

2012

Annual Report



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Main accomplishments

←4800 equine treatments
in brick kilns



→1800 dog treatments



←Successful introduction
of Catch Neuter, Vaccinate and Release (CNVR)



→Rescued
countless sick
stray dogs



←Organised local fundraising
programmes



→Launched Mobile response Team



Introduction

2012: Empowering Communities

Looking back on the year 2012 we feel we have much to be thankful for. We are especially grateful for the support of countless friends, both within and outside the country.

Animal Nepal in 2013 will be celebrating its 10-year anniversary. Having started as a volunteer organization, without an office and using friends' homes to rehabilitate injured dogs, we are thankful for where we are today. We were enabled to design two outreach programmes with sanctuaries, run various national campaigns and help thousands of suffering animals.

Among the most visible successes of 2012 are:

- ✓ Piloted CNVR; conducted animal birth control and anti rabies together with communities
- ✓ Expanded our working equine outreach programme; hired four paravets
- ✓ Spayed 420 female dogs; vaccinated and treated 1890 dogs
- ✓ Introduced amputation for dogs with severe leg injuries
- ✓ Conducted 4800 treatments among working equines; rescued over ten

Animal Nepal in 2012 formulated this vision for the coming five years:

“Supporting communities to take good care of their animals by providing education and treatment support.”

This means AN will be focusing more on empowering communities to support animal welfare through education and treatment support. As a result, last year, together with local communities, we pioneered Catch, Neuter, Vaccinate and Release (CNVR) in Pharping and Harisiddi. We now are now committed to conduct spaying and vaccination in mobile camps in close collaboration with community members. Similarly, with a bit of help, sick or injured stray animals can often be taken care of by the community itself.

In August we introduced a Mobile Response Team. The team responds to phone calls from concerned community members and designs an effective response to individual cases.

Poverty and animal abuse are closely linked. This is why we empowered Equine User Groups in Nepalgunj by providing them business skills training and seed money for micro

credit funds. We want something in return from these owners of working donkeys, mules and horses: improved management and kindness for equines working in brick factories.

By focusing on livelihood development, preventive treatment and education, 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 example of a dog that benefited from our new approach is **Sathi**. Suffering from various maggot infected wounds, and badly dehydrated, she was barely alive when picked up by the response team. After a month of treatment Sathi was taken back to her community, whose people were delighted to find she survived. Sathi is treated with regular leftovers and biscuits, and clearly happy to be back 'home'.

Another example is **Ricky**, a small mule suffering from rickets but still forced to haul bricks day after day. After being rescued, Ricky took a while to realize he no longer would be forced to work. His mood improved after he became friends with Buddy, a lame, gentle horse. The odd pair can be found resting together in the field every afternoon, their heads touching.

In 2012 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 coordinated various successful campaigns, showing that animal rights have been firmly established within Nepalese society.

None of these achievements would have been possible without our staff. Thanks all of you for your hard work!

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), Humane

Society International, Mayhew Animal Home (UK), Serve & Share (Holland) and 30 Million d'Amis (France).

Thank you, everyone, for your ongoing trust, advice and support!

Pramada Shah & Lucia de Vries
Volunteer Directors

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2012 in Words and Images

January

January 18 - Brick season starts with first mobile health camp



Today we officially started our 'brick season' by organising a health camp at Bol Bom brick factory. Apart from deworming, vaccinating and treating the animals, we also treated the hoofs with the help of professional UK farrier Dominic McMahn.

Due to the success of the donkey convoy programme, the overall condition of the equines was better than other years (for now). However, the conditions of child handlers seem to further deteriorate. We met and treated Raju. Raju is a mentally and physically handicapped boy who works as a donkey handler in Bol Bum brick factory. Speaking of blood bricks....Raju is virtually blind. The job is difficult and dangerous. We treated his sores but it very frustrating to leave a boy like that behind in a brick factory.

January 20 – Animal Nepal concerned about rabies outbreak in Kirtipur

Animal Nepal is concerned about a rabies outbreak in Kirtipur. Today we caught a rabid dog at the Department of Horticulture, just ten minutes away from our shelter. The dog was the victim of a feral rabid dog, which attacked 7 people (incl 2 children) and 4 dogs. The feral dog has died already and the lab has confirmed he carried the rabies virus.

This puppy was not vaccinated yet and soon developed rabies symptoms. We euthanized it and keep a close eye on the other victims. We have informed all related departments and urge the government to take immediate action by informing the public and conducting ring vaccinations in the area.



January 22 – Health camp at Gautam Buddha Brick Factory

Today's health camp at Gautam Buddha Brick Factory went very smoothly thanks to the active involvement of vet students from the Himalayan College of Agriculture and Science and Technology.....thank you! We treated over 35 equines, a number of



whom suffered from saddle wounds, dehydration and/or skin problems.

January 23 – Garage Sale for a Better World now a monthly event



Animal Nepal/1905 restaurant's first Garage Sale for a Better Planet, organised on January 7, was a big hit. We managed to raise Rs 17,000 for needy animals. That is why we have decided to turn it into a monthly event, held always on the first Saturday of the month.

As far as we know our monthly Garage Sales for a Better Planet are the first of such kind in Nepal. The term Garage Sale stems from the fact that traditionally in the USA these events were usually held in a garage or carport.

The event was born when Animal Nepal got donated a house full of second hand items. We used some of them for our shelters and volunteer room but realized there was still a lot left. When we talked to Shobha Rayamajhi, who is a board member at Animal Nepal, she offered to help us organize a Garage Sale at her restaurant, 1905 in Kantipath. We combined it with 1905's Saturday Farmers' Market, when a lot of people visit the premises.

Everyone is welcome to sell his or her goods at the sale. Renting a table costs Rs 100 and participants are requested to donate 10% of their income to Animal Nepal. If someone wants to donate second hand items to Animal Nepal, our volunteers will offer these items for sale.

February

February 9 – Animal Nepal deeply concerned about bird flu outbreak



Animal Nepal is deeply concerned about the outbreak of bird flu in Nepal. We are traumatised by the images of chicken being beaten to death when trying to escape. The conditions in which poultry is raised, transported and killed in Nepal increasingly become a breeding ground for diseases. Remember bird flu is caused by human neglect, and cannot be blamed on the birds.

Read this editorial in Annapurna Post by Animal Nepal's Pramada Shah and Lucia de Vries:
<http://animalnepal.files.wordpress.com/2012/02/write-up-blaming-it-on-the-birds-new1.pdf>

February 17 – Ricky suffers from rickets



Ever seen a mule suffering from rickets? Due to nutrititonal deficiency, Ricky, a mule working in one of Lalitpur's brick factories, suffers from a painful condition in which his front legs are bending. Despite his condition, Ricky still has to

haul bricks from early morning till late afternoon.

Yesterday we rescued Ricky. He is a feisty equine, who -for now- does not like to be touched. It's a good thing that Ricky is already warming up to Buddy, a recently rescued horse, who suffers from lameness. The two can usually be seen nuzzling each other.

Welcome to our donkey sanctuary Ricky!

A video of Ricky can be watched on Animal Nepal's Youtube channel.

March

March 11 – Workshop on Enforcement of Animal Transportation Rules

Most people driving across the Terai will cringe when seeing a truck loaded with livestock or working animals. The sight of buffaloes, including new born calves, stacked together in a Tata truck, tethered from their sensitive noses, is a sight one cannot easily forget. The over-crowding and cruel tethering leads to serious health depletion, stress, wounds and infections. Ironically, Nepal has well designed rules for the transport of animals. However, due to a lack of monitoring and enforcement, few follow the laws.

Animal Nepal is very concerned about the cruel and haphazard transport of animals, including working equines used in Kathmandu brick factories.



On March 11 Animal Nepal organised a workshop for government officials to discuss the lack of enforcement. The objectives of the

workshop were to build strategies to implement guidelines, involve stakeholders,

maximize the role of government authorities, clarify the role of non-government organizations and create awareness among the police forces.

Among the participants were representatives of Central Quarantine Office, Directorate of Animal Health, Department of Livestock Office, Traffic Police Office and Nepal Veterinary Council.

The workshop concluded with commitments from government authorities. Among these are:

1. Regular monitoring and checking of highways under the leadership of DLSO
2. Presence of quarantine officers while uploading the animals
3. Regular workshops to be organised by quarantine office regarding the Transportation Guidelines
4. Construction of holding areas and loading platforms in Nepalgunj and Krishnanagar
5. Construction of resting points along Prithivi and Mahendra highways
6. 24 hour presence of quarantine officers at Thankot police station

March 13 – First equine trimming training receives positive responses



In order to build equine trimming and farrier capacity in Nepal, Animal Nepal presently organises various trainings with UK farrier Dominic McMahn and Donkey Sanctuary's Veterinary Coordinator Dr Ramesh Kumar from

India. The first training drew 14 participants, who got excited about their new skills. In the absence of professional farriers, Nepal's equines (horses, mules and donkeys) tend to suffer from various leg and hoof problems, resulting in infections, deformities and lameness. Animal Nepal wants to create a group of professionals who are ready to share their skills and knowledge.

The Equine Trimming and Hoof Management Training is a one week hands on workshop for veterinarians, vet assistants as well as equine owners and handlers.

The trainings, conducted by overseas and Nepalese experts, offer a unique opportunity for interested participants to learn essential hoof cutting skills.

Participants receive a certificate after passing a practical exam. They will be enabled to buy a farrier set at a discounted rate.

March 20 – Pharping CNVR camp a big hit



How would you feel if your living room was turned into an operation theater in the day, and an intensive care unit for over twenty dogs at night?

Probably very upset, but that is what business entrepreneur Norbu Kalden from Pharping agreed to when teaming up with Animal Nepal to conduct a Catch Neuter Vaccinate and Release (CNVR) camp in his village.

With the help of Trinba Cafe and local clubs, we first mobilised the community through leafletting and mobile camps. Volunteer Jiggy Gatton moved the hearts of those who joined a local talk programme about the project.

In total 52 dogs were spayed and vaccinated and many more treated. The dogs were kept only for one night, and checked upon after release.

CNVR camps are an effective and humane way to solve stray dog problems in a country like Nepal. They can replace poisoning campaigns by local governments.

Animal Nepal encourages communities across the country to organise CNVR camps, and create villages where people and canines can coexist in peace.

For more images visit:

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150628966389480.389303.269798884479&type=1>

March 27 – Devi and puppies are now safe

Devi is a malnourished, injured mother dog with a tired look in her eyes. We found her on a busy



road in Harisiddhi, frantically trying to feed herself and her puppies. Unspayed female dogs in Nepal generally suffer from multiple pregnancies, leading to birthing problems, malnourishment, parasite infections, etc.

This is why Animal Nepal addresses the root causes of stray dog problems by spaying and vaccinating female dogs in ABC and CNVR (Animal Birth Control at our shelter and Catch Neuter Vaccinate and Release camps within the community).

Devi and her puppies are now with us, eating like a wolf, and feeling much more relaxed already. We wish her a speedy recovery!

March 27 – Abandoned donkey rescued from Kirtipur



Today we rescued Tara, a partly blind, pregnant working donkey, who was found in Kirtipur. No one knows how she ended up there, far away from the brick factories, but we believe she may have been dropped there by an uncaring owner.

Wishing you happy retirement at our sanctuary, Tara!

March 29 – Rescued Pharping dogs in good shape



Sarawati, an elderly female community dog, lives at the Asura cave in Pharping and suffers from CTVT cancer. Saraswati is one of the four dogs which we rescued during the CNVR (Catch Neuter Vaccinate and Release) camp held in Pharping earlier this month. Apart from

Saraswati we rescued Dakino, a male dog suffering from cancer of the penis, and Segunda and Trio, two very friendly dogs suffering from a terrible skin problem.

Thanks to a generous donation from various kind dharma students, including Kelly MacLean, we can take good care of them at the Chobar Animal Sanctuary. Our staff make sure the cancer dogs receive weekly chemotherapy and the skin problem dogs weekly ivermectin injections.

March 30 – Raju becomes a Bollywood star...

Animal Nepal this year was shocked to see handicapped children working as donkey handlers in Lalitpur's brick factories. Raju and his two brothers work as handlers, after they were recruited by a money lender who borrowed Rs 1000 to their father. All three boys suffer from an eye condition caused by malnutrition. Their eyes are not well developed and their vision is almost nil.

Animal Nepal today took Raju to Dr Sagun Joshi for a check up. Not much can be done at this point unfortunately, but the boys need to take extra Vitamine A and should wear glasses to protect their eyes. Raju said he felt like a Bollywood star with his new sun shades... Animal Nepal will follow up with Raju's family to see what kind of income generation venture can benefit the family.



April

April 20 – With a little help from our friends...



Did you know that some donkeys have worms growing in their eyes? Dr Sudeep Koirala came across such donkeys during one of his outreach visits.

Today the unfortunate donkey got relief. Dr Sudeep and technician Tara, with the help of the vets of AHTCS (Animal Health Training and Consultancy Services) Pokhara, removed the worm from the donkey's eye at Heera Brick Factory.

Donkey eyes need to be cleaned regularly. Eye worm larvae are transmitted when flies feed on donkeys' eyes. This donkey was lucky when a combined AN-AHTCS managed to remove the worm without damaging the eye. Thank you everyone involved!

May



May 2 – Reaching out to Khumaltar's dogs...

After the Khumaltar Youth Club and Khumaltar Tole Sudhar Sameeti were faced with

complaints about aggressive dogs in their area, they decided not to ask the municipality to poison the dogs but to invite Animal Nepal to help solve the problems. Our staff decided to organise a joint health and education camp in the community as well as bring female dogs to our shelter for spaying. Today, with the help of local volunteers, we vaccinated 37 dogs. The community raised Rs 2575 to help towards the expenses. Animal Nepal likes to give kudos to Khumaltar for finding a humane solution to the problem!

May 6 – Campaigners speak out against sacrifices on Buddha Jyanti



Each year, on Buddha's birthday (Buddha Jyanti), clans in Nepal sacrifice animals during their clan festival. Join the campaign to stop blood sacrifices. This year Animal Nepal and other members of the Animal Welfare Network Nepal (AWNN) spoke out against the widespread killings and urged the clans to conduct vegetarian offerings instead.

AWNN reminded the government and clan members how in the 1950's King Mahendra, in order to honor the Buddha's precepts against taking life and clouding one's mind, decreed a ban on blood sacrifices and the closure of meat and alcohol shops on Buddha Jyanti. The ban is still observed to a large degree throughout Nepal, with Kathmandu as the main exception.

Today clans such as Khadka, Thapa, Neupane, Ghimire, Rijal, Silwal, and Baskoti organised kul (clan) pujas in places like Hatiban, Thankot and Lamatar, featuring mass animal sacrifices. According to AWNN estimates over 700 animals were killed. Each clan sacrificed around 100 goats.

June

June 4 - A dream coming true....



We are very pleased to announce that today we signed contracts with the family Acharya for leasing some beautiful plots of land in Badhikhel.

In 2009, when we built our Godavari Donkey Sanctuary to home rescued sick and handicapped equines, we could not dream that three years down the line we would be planning for a new sanctuary. However, after rescuing and rehabilitating over 50 equines, we realized that we needed more space and more visitors.

The new Donkey Sanctuary with a Mission will be a place where animals are treated with kindness and compassion and where visitors can learn about animal welfare in general and about the abuse that takes place against equines in Nepal.

We have leased a larger piece of land just below Godavari, famous for its flora and fauna. Godavari is home to almost 300 recorded bird species, over 80 types of butterflies and 150 species of jungle orchids. The slogan of the new project will be Eat-Play-Love. We envision a place where families can enjoy good food, interact with our four legged residents and learn to love and respect animals in a recreational manner. The project will generate income to support our outreach programs.

June 5 – Curious cows join donkey shelter

Recently the residents at our donkey sanctuary were surprised to find two cow calves in their

midst. Shanti and Anita, as the cows have been named, were rescued after having been abandoned in the fields just below our shelter.



Shanti and Anita initially suffered from malnourishment, but now have become fat and healthy. They are good friends with the equines and with the staff. They love to be up close and personal, especially when the staff are cooking food. Today Shanti becomes a little too friendly with vet technician Tara, whose hair became the object of the cow's curiosity!

June 5 – Harisiddi dog camp a success despite political problems

A community educated about humane dog management. 58 female dogs spayed and vaccinated. Ten dogs treated for skin problems. Two dogs suffering from cancer rescued. Those were some of the positive outcomes of a CNVR-M (Catch Neuter Vaccinate Release & Monitor) camp organised by Animal Nepal and Himalayan Animal Rescue Trust (HART) with the support of Street Dogs of Nepal (SDON).



The camp was organised under very difficult circumstances. Due to political strikes, preparations for the camp were hampered. A hail storm flooded the compound and almost blew away the tent which was used for preoperative check ups. However, once the logistic problems were solved, the teams were ready to roll.

Harisiddi, a Newar village on the way to Godavari, suffers from serious dog problems. Apart from overpopulation, the village dogs are affected by parasite infections, skin problems and other diseases such as CTVT cancer.

Two very committed teams from Animal Nepal and HART worked in close collaboration with the Tara Sheha Youth Club, who raised funds within the community. The camp was the first joint collaboration between AN and HART and we hope many will follow! Thank you all staff and volunteers who toiled under very difficult circumstances to make this camp a success. Thank you SDON for your commitment to improving the lives of Harisiddi's dogs.

June 7 - Books for a cause @ Chai Chai Café



Chai Chai Cafe in Jhamal, Pulchowk, recently opened a small second hand book shop inside its premises to benefit Animal Nepal. Cafe owners Sailesh Bhatta and Shizuyo Shimmei are artists and animal lovers, and long standing supporters of Animal Nepal.

The small book shop is the first venue to buy second hand books in Patan. Animal Nepal is delighted with the initiative and requests you to visit the bookshop. You are allowed to read the books over an excellent cup of capuchino. Consider buying a book to enjoy a good read and benefit the animals in our care.

July

July 9 – Kathmandu calf gets relief



On June 27 Animal Nepal staff treated an unfortunate stray calf, whose hoof was wounded in an accident. Since the calf could no longer walk it became malnourished and dehydrated. Animal Nepal put the calf on a drip, and dressed the hoof. The calf also received antibiotics. We will be following up until the calf is fully mobile again.

July 9 – Volunteer directors receive honorary life membership Animal Aid Abroad



Animal Nepal's voluntary directors Pramada Shah and Lucia de Vries this month were selected to be the new honorary life members of Animal Aid Abroad. They are the only people outside Australia who have received this honour so far. According to founder Janet Thomas, Pramada and Lucia received the honour 'for their devotion, compassion and unrelenting support and help to animals in Nepal'.

Animal Aid Abroad Inc. (AAA) was started in August 2007 in Perth, Australia. Founder Janet Thomas, while working and living in Alexandria, Egypt, witnessed on a daily basis the appalling and cruel treatment of the animals on the streets and residence. in the local zoo. AAA supports projects around the world, including the equine work of Animal Nepal.

Pramada and Lucia feel humbled and honoured. "Please be assured that we will continue to work for the suffering animals in Nepal and will do everything in our capacity to make a real difference in their lives," they write.

July 9 – Nine newcomers at Donkey Sanctuary



Rani (Nepali for 'Queen') is a 15 years old, malnourished donkey who was abandoned in a brick factory when she became too thin and weak to work. Rani is one of the nine newcomers who now receive 'royal treatment' at the Godavari Donkey Sanctuary. When the brick season ended last month a number of equines were abandoned or handed over to Animal Nepal.

Rani is joined by Star, a male 11 year old, who suffers from terrible saddle wounds. Another new resident is Marwari, a 14 year old male mule, whose hoofs are overgrown and suffers from malnutrition. Janet is a 15 year old blind female donkey, who finally will be allowed to stop hauling bricks.

Among the nine newcomers one also finds Rajani, a 12 year old male donkey, suffering from lameness, weakness and malnutrition. Similarly, Chang is a 14 year old female donkey whose saddle wound had become so badly infected she was oozing puss. She and Samir, a 10 year old male donkey, suffering from skin problems and malnutrition, now all will be given the best care possible, hoping they will be allowed to spend a few happy years in our sanctuary.

We also received mother donkey Rose and daughter Puffin, who were rescued by Beverly Waymark and spend two wonderful years at her

Animal Nepal rented a temporary accommodation for some of the newcomers. They will move to the new sanctuary facilities once they are ready.

For an introduction of all our equine residents visit

<http://thesanctuarynepal.wordpress.com/our-residents/>

July 12 - Walk for Nepal, also for its animals!

During this year's Walk for Nepal, organised in Dallas on October 20, 2012, some participants will walk for needy animals back home. The organisers of this annual event are 'Nepal ko Yuwa', a global Nepali youth movement. The Walk for Nepal ("WfN") campaign was initiated in 2011 to bring people together and support one great cause – Peace for Nepal.

The Dallas team members suggested to include animals in this year's walk. "No matter how advanced the country is or literate the people are, animal abuse still exists. Animals deserve to live a life free of torture and abuse just like humans," they say.



We want to thank Nepal ko Yuwa for this wonderful initiative and request all NRNs out there: walk for Nepal, both for humans and animals!

August

August 2 – Animal Nepal conducts health camp to stop Khokana goat abuse

Animal Nepal on August 2 for the third time conducted a dog health camp in Khokana, to convince community members to stop the cruel ritual during Deopokhari festival. Here a live goat is thrown into a pond and bitten to death by youth. The 'Save the Goat of Khokana' campaign is coordinated by Animal Welfare Network Nepal.



This year the festival saw a major improvement when the goat was quickly drowned before being used as a 'bait'. Many influential community members want to stop the ritual and ongoing lobbying is needed to transform the festival into a child- and animal friendly one. During the health camp 61 dogs were vaccinated and six dogs treated. The team consisted of Dr Surendra Basyal, Dr Sushma KC, Hari Khadka, Mohan Maharjan and driver Sagardai. AWNN campaign coordinator Santosh Khatiwada helped as well. The camp has become very popular in Khokana. VDC members and local people help us with the organisation and catching of stray dogs.

August 3 - Animal Nepal launches Mobile Response Team

Today Animal Nepal launched a Mobile Response Team which will reach out to sick and injured stray animals in Lalitpur district. The team consists out of Dr Sushma K.C. and vet

technician Rabindra Sapkota. The team will focus on education, treatment and rescue. We warmly welcome the new team members!

Animal Nepal from the beginning has been conscious to avoid institutionalisation of animal welfare by educating and involving communities as much as possible. We organise weekly education camps and monthly health camps for stray and pet dogs. These camps increase communities' awareness and involvement.

In 2012, Animal Nepal, together with local communities, pioneered Catch, Neuter, Vaccinate and Release (CNVR) in Pharping and Harisiddi. We now are now committed to conduct spaying and vaccination in mobile camps in close collaboration with communities. Similarly, with a bit of help, sick or injured stray animals can often be taken care of by the community itself.

The mobile team will build strong linkages with communities and provide essential stray and pet dog care information. The team will provide a quick response to phone calls from concerned community members and design an effective response to individual cases. The programme is supported by Mayhew Animal Home.



August 28 – Poultry farm turns into donkey sanctuary...

How does a discarded poultry farm become a donkey sanctuary? Easy peasy, with lots of disinfectant and a few bottles of paint!

After the rescue of nine working equines from brick factories in May, Animal Nepal has been on the look out for a place to keep the healthy donkeys. Since the newcomers are in a bad state they need all the space and attention they can get to fully recover without being dominated by healthy ones.



We found a discarded chicken farm, complete with light bulbs. Apart from a large building and staff quarters, it came with a large plot of grazing land. The place was on rent, and came with a great caretaker, Kaman Singh.

By now the equines have settled in, and enjoy the extra space. Especially our youngest donkey, Victory, loves running around like a mad dog. Anyone who likes to come and see the new place is welcome!

August 30 - A hairless dog's makeover

We are happy to announce that Fluffy is fully recovered. The aging stray dog arrived in our shelter in February, suffering from an advanced stage of mange. Fluffy had become as bald as a coot and was badly malnourished.

Skin diseases such as these are rampant among Nepalese dogs. It takes a lot of patience to cure them. Slowly but surely Fluffy's hair grew back, and she became less grumpy. Fluffy now sports

a thick coat of beige hair and feels at home with the other three permanent residents at the Chobar Animal Sanctuary, Nana, Sumi and Lassie.



September

September 3 – Equine owners united in union

In order to strengthen equine owners, Animal Nepal has encouraged them to form a union. After realising that the equine owners are generally landless, illiterate and marginalised people, Animal Nepal felt it is important to encourage them to unite, to address the following:

- Stop system of exploiting middle men and advance system
- Promote safe transport for equines and their owners in the face of lawlessness
- Stop the purchase and use of weak, handicapped and sick equines
- Decrease dependence of factory and equine owners on AN's services
- Improve social and economic status of equine owners in order to improve equine management



As a result, AN earlier this year organised the owners of 'brick equines' in a union. The union collected 20,000 rupees for registering the group with the government (as a business group). The union initially was very active and managed to stop the deaths of equines which were picked up from the street by the municipality and left in the Kanji House. After finding an abandoned equine, the union would take it, and charge Rs 150 to its owner, which is cheaper than the government rates (the municipality charges Rs 500 per equine). This prevented equines from ending up in the badly managed Kanji House.

September 4- Donkeys starve in government run Kanji House

Animal Nepal calls for immediate action to prevent the starvation of animals at Nepalgunj' Kanji House. "The municipality, which is supposed to take care of confiscated animals until their owners collect them, only seems to care about earning money from fines," says Animal Nepal.



At the moment twenty animals have been kept at the Kanji House since fifteen days. Their health condition is deteriorating day by day. If no action is taken they too might not survive.

Animal Nepal has been lobbying for improved conditions at the Kanji House for the past three years. In a bid to prevent the animals from dying from thirst, the organization donated a water pump to the Kanji House in 2011. Animal Nepal also provides free medical check ups once a week. Nevertheless, the animals keep dying from a lack of food and regular medical attention.

In 2010, 25 equines died a slow, agonizing death due to starvation at the Kanji House. In August 2012, Animal Nepal observed the death of a horse as a result of starvation and a lack of medical attention.

The Kanji House acts as the municipality's shelter for animals, including cows and equines, which have been confiscated. Owners need to pay a fine before their animals are returned. The Kanji House runs on an annual budget of merely Rs 30,000 (300 euro), which includes the sole caretaker's salary. The income from fines can be as much as Rs 35,000 per month but this money is kept by the municipality.

Animal Nepal urges the authorities to take immediate action. "The municipality, despite many complaints, has turned the shelter into a graveyard. Unless the budget is increased, fines for owners are revised, and a new strategy for abandoned equines is developed, animals will continue to starve to death at a government facility."

September 4 - Mobile Response Team treats 32 animals in August



If you want to find our vets Dr Surendra and Dr Sushma, you will probably have to search for them on the streets of Lalitpur.

Almost every day they are called to check out sick or injured animals. The Mobile Response Team, which was introduced in August with the support of Mayhew Animal Home, rescues and treats over 40 animals each month.

Apart from treating injured dogs, the two vets have cared for countless cows and even the occasional cat. The team as much as possible treats the animals on the street, with the support of the local community. But there are always cases which need intensive treatment, and they end up at the Chobar Animal Sanctuary.

September 25 – Animal Nepal tries to save injured bull's life



Today is a sad day for all of us at Animal Nepal. We just learned that 'Sare' the bull passed away. We tried everything we could to save the Brahmin bull, but to no avail.

The treatment of 'Sare' was definitely our hardest job so far. Vets Surendra, Sudeep and Sushma conducted a complicated surgery on the Afaldol bull. After a fight with another bull its lower body part and testicles got badly infected.

With the help of countless locals we build a shelter inside the compound of BM Ad Media, chased the bull there and darted it. After treating and castrating the bull, with the help of the neighbourhood, we hand fed the bull for several days. When Sare refused to eat by himself, we decided to release the bull, to stimulate digestion. Although Sare initially seemed to improve, the wound got infected again, and the bull died today when our staff was dressing the animal.

During the days we took care of him, we developed a strong bond with Sare. He was one of the gentlest creatures, who was probably depressed because he was ousted from his territory by a younger and stronger bull, who continued to look for a fight. Sare will be very much missed by the neighbourhood.

Kudos to all our staff, family Ghimire and the neighbourhood for caring and sharing.

September 28 - World Rabies Day celebrated with vaccination camp



Animal Nepal today, on World Rabies Day, vaccinated over 60 pet and community dogs as part of a comprehensive programme to eradicate rabies in Lalitpur district.

At the mobile clinic at Patan Durbar Square, a few hundred community members were educated about rabies prevention and pet care. Apart from conducting vaccinations, AN's team rescued and treated sick and injured five dogs.

The mission of World Rabies Day is to raise awareness about the impact of human and animal rabies, how easy it is to prevent it, and how to eliminate the main global sources.

Animal Nepal in 2009 introduced an Animal Birth Control and Anti Rabies programme in Lalitpur district. "Due to neutering and vaccination the stray dog population becomes rabies-free, non-breeding and non-aggressive, and it gradually decreases over a period of time," said veterinary manager Dr Surendra Basyal.

September 28 – Famous Farm adopts donkeys



Today rescued donkeys Star and Siddhi travelled to their new home at the Famous Farm in Nuwakot. The donkeys have been adopted by Himalayan Encounter's farmhouse, and joined a growing number of farm animals, including goats, chicken, ducks, and geese.

Himalayan Encounters' Founding Director Anthony Jones had been thinking about adopting a rescued donkey for a while. When a part of the Famous Farm caught fire earlier this year, plans were made for renovations and the addition of a stable for donkeys. The farm is an ideal place for donkeys such as Star and Siddhi, who during their working days faced much abuse. They can mingle with other farm animals, and interact with the guests of the farmhouse. After a check up by Dr Sudeep Koirala and a hoof cut by Bipin Rai the donkeys happily explored their new stables, complete with carved wooden windows...

The donkey couple is reportedly adjusting well. Animal Nepal would like to thank the management and staff of the Famous Farm for their kindness. Wishing you a happy stay in Nuwakot, Star and Siddhi!

October

October 1 – Who lets the dogs out?

Some fifteen volunteers today joined our 'Who lets the dogs out' event. They walked all dogs in our shelter and gave them extra cuddles and attention. The walk was wrapped up with a lunch. Both the dogs and volunteers loved it!



October 4 - World Animal Day camp treats and vaccinates over 80 animals



39 dogs, 30 goats, 10 cows and 3 chicken. These were the animals that were vaccinated and treated during Animal Nepal's health camp in Badhikhel, on the occasion of World Animal Day. The camp was organised with the help of local youth clubs and students from Rampur College.

Animal Nepal's vets don't treat farm animals every day. However, when we decided that this year's WAD camp would be held in Badhikhel, the location of our donkey sanctuary, farmers decided to bring not only their dogs but also cows, goats and chicken. It was a busy day for the staff, who were supported by nine veterinary students from Rampur college. Thank you everyone involved! A special thanks goes to the ten medical companies which provided free livestock medicines.

November

November 14 – National Dog Population Management Report



Today the Animal Welfare Network Nepal published a report of Nepal's first "National Seminar on Dog Population Management".

The historical seminar was held at Godavari Village Resort, Kathmandu on August 12, 2012. The Seminar brought together central and local government representatives, UN bodies, representatives from neighbouring governments, and many NGOs. The aim was to secure commitment from all stakeholders to the humane and effective management of Nepal's dog population.

Throughout Nepal local authorities still resort to mass poisoning to try to control dog populations. They are under pressure to control rabies (transmitted by dogs) and other problems such as noise pollution and traffic accidents. However, over the years, the strategy of poisoning has proven ineffective. Nepal's street dog population is now estimated at three million, and many of these animals are suffering from injuries, disease and neglect.

Several alternative approaches to controlling dog populations, from within and outside Nepal, were discussed during the Seminar, which culminated in a Declaration which urges the responsible government authorities in Nepal to adopt humane, scientific methods of dog population management.

The Seminar was organized by Animal Welfare Network Nepal (AWNN), with the support of Humane Society International, Tufts University (USA) and the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA).

November 30 - AN and HART conduct CNVR camp in Godavari

118 dogs 'fixed'; 5 sick dogs rescued; many more treated: hundreds of pet owners and community members educated. Those were among the outcomes of a Catch Neuter Vaccinate Release and Monitor (CNVR-M) camp organised by Animal Nepal, in cooperation of Himalayan Animal Rescue Trust (HART), in Badikhel and Godavari.



Badikhel and Godavari, like most other settlements in Nepal, suffer from an overpopulation of dogs. Local canines tend to suffer from skin problems and traffic injuries, while people often have a fear of rabies.

The staff of the two organisations worked very hard to improve the conditions of both dogs and people in the villages. The team was supported by UK veterinarians Dr Russell Lyon and Frances Coles and a number of Nepalese volunteer paravets and vet students.

Animal Nepal and HART sterilized and vaccinated 94 females and neutered 24 males. Among these were 2 pet dogs.

Animal Nepal would like to thank its donors Brigitte Bardot Foundation, Mayhew International and Humane Society International as well as HART team, the volunteers and everyone else who contributed to the success of the camp.

November 14 – Every dog has its day...



Each year, during Kukur Tihar or Dog Worship, Animal Nepal honours the dogs at its shelter and pets brought by friends. Today 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.

December 10 – Animal Nepal opens office in Nepalgunj; hires two paravets

Animal Nepal today officially opened its branch office in Nepalgunj. AN earlier worked through mobile set ups, which hampered the work of the staff. The office enables the two paravets to store medicine, keep records, and establish their living quarters close to the homes of equine owners. The office also acts as a training centre and increases AN's visibility within the community.

AN hired one additional Paravet, Radhika Paudel. We now have an all women team in Nepalgunj, which helps to connect with the women of the Muslim equine owners.

December 15 – Animal Nepal teams with Saathi to train equine owners



Last year, AN encouraged equine owners and their wives to unite in Equine Welfare Users Groups.

In order to strengthen the groups, AN during the visit signed an agreement with Saathi Nepal to provide services such as business skill development, micro credit and income generation through harness making.

The aims of these groups are the following:

- Enable easy access to all owners
- Increase mutual cooperation
- Introduce joint welfare and skill training
- Introduce livelihood development

Financial Report 2012

INCOME

Source	NRs	Euro (@ NRs. 100)
Overseas grants Animal Nepal	6.190.418	61.904
Overseas grants Animal Welfare Network Nepal	1.045.000	10.450
Overseas grants Construction	834.451	8.345
Local donations	187.079	1.871
Bank interest	98.885	989
Total	8.355.833	83.558

EXPENDITURE

Source	NRs	Euro
Chobar Animal Sanctuary and Dog Outreach Programme	1.413.330	14.133
Godavari Donkey Sanctuary and Donkey Outreach Programme	1.558.013	15.580
Animal Welfare Network Nepal Campaigns	1.008.521	10.085
Ambulance	92.379	924
Salaries	1.948.247	19.482
Administration	740.190	7.402
Transportation	822.328	8.223
Construction	189.004	1.890
Total	7.772.012	77.720

Animal Nepal Team 2012

Name	Position	Date of joining
Pramada Shah	Vice President, Volunteer Director	April 2008
Lucia de Vries	Volunteer Director	April 2004
Krishna Singh	Programme Coordinator	March 2009
Uttam Kafle	Assistant Programme Manager	December 2012
Dr. Sudeep Koirala	Veterinary Manager Equine Programme	March 2009
Dr. Surendra Basyal	Veterinary Manager Dog Programme	August 2009
Dr Sushma KC	Veterinarian	August 1, 2012
Surendra Karki	Outreach coordinator Nepalgunj	June 2010
Ishwori Maharjan	Caretaker	July 2010
Mohan Maharjan	Caretaker	September 2009
Santosh Gautam	Caretaker	November 2010
Balkrishna Neupane	Caretaker	August 2010
Hari Shrestha	Caretaker	August 2012
		November 2010
Hari Khadka	Shelter caretaker	December 2010
Sangeeta Deula	Caretaker	December 2011
Tara Budha Toki	Vet technician	December 2011
Bipin Rai	Supervisor	March 2012
Rabindra Sapkota	Vet technician	August 1, 2012
Radika Paudel	Paravet	December 1, 2012
AWNN		
Santosh Khatiwada	Campaign coordinator AWNN	November 2010
Volunteers		
Jiggy Gaton	Volunteer Communication	April 2004
Martin Schoenmaker	Volunteer Admin	Nov 2010
Shristi Singh Shrestha	Volunteer Communication	July 2010
Melita de Vries	Shelter volunteer	March 2012
Philippa Squire	Shelter volunteer	March 2012

Equine treatment Reports 2012

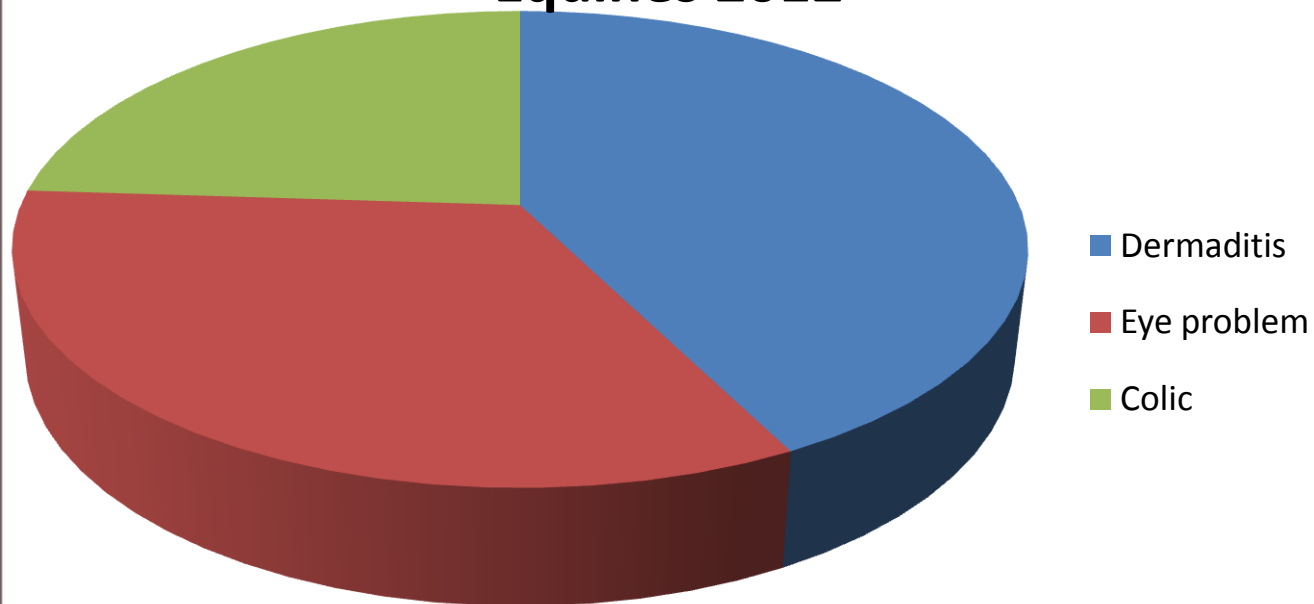
Annual Equine Treatment Report 2012

CASE TREATED	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Harness Wound	190	270	220	180	145	85	54	40	25	23	21	18	1271
Saddle Wound	58	76	72	52	34	18	20	15	17	14	13	14	403
Hobbles Wound	28	14	12	12	8	6	10	4	2	3	17	12	128
Hoof problem/growth	36	22	14	6	2	6	5	3	1	10	15	8	128
Hip Dislocation	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	11
Leg lameness	4	12	14	8	4	4	6	8	5	12	24	8	109
Eyes problems	15	11	7	3	6	4	10	2	2	3	6	4	73
Mixed infection	2	1	3	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	2	0	16
Pyrexia	34	68	56	40	22	8	8	3	6	2	4	3	254
Anemic condition	2	4	9	6	3	4	2	0	2	0	1	2	35
Mineral deficiency	86	46	13	18	12	6	2	2	4	4	8	6	207
An urea condition	2	25	38	12	8	5	7	4	2	1	2	3	109
Diarrhea/ Gastrointestinal	3	8	12	6	4	5	2	3	1	0	2	4	50
Colic	8	5	12	7	6	5	2	1	2	1	2	2	53
Nasal Discharge /Respiratory Pro	2	6	4	5	3	6	1	0	1	0	2	1	31
Circling movements	0	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	10
Dystocia condition	2	4	2	2	4	7	2	0	0	0	1	1	25
Dermatitis	28	18	13	9	12	9	2	1	0	0		2	94
Anal prolapsed	4	6	12	10	8	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	48
Tetanus suspected	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	8
Tetanus vaccine imm.	565	204	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	789
Deworm	565	204	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	20	2	0	867
Emergency treatment	2	4	3	2	5	4	2	1	2	0	0	2	27
Trypanosomiasis	0	4	6	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	18
Strangles Suspected Case	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Maggot infection	2	4	2	4	2	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	20
Rabies Suspected	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	6
Rabies Vaccine	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	1	0	21
Tumor	0	0		0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	4
Total	1641	1022	532	388	296	197	139	91	188	96	131	96	4817

Equine Wound Treatment Report 2012

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Harness Wound	190	270	220	180	145	85	54	40	25	23	21	18	1271
Saddle Wound	58	76	72	52	34	18	20	15	17	14	13	14	403
Hobbles Wound	28	14	12	12	8	6	10	4	2	3	17	12	128

Main Treatment Interventions Working Equines 2012

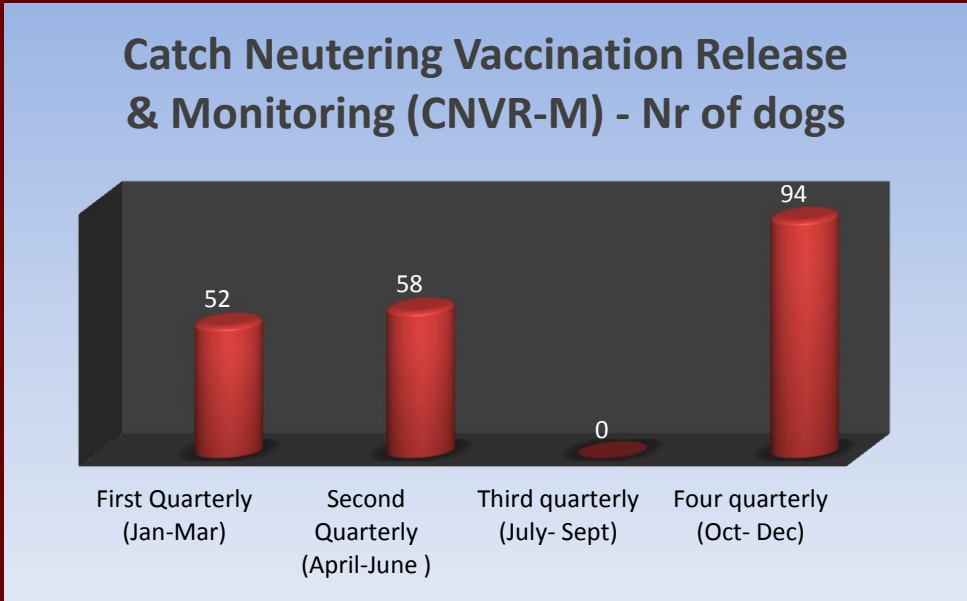


Dog Treatment Reports 2012

Annual Report Chobar Animal Sanctuary

Topic		First quarter (Jan-Mar)	Second quarter (Apr-Jun)	Third quarter (July-Sep)	Fourth quarter (Oct-Dec)	Total
Inside shelter treatment		32	36	29	42	
Mobile treatments		24	27	30	24	
Dogs treated in health camps		6	6	11	10	
TOTAL treatment		62	69	70	76	277
Adopted dogs		2	4	7	10	23
CTVT dogs treated		5	8	8	14	35
Nr of dogs spayed and vaccinated at shelter		122	111	144	30	407
Nr of dogs neutered and vaccinated at shelter		10	5	5	10	30
Total ABC inside shelter						437
Nr of female dogs spayed vaccinated at CNVR		52	58	-	94	204
Nr of male dogs neutered and vaccinated at CNVR					24	24
TOTAL Spay/Neuter		184	174	149	158	665
Euthanized dogs		1	4	5	-	10
No of Information camps		12	12	12	12	48
No of mobile health camps		1	2	2	2	7
Dogs vaccinated	In mobile camp	48	75	123	72	
	Inside shelter	32	36	29	42	
	Vaccinated as part of ABC/CNVR	174	169	144	124	
Nr vaccinated females		214	277	296	162	949
Nr dogs vaccinated males ABC/CNVR						54
Total						1003

Grand total supported dogs						1891
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