them rescued by Animal Nepal. One of the slogans says “Why buy a German Shepherd, a Japanese Spitz or a Tibetan Mastiff when you can have an all in one, for free?” Nepali Times published a feature article on the campaign, after which 3 dogs and a cat were adopted.

June 5 – Campaigners hand over Animal Welfare Act



Today, Animal Welfare Network Nepal (AWNN), on the occasion of World Environment Day, handed over a draft Animal Welfare Act to Shanta Chaudhary, Chair of the Natural Resource Committee.

Earlier AWNN launched a Facebook campaign to lobby for the protection of animals. The campaign, called ‘People Unite for Animals’, drew a large crowd in Babar Mahal.

The act is based on the internationally recognized Five Freedoms of Animals and introduces an Animal Welfare and Ethics Committee as well as penalties for abusers.

The campaigners say animals are an integral part of the environment and that without legal protection cruelty against animals will go unabated.

According to AWNN, Nepal is one of the few countries in the world without an Animal Welfare Act. “This means that animals can be abused without anyone being able to stop it.

The police refuse to file cases against abusers and animal welfare campaigners fail to get legal support,” says Pramada Shah, chair of AWNN.

Parliamentarian Chaudhary said she would promote the act endorsed by AWNN and use the expertise of the network to improve Nepal’s laws related to animals.

June 6, 2011 – Pulchowk mother dog reunited with puppies

Today we rescued an emaciated mother dog from Pulchowk. She had given birth to six puppies, are of whom were adopted. Left without pups the mother dog’s breasts started to fill up with milk and she developed mastitis. She is now reunited with three of her puppies at our sanctuary and will be spayed and vaccinated once the puppies can eat independently.



June 8, 2011 – Abandoned injured dog finds a friend

Today when we arrived at our central office at Ekantakuna, we found that an injured dog had been abandoned inside our storeroom. The female puppy, now called Sathi (friend) suffers from an old fracture, with dysfunction, local trauma, abnormal posture and crepitus. We took Sathi to our consultant vet, Dr Balaram Thapa, who

fixed a pin inside the broken leg. We wish Sathi a speedy recovery!



June 13, 2011 – Victory is born!

Today we witnessed the birth of Victory, the first foal to be born at our donkey sanctuary. Victory is a gorgeous white foal whose proud mother is Bruna, whom we rescued on March 5. Bruna at that time was pregnant and suffered from a lame front leg and refused to work, which was why she was abandoned by her owner. Fearing a miscarriage, Animal Nepal rescued the donkey. Mother and foal are doing very well.



June 8 – Dr Kevin Rushing visits Animal Nepal

Today USAID Mission Director Dr Kevin Rushing visited Animal Nepal and made a tour of our sanctuaries. Dr Rushing is a veterinary doctor with a great interest in animal welfare activities in Nepal. He handed over a state of the art surgery table and two operation light sets to vet coordinator Dr Surendra Basyal. Dr Rushing also handed over boxes of various medicines and instruments to Volunteer Director Pramada Shah. Thank you Dr Rushing!



June 8 – Mike Lilly's art show for animals opens up

American artist Mike Lilly has teamed up with Animal Nepal and Pledge Nepal to organise a one month art exhibition featuring recent works that highlight the interaction between humans and animals. The show was opened today by Dr Kevin Rushing, USAID Mission Director, at Chai Chai Gallery.

Mike Lilly is an American artist who moved to Nepal in 2008. He did his MFA at San Francisco Art Academy. Since arriving in Kathmandu he worked as a Visual Art Coordinator at Ullens School. These days his aim is to empower children in need.

Lilly's recent work focuses on animals. "I got inspired by the work of my wife at Animal Nepal, an organization that reaches out to

working donkeys and their child handlers, as well as stray dogs and cows.”



July

July 4 – Animal Nepal organizes workshop on stray cow management

Animal Nepal today organized an interaction programme on stray cow management in Kathmandu Valley at the Lalitpur Sub Metropolitan City office. Being faced with injured cows on a weekly basis, Animal Nepal lobbies for improved management of abandoned cows which roam the city streets. Occasionally stray cows are rounded up and left on an undisclosed location outside the valley. Representatives from three municipalities and DLSO brainstormed on possible solutions. Some of the strategies discussed were tagging of



owned cows, assigning a budget and opening cow shelters. The next meeting will be organized by Kathmandu municipality.

July 7 – Medicine donation from children’s home

Animal Nepal today received NRs 10,000 and a box of medicines from the President of SEA Nepal, Ms Marie-Helene Duprat. In the past Animal Nepal helped treating needy dogs found in the locality of SEA Nepal’s children’s home. The medicines were handed over by SEA Nepal’s associate Hari. Among the medicines were Betadine, gloves, sterile gauzes, masks and ear medicine. Thank you Marie-Helene, Jocelyne and Hari!



July 28 – Street children meet street dogs

Both are regarded as outcasts by society. They live side by side on the streets of Kathmandu and face similar challenges. Perhaps that is why they have a special relationship: street children and stray dogs.

In a unique program set up by Sangkalpa, Heart Beat and Animal Nepal, street children are taught how to take care of dogs.

In this program, coordinated by our education officer Sushma Maharjan and artist Mike Lilly, we teach children how to better interact with dogs and to see that they are not mistreated.

During a visit Chobar Animal Sanctuary the kids were given demonstrations by our staff. They



toured the facilities and took the dogs for a walk.

The children learned simple commands, and the correct way to walk the dog.

At the conclusion the young visitors were given sketchbooks to share their impressions, followed by sports activities and lunch.

July 29, 2011 – AN treats over 2000 equine cases

Animal Nepal treated a total of 2049 equine cases in brick factories the period January-June. This revealed our latest quarterly report. A total of 507 working equines were immunized and dewormed. Most common health problems treated are harness and hobble wounds, mineral deficiency, dermatitis, eye infections and lameness. A total of 27 donkeys were reported to have died during this season.

Our staff organized four workshop of equine



management for equine owners in which they were taught about preventive health care, shelter management, wound treatment and credit analysis.

Although the suffering of donkeys, mules and horses working in Kathmandu's brick factories remains overwhelming, we are happy to conclude that the presence of wounds and injuries in our working area has reduced significantly.

July 30 – Suffering donkey saved by Dr Sudeep



Dr Sudeep Koirala, veterinary manager of our equine outreach programme, managed to save the life of Anna, a 14-year old female donkey whose uterus prolapsed when giving birth to a dead foal. Dr Sudeep first cleaned the uterus using povidone iodine. He then proceeded by providing a painkiller and antibiotics injection. After that he slowly and carefully pushed the uterus back in, blocking the exit with a bottle until everything was back in place.

Once the uterus was in its original position the mother donkey was able to relax. "I had been working intensively for a few hours on this challenging job, and only when the donkey felt fine I could relax as well," says Sudeep.

August

August 8 – AN team organizes workshops in Nepalgunj

Dr Sudeep Koirala and Krishna Singh are presently conducting a series of workshops and mobile health camps to support our Nepalgunj staff, Dr Prativa Shrestha, Surendra Karki and Radhika Poudel. During a workshop with equine owners, participants were encouraged to form a group and stand united. The group calls itself Gadha, Ghoda and Khachhar Vavasai Sameeti (Horse, Mule and Donkey Owners' Committee). Interactive meetings were held with government and media representatives.



This year we found that our education and lobbying activities are paying off and that conditions are generally improving. Our team noticed that the shelters of mules and horses have been improved and better medical care and nutrition is provided. Donkeys are still discriminated against, but most owners use the plastic sheets we have provided to create shelters where they are kept at night. Generally, greater awareness has led to better health conditions of all equines.

August 10 – AN team treats 18 donkeys in Nepalgunj

During a series of mobile health camps, 18 equines were treated by a visiting Animal Nepal team on an ongoing basis in Nepalgunj. Most

sick equines suffered from open wounds, eye or ear infections, hoof problems or weakness due to malnutrition and pyometra in females. Sadly one foal could not be saved. Dr Sudeep and technician Radhika together treated the badly infected ear of a male white donkey. After repeated visits the ear healed, providing much relief to the donkey and its owner.



August 11 – Indian donkeys smuggled into Nepal to work in brick factories

Animal Nepal is shocked to find that each year 100-300 Indian equines are employed in Kathmandu brick factories. The equines come from Nanpura in Uttar Pradesh, India, a small town located at a 22 km distance from Nepalgunj (Nepal). As per our information, most equines are collected at Nanpura to be used in Nepal.



Nanpura equine owners have strong

connections with the Nepalgunj community. If the imported equine is part of a herd it will enter Nepal through the official route. However, smaller numbers are smuggled across the border. Brokers charge IRs 1000 per donkey to provide a Nepali custom paper and a veterinary certificate.

At Nanpura during off season all equines are in abandoned in the street; no owner has a proper shelter for equines. The municipality runs a Kanji House where confiscated equines are kept but charges only IRs 50 per donkey so owners do not mind paying the occasional fines.

August 11 - Health camp to stop Khokana goat cruelty



Each year in Khokana a cruel ritual takes place. A live goat is thrown into a pond and bitten to death by a group of youngsters. The person who kills the goat with his teeth is considered a 'hero' and leads the procession. Animal Nepal since two years organizes camps in the weeks before the sacrifice takes place, to raise awareness and to convince the community to stop the cruel practice. This year during a health camp for pets and strays, our team vaccinated and treated 30 dogs. Although the camps are highly appreciated, sadly the ritual was not stopped this year but the goat was quickly drowned before it was handed over to the 'players'.

August 25 – AN joins consumer campaign at Real Estate Expo



Our staff this week join BrickClean Network (BCN) representatives to promote 'clean and green bricks' at the Real Estate Expo. BCN encourages developers, builders, architects and other visitors in choosing the right bricks to build 'a clean and green Valley, brick by brick'. Over 2000 people visited the BCN stall.

BCN at the expo will display images of brick factory workers and provide information about where to buy the right kind of bricks. Concerned about the plight of the workers and environmental degradation, the network aims to promote socially responsible brick making. BCN has introduced a certification system in which brick factories are rated according to various indicators.

BCN was created by a group of social workers, environmentalists, child rights and animal rights advocates working in brick factories in the Kathmandu Valley.

August 26 – AN deeply upset by Bhaktapur dog poisoning

Animal Nepal is deeply upset by the recent strychnine poisoning of around 200 community dogs by Bhaktapur municipality. AN lobbies for a total ban on dog poisoning and condemns authorities which continue to use inhumane,

dangerous and ineffective methods to address overpopulation.



The images of 'man's best friend' dying a slow and agonizing death are heart rendering and deeply traumatizing for children and other members of the public.

What is even more shocking is that the strychnine poison was provided by the Zoonoses Unit of Epidemiology Disease Control Division (EDCD), the government body in charge of mass vaccination campaigns funded by animal welfare organizations.

Animal Nepal wants to thank Bhaktapur Animal Welfare Society (BAWS) for saving and euthanizing some of the dogs and standing up against their local governments.

September

September 19 – Mayhew team conducts much appreciated workshops

Empowering young professionals is essential in Nepal. Few (student) vets get the chance to learn practical skills in treatment and surgery. Few realise animal welfare can be a deserving career.

This week, Mayhew International and Animal Nepal organised a series of workshop on good

handling and surgery practices. Mayhew trainers Dr Ursula Goetz and Felicity Forbes demonstrated spaying surgeries, explaining the process from the moment the dog receives its pre op check up till it wakes up and checked with a post op check up.

We organised a two day workshop for welfare professionals. One day student workshops were held at HICAST college in Bhaktapur and IAAS college in Rampur. We hope to organize such trainings on an ongoing basis in the future. Thank you Dr Ursula and Felicity!



September 20 – Three equines adopted by Chitwan farm

As Animal Nepal's donkey sanctuary is getting over populated we are always on the look out for adoption families. Earlier this month our board member Shobha Rayamaji, owner of 1905 restaurant, committed herself to adopting one horse (Jugal) and two of our donkeys (Champa and Sanu).

Shobha's farm is located in Nawalparasi, a ten hour drive from Kathmandu. Today our staff Dr Sudeep, Tek Bahadur and Keshab loaded the equines in a Tata truck and set off for the farm. Upon their arrival the equines were checked by a team from Mayhew International, who were conducted a training at Rampur Veterinary



College. Jugal was treated for a minor health problem, while Sanu and Champa were found to be in good condition. The threesome enjoys its new home, with more space, fodder and personal attention.

September 28 – Goddess fails to stop sacrifice

Today we joined Goddess Durga in her plea to release five buffalo calves instead of sacrificing them at Badrakali temple. Sadly the animals were sacrificed by the Nepal army later today. This morning goddess Durga failed to stop the sacrifice of five buffalo calves by the Nepal Army.

The actress goddess appeared at Badrakali



Temple, urging devotees to replace blood sacrifices with vegetarian offerings. She demonstrated devotees how to sacrifice pumpkins and coconuts at Badrakali Temple. “I do not need animal blood. Please offer me vegetarian sacrifices,” the goddess said before breaking a coconut in front of the Badrakali image.

September 28 – World Rabies Day celebrated with mobile camp



Dr Sudeep Koirala during Christmas travelled with some of the equines from Nepalgunj to Kathmandu and discovered that both equines and their owners are abused in the process. During the 33 hour journey the animals were provided nor with water nor with food. The driver drove like a madman, injuring a donkey and a horse in the process. Sadly two horses were injured and died after their arrival. One horse became fully blind and was taken to our sanctuary, where it died a week later from internal injuries. The equine owners apart from paying NRs 35.000 (€ 350) for truck hire, paid an additional NRs 45.000 (€ 450) for fees and bribes to government officials and unidentified gangs while transporting the equines to Kathmandu.

October

October 17 – Shuri the cat on top location



Rescued cat Shuri at first was frightened by the many puppies pouncing on him at the Chobar Animal Sanctuary, but by now he has learned how to deal with unwanted attention. Dozing off on roof tops, tables and little chairs make a pleasant change from all the playing!

October 23 – Animal Nepal comes to the rescue in Dholahity

Two weeks ago we received an email from Lalitpur resident Soan KC which said: “During the Dashain holidays, I saw three street dogs familiar to me die in my area (a vehicle ran over one and the two died of illness such as prostate gland problems). There are more than fifty street dogs in Dholahity requiring rescue and assistance from us and hence, I make a request for a camp to help these needy animals. The urgent need at this moment is rabies vaccination and operation on female dogs to stop their breeding.”

Today, with the help of Soan and her friends, we vaccinated 23 dogs and treated two dogs. We also rescued a severely malnourished, hairless dog and caught dogs for spaying. Soan

KC uploaded a photo essay on Facebook which she dedicated to Mike E Lilly and all the members, the founder of Animal Nepal for showing me the path and assuring that those who can't express can be understood and taken care of one of the most productive days of my life.....”

The photos can be seen here:

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.838812476351.2269541.44011428&type=3>



October 25 – Dogs spoiled on the occasion on Kukur Tihar

Each year, during Kukur Tihar or Dog Worship, Animal Nepal honours the dogs at its shelter and pets brought by friends. On October 25, mangy dog Lalu was the first to be garlanded and feted on a boiled egg and sweets. According to Animal Nepal, Kathmandu's pet and stray dogs continue to live a life of neglect and abuse. “Kukur Puja is a perfect occasion to promote responsible pet ownership in Nepal. Dogs on this day are worshipped and treated well – something we like to see happening every day of the year,” says programme manager Krishna Singh.



In the presence of 25 well wishers board member Shobha Rajamayi launched two booklets on the care of puppies and adult dogs, Animal Nepal will use these in its community education programme to increase people's understanding of nutrition, treatment and general management of dogs.

November

November 3 – Buddy finds a new home at our donkey sanctuary



Today we rescued Buddy, a malnourished working horse with a hoof so badly overgrown, it could hardly walk. In our equine outreach programme we regularly come across such horses. Injured or sick, their owners leave them to fend for themselves. 10-year old Buddy worked in a brick factory for many years. After developing a hoof problem, he was left to graze in a nearby field.

By the time his owner handed him over to us, Buddy's hoof was so badly overgrown, he could hardly walk. At our sanctuary, the starving horse was fed and his hoof was trimmed. Gentle Buddy showed his gratefulness by nudging his rescuers, Dr Sudeep, Santosh and Tek Bhandari.

November 3 – Starving donkeys saved with nutritious food



Animal Nepal today fed 13 starving donkeys at Shiva Shakti Brick Factory. By the time we heard about the hungry equines, 9 donkeys had already died from starvation. They were kept in an unventilated room covered in faeces. Their hoofs were already infected.

Animal Nepal has reported the case with the police. It seems the donkeys were kept as a bond when their Rolpa-based owner owned money from the brick entrepreneur. Animal Nepal is abhorred by the treatment meted out to the innocent animals.

The donkeys have been moved to an airy shelter and receive daily rations.

November 7 - Donkey traveler Brigitte Blot visits Animal Nepal



Today Brigitte Blot, who travelled with her two donkeys throughout France and Spain and produced

three books about her travels, visited Animal Nepal. Together with film maker Patrick Kersale she is working on a book and film about donkeys in Nepal. She wanted to meet the rescued equines at the donkey sanctuary and also observed and filmed donkeys at work in a nearby brick factory. Brigitte and Patrick will travel with a 'mule train' in the Himalayas and might even visit the equine bazaar of Nepalgunj. We wish them happy travels!

November 10 – Dog suffering from advanced cancer rescued



A dog suffering from an advanced stage of Canine transmissible venereal tumor (CTVT) has been rescued by us today. We call her Asha (Hope) and are trying our utmost to save her life. Asha used to live in front of Nabil Bank, Pulchowk. Since she is too weak to be given chemo treatment immediately we first boost her immune system with hydration, anti biotics and vitamins.

A video can be watched here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5pz2g0seTVg>

November 11 – Hari rescued from Harisiddi



Today we rescued Hari, a young dog whose leg was badly broken and infected after an accident. We had been trying to find him since many days; despite his injury Hari moved around a lot in his village Harisiddi. Hari will first receive anti biotics to bring the infection down. After that a splint will be put to straighten his leg. We wish him a speedy recovery!

November 11 – Monkey kept in tiny cage rescued



A baby monkey which was kept in a tiny cage as part of an 'educational mini zoo' by Anal Jyoti Boarding School (Sunakothi) has been rescued by Roots and Shoots Nepal. After receiving vaccinations at Animal Nepal's animal

sanctuary, the rescuers took the monkey to its new home at the R&S rehab centre in Nagarkot.

The baby monkey was kept in a small cage, together with some birds and rabbits, 'to educate the children about the importance of animals', according to school authorities. After regular visits by Animal Nepal staff, the school management agreed to hand over the monkey. The pet monkey was self harming and showed aggressive behaviour.

Although the monkey probably cannot be rehabilitated in the wild, it now has a large enclosure, hopefully shared with other monkeys in the future.

November 15 – Animal Nepal rehabilitates confiscated parrots



Today Animal Nepal and AWWN, with the help of Balkhu police station, rescued four parrots and a puppy from India bird smugglers. The parrots were taken to Animal Nepal's animal sanctuary while the puppy was adopted by kind police officers.

The parrots and puppy were kept in tiny cages.

The birds were being sold on the streets of Kathmandu, while the puppy was destined to be smuggled to India, to be sold there as a 'Himalayan breed'. Roots and Shoots and Animal Nepal rescued 42 such puppies in December last year.

The parrots are being rehabilitated at Chobar Animal Sanctuary. The police officers decided to adopt the puppy, which now guards the police station of Balkhu.

November 20 – “Take action for stray animals,” urge Nepalgunj campaigners



The number of animals abandoned on the streets of Nepalgunj streets seems to increase day by day. Apart from dogs, cows, donkey, mules and even horses are left to fend for themselves. As a result, the number of accidents is increasing. Animal Nepal, in coordination with Youth Organization Banke, organized a workshop for stakeholders to discuss the problem and come up with solutions. The group demanded land from the municipality to keep stray animals, and urged the authorities to take immediate action.

The following participants brainstormed about Nepalgunj' stray animals:

Mr Sunil Kumar Sharma - President FNCCI-Banke

Mr Birendra Dev Bharati - Executive officer Nepalgunj Municipality

Mr Ramesh Shah - Development officer DDC Banke

Mr Bishanu Paudel - Legal Officer District Admin Office Banke

Mr Janak Ram Bhandari - Vet Officer DLHRO

Mr Bir bd Oli- Jr Officer Traffic Office

Deepak GM - Central Comittee member Youth Organization

Sushma Chaudhary - Central Committee member Youth Organization
Surendra Karki - Animal Nepal
Dr Prativa Shrestha - Animal Nepal

December 8 – Saying good bye to Narayan Khanal



Today we had to say good bye to our loyal, gifted vet technician Narayan Khanal, who dedicated two years to the Chobar Animal Sanctuary. He plans to open a farm or nursery and we wish him every bit of luck in his new endeavors. We will miss you, Narayan!

December 10 – A special gift for the dogs in our care

The Manandhar family has been visiting our shelter regularly to walk and play with the dogs. Last Saturday they brought a great treat: delicious food for all the dogs in our care. Needless to say the dogs were delighted. Thank you Sarju, Lhakpa, Movie, Sylvie and Anoushka!



December 11 – Vet saves dying mother donkey

This week Dr Surendra managed to save the life of a working donkey, whose foal had died inside the womb. It was a close call for the mum, who had to be revived with fluids. Animal Nepal's equine vet, Dr Sudeep, was at work in Nepalgunj but guided his colleague on the phone. Sadly we come across many cases like this. The main reason is the fact that pregnant equines are forced to work.



April 30 - World Vet Day celebrated in Nepalgunj

Today at the Summit Christmas Bazaar volunteer Shristi and friends handed out information and sold handicraft at the Animal Nepal stall. Thanks, you wonderful people!



December 25 – Convoy programme creates safe transport for equines

Animal Nepal this week organised a large scale donkey convoy from Nepalgunj in western Nepal, to Kathmandu. Due to the great interest among equine owners and brokers, the convoy was joined by 10 trucks with 280 working equines.

Building on the pilot convoy programme which Animal Nepal conducted last Spring, the organization prepared a large scale convoy programme this time round. The programme was organised with the support of the



Department of Livestock Services and the Central Animal Quarantine Office.

The convoy arrived from Nepalgunj at Thankot, Kathmandu, after a 24 hour journey across the country. We managed to reduce the travelling hours by 50%, the fees and bribes by 500%. No equine fell sick or injured. Sadly unknown to the staff one pregnant donkey will allowed to join.

She gave birth on the journey but her foal did not survive.

Although the convoy can be considered a great success, a number of problems need to be noted. The child handlers this year were recruited in India. Contrary to the Nepalese handlers, they have not received any education in animal welfare. The handlers did not appear to have any compassion for the animals, which was a great source of frustration for our staff. One of our main focus areas this season will be the education of Indian child handlers.

December 27 – Donkeys suffer from cold wave



The cold wave this winter is affecting equines too....In Nepalgunj, Dr Pratiba treated this donkey suffering from pneumonia. Its owner used a handmade blanket to keep it warm.

Animal Nepal Team in 2011

S.N.	Name	Position	Date of joining
1	Pramada Shah	Vice President, Volunteer Director	April 2008
2	Lucia de Vries	Volunteer Director	April 2004
3	Krishna Singh	Programme Coordinator	March 2009
4	Dr. Sudeep Koirala	Veterinary Manager Equine Programme	March 2009
5	Dr. Surendra Basyal	Veterinary Manager Dog Programme	August 2009
7	Dr Prativa Shrestha	Veterinarian Nepalgunj	June 2010
8	Surendra Karki	Outreach coordinator Nepalgunj	June 2010
9	Iswori Maharjan	Caretaker	July 2010
10	Mohan Maharjan	Caretaker	Sept 2009
11	Santosh Gautam	Caretaker	Nov 2010
12	Balkrishna Neupane	Caretaker	Aug 2010
14	Santosh Khatiwada	Campaign coordinator AWNN	Nov 2010
15	Narayan Khanal	Vet technician dogs	Dec 2009–Dec 2011
16	Keshab Dahal	Vet technician donkeys	Nov 2010–Nov 2011
17	Hari Khadka	Shelter caretaker	Dec 2010
18	Sushma Maharjan	Education officer	Oct 2010 –Dec 2011
19	Subindra Deula	Caretaker	Dec 2011
20	Sangeeta Deula	Caretaker	Dec 2011
21	Tara Budha Toki	Vet technician	Dec 2011
Volunteers			
1	Sushma KC	Volunteer Vet	Nov 2010
2	Jiggy Gatton	Volunteer Communication	April 2004
3	Martin Schoenmaker	Volunteer Admin	Nov 2010
4	Shristi Singh Shrestha	Volunteer Communication	July 2010

Financial Report 2011

INCOME

Source	NRs	Euro
Overseas grants Animal Nepal	4.187.268	42.968
Overseas grants Animal Welfare Network Nepal	508.900	5.222
Overseas grants Construction	1.459.807	14.980
Local donations	447.421	4.591
Sponsorship donkeys	472.083	4.844
Bank interest	100.873	1.035
Total	7.176.352	73.641

EXPENDITURE

Source	NRs	Euro
Chobar Animal Sanctuary and Dog Outreach Programme	1.113.885	11.430
Godavari Donkey Sanctuary and Donkey Outreach Programme	871.548	8.944
Animal Welfare Network Nepal Campaigns	1.011.405	10.379
Ambulance	127.402	1.307
Salaries	1.723.586	17.687
Administration	638.888	6.556
Transportation	645.300	6.622
Construction	953.023	9.780
Total	7.085.037	72.704

Equine Treatment Report 2011

CASE HANDLED	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TO-TAL
Harness wound	12	30	20	15	7	5	1	0	0	0	2	3	95
Saddle wound	23	18	14	8	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	70
Hobbles wound	26	40	38	30	16	4	0	5	1	0	1	0	161
Hoof problem/growth	18	12	7	5	2	7	0	1	2	1	1	0	56
Leg lameness	6	26	20	14	3	3	0	2	0	0	1	1	76
Eyes problems	20	32	23	13	5	6	1	1	1	1	0	1	104
Mixed infection	2	7	4	5	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	25
Pyrexia	8	5	9	5	2	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	33
Anemic condition	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	10
Mineral deficiency	95	21	15	2	3	5	7	3	2	2	0	0	155
An urea condition	1	12	18	13	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	51
Diarrhea/gastrointestinal problems	3	4	3	4	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	19
Colic	1	3	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	12
Respiratory problem	26	4	5	7	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	48
Circling movements	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Dystocia condition	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
Dermatitis	45	4	2	4	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	61
Anal prolapsed	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Tetanus vaccine immunized	485	0	0	22	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	512
rabies	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Worming	485	0	0	22	0	0	12	0	53	0	0	0	572
Emergency treatment	4	5	4	6	2	2	1	2	2	3	0	0	31
Strangles suspected case	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Maggot infection	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	8
Other wounds /injuries	25	12	10	16	8	3	0	1	2	2	0	0	79
total	1291	243	204	202	64	45	31	22	71	13	7	10	2203

Dog Treatment Report 2011

Disease	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Skin disease	8	12	17	11	7	12	13	9	7	13	8	4	121
Wounds	7	2	2	3	3		5	5	7	6	2	3	45
Malnutrition		2	2		1		2	3		7			17
Nostril Opening										1			1
Diarrhea	1	2				1	2					1	7
Distemper vaccine		1		2							1	8	12
Tumor				1	1								2
Eye infection		3			1		2		2			2	10
Tick in ear						2							2
Ascitis		1											1
Ear infection	5	4			1		1	3					14
Lameness		1		3			1	4					9
Epistaxis		1											1
Fracture				1			1	1					3
Ear Haematoma			1					1					2
Paralysis		1	3		2				1				7
CTVT	1	1	4		3	4	2	5		1	3	3	27
Osteoporosis	1												1
Spinal injury		1			1								2
Parvo				1									1
Vomiting								1	1				2
Respiratory Problems				1									1
Uterine prolapse								1					1
Payometra	7	6	4	5	6	6	3	1	1	2	2	6	49
Ovarian cysts			2	2	3	1	3	5	1		2	9	28
TOTAL	30	38	38	30	29	26	35	39	20	30	18	36	369

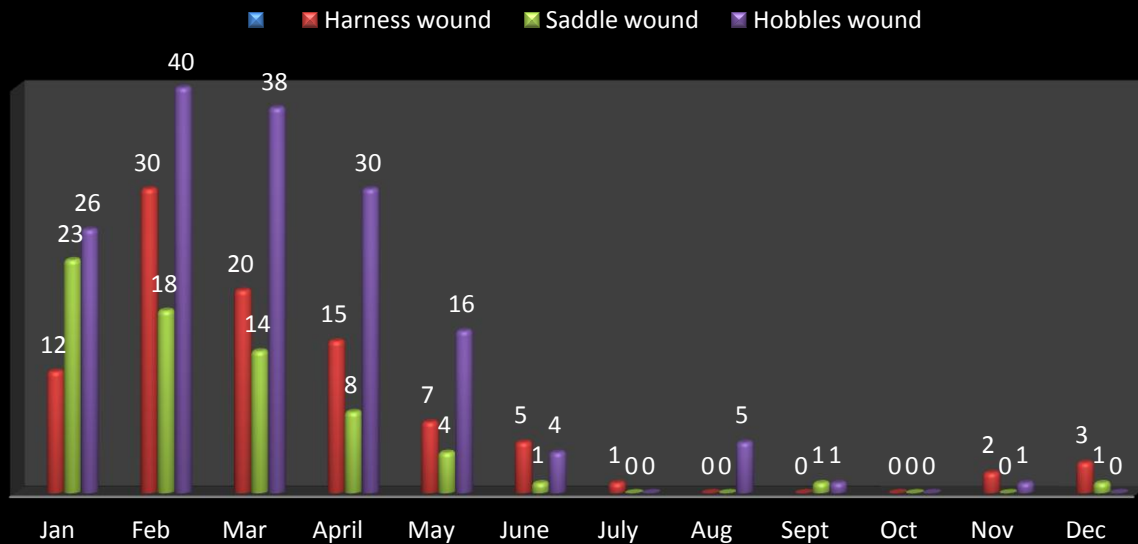
Summary of main Interventions dogs

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Dog	30	38	38	30	29	26	35	39	20	30	18	36	369
Treatment													
Spaying	47	41	41	20	46	49	70	53	37	33	37	44	518
Rabies vaccine	76	82	88	64	50	87	95	108	113	58	41	44	906
Total													1793 (1275)¹

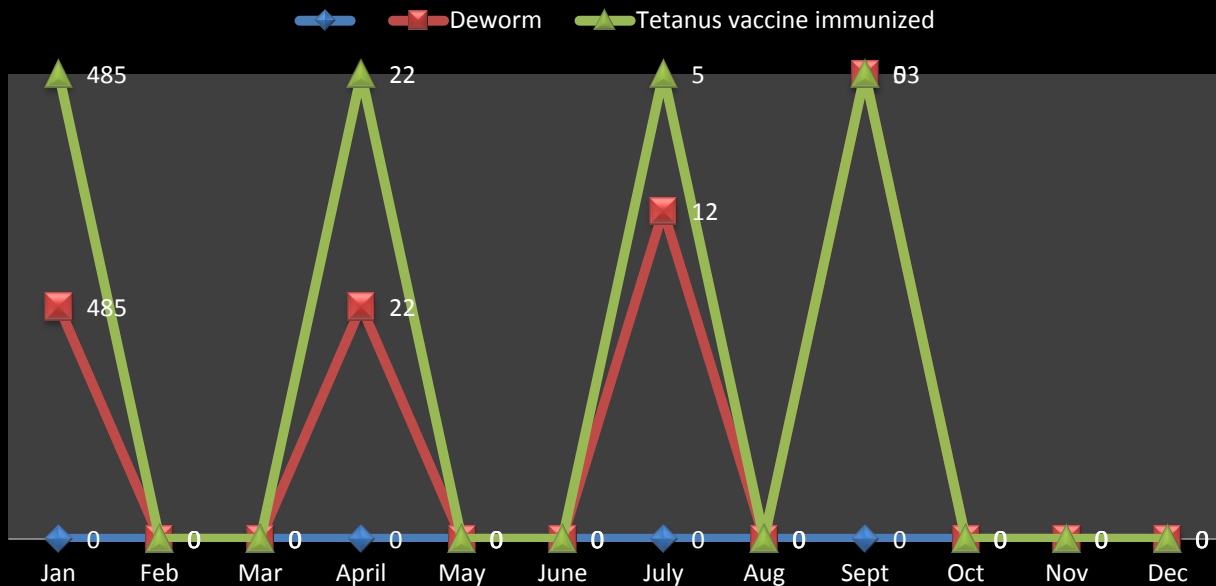
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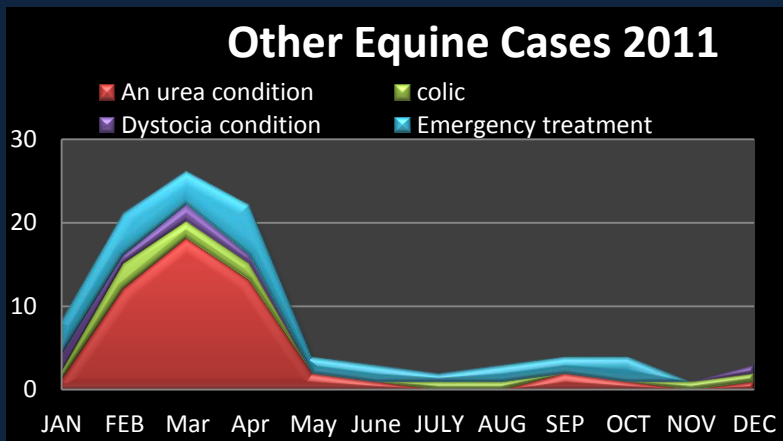
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Working Equine Wounds In Brick Kiln 2011

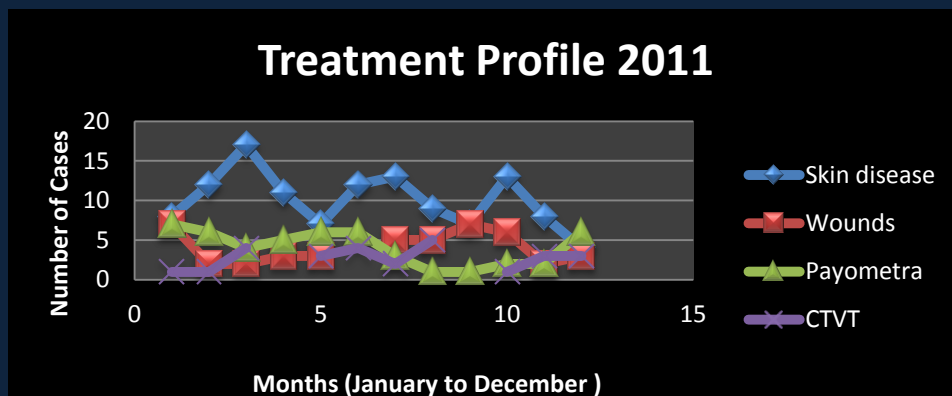
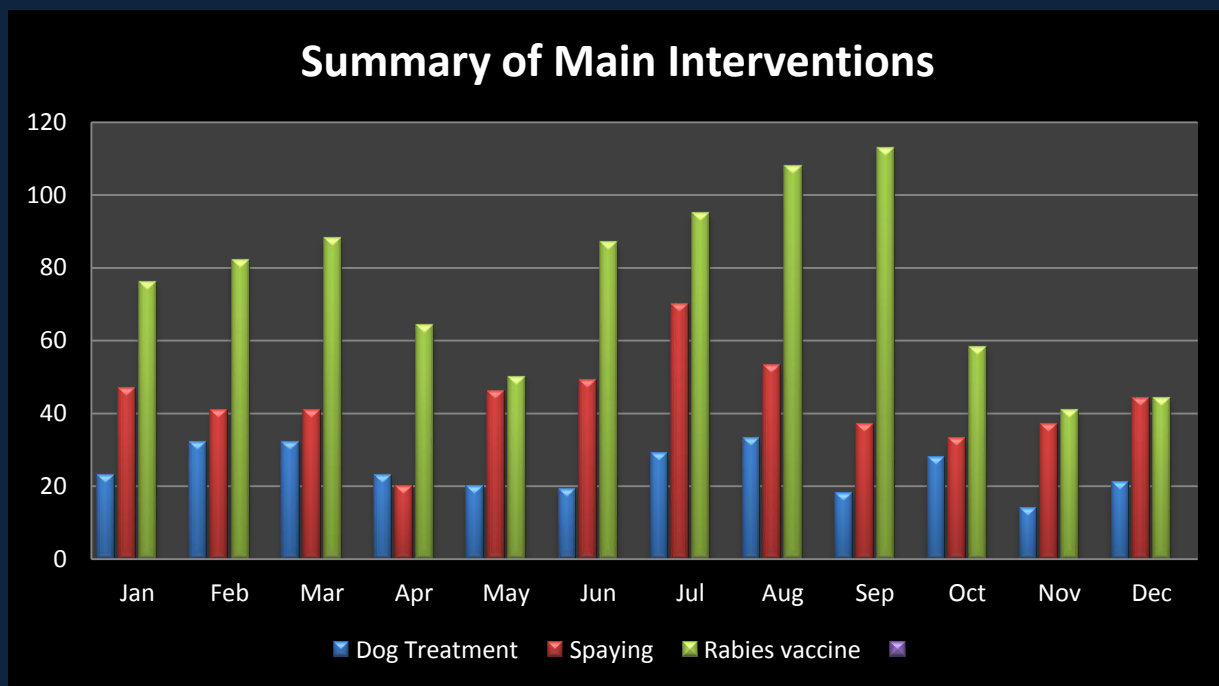


Vaccination & Deworming For Equine 2011





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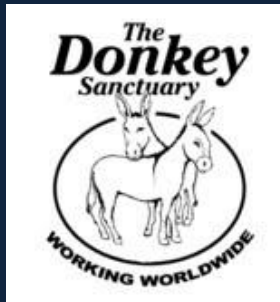




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