**ANIMAL WELFARE VS. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

Animal welfare and concern for the environment are both part of the wider personal responsibility for all species; a sense of caring for the environment and everything in it. Nowadays, various societies and organizations are working for these two causes. Converged co-operative operation appears to have an important future in promoting the view of an improved quality of life for all species. The issue has been discussed widely by Dr. A. Suckling, a known animal welfare activist of UK status, that how far animal welfare has impacted animal welfare and the environment. It is truly, an open issue in which science and compassion merge in the future. But of course, there are always problems - and therefore, an argument for and against - which science has to try to help and solve. Now science is essentially a practical discipline. Scientists working for animal welfare measures. We must have some core best service of the animals and the environment and everything in it. Nowadays, science may be used and turned for the welfare of the animals. In the next two years, five years, twenty years, this practical standpoint it is difficult to see the results pertinent to the hypothesis and then the discipline. A scientist often works by defining the problem, constructing a hypothesis to test, carrying out research to provide objective results pertinent to the hypothesis and then deciding whether or not the hypothesis was correct and, when this is done, a solution to the original problem can be found. From this practical standpoint it is difficult to see how to proceed from the philosophical position that must stop using animals now. He says that it is extremely unlikely that in the next two years, twenty years, or even during our lifetimes, that objective can be reached. In the meantime, the World Organisation for Animal Health shows that science may be used and turned for the best service of the animals and the environment by dealing with achievable objectives in redefining the philosophic improving welfare measures. We must have some core objectives on animal welfare and they must be achievable.

Humane Education is the absolute key to the future. Scientists working for animal welfare must try to educate others, inside and outside science, to promote a more caring personal approach - individual personal responsibility, individual personal sensitivity and compassion. Only when these aims are achieved over a far greater proportion of the population, the cause of animal welfare and care for the environment will be truly linked.

Thus, we may save animals by launching animal welfare measures to prevent Global Warming and Biodiversity of the natural resources.

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**MCD must frame a Policy for Rehabilitation of Horses: Gen. Khurb**

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has planned to decongest the Walled City by banning oldest mode of transport tongas. Owners of these humble means of conveyance have out rightly rejected the civic body’s proposal more out of sympathy for the animals than themselves” reported by a local newspaper. The report also states that according to the current plan, tonga owners will have to sell their tongas out of Delhi and obtain a ‘certificate’ from the concerned district administration as proof of sale of the animal in that town. In lieu of this certificate, the civic body will award a ‘tehsharri’ licence. This is seen by owners as a bizarre decision.

Peeved over the ill-conceived plan of the MCD, owners refused to stop plying their tongas. A front, opened by a group of tonga permit holders, has compelled the MCD to put its phase-out plan in abeyance provisionally. Tongawals have approached the Delhi High Court in this matter, and it was proposed to open two more ABC centres in the city in addition to the existing one operated by the MCD.

He said that the centres would run with the assistance of the animal husbandry department and of the Animal Welfare Board of India. As of now, the MCD has not given any notice to stop them from plying tongas before their permit expires. MCD is trying to persuade them, not forcing them to stop plying their horse drawn carriages.

The reason is that because of these slow moving animals, it is becoming difficult to move in narrow lanes. The MCD officials also added that the Corporation has not formulated any rehabilitation package for animals.

The horses will not be allowed to be used for tonga plying if a tongawala holds a single licence for horse drawn carriage, MCD will allot him a tehsiraz or if one has multiple permits, then the tehsiraz and financial assistance will be granted to purchase a CNG-run auto-rickshaw.

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**FIVE HELD FOR ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE, 48 BIRDS RECOVERED**

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The GOVT. OF GOA
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY SERVICES

NOTIFICATION
No.14-9-AH/2010-11/GSABAW/600

The Government of Goa is hereby to re-constitute a State Advisory Board for Animal Welfare in the State of Goa under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Animal Husbandry) and having the following members with immediate effect:-

1. Secretary (Animal Husbandry) - Chairman
2. Director of Municipal Administration - Member
3. Director of Animal Husbandry - Member
4. Director of Animal Welfare - Member
5. Dy. Director, Dept. of Health – Member Secretary
6. The Under Secretary (AW ) - Member
7. Ms. Norma Alvares, Member of Animal Welfare Board of India - Member
8. The Representatives of People for Animals (PFA) - G-8, St. Britto’s Apartments, Mapusa - G-8, St. Britto’s Apartments, Mapusa - Member
9. Representative of Goa Animal Welfare Trust - Member
10. Representative of People for Animals (PFA) - Member
11. Representative of Goa Animal and Veterinary Services - Member
12. Representative of Goa SPCA Torda Salvador-do-Mundo - Member
13. Representative, PWA, St. Inez-Panjai-Goa - Member
14. Dwarkapuri Gosewa Ashram, Tisk, Ugaoo, Goa - Member
15. The Green Cross, Dattewadi, Mapusa, Goa - Member
16. Dr. Rozario Menezes, Vadibem, Vasco - Member
17. Ms. Pravina Kerkar from Haveli, Curti-Ponda - Member
18. Animal Rescue Squad (ARS), Bicholim - Member
19. Arch, Girish Kalkar, r/o Pratik, Mardol - Member

The functions of the Board shall be as under:-

1. To ensure that the provision for the prevention of cruelty to animals as in force in India are implemented by the Government properly giving special emphasis to amended provisions under sub-section (1) of section 38 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, published in Official Gazette of Government of Goa, Series 1 No.7 dated 16-5-2002 and to undertake study of problems if any faced for effective implementation of such law from time to time.
2. To advise the Central Government in framing rules under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960), with a view to preventing unnecessary pain or suffering to animals especially and more particularly when they are being transported from one place to another or when they are kept or kept in captivity or confinement for any local authority or other person on improvements in the design of vehicles so as to lessen the burden on draught animals;
3. To advise the Government or any local authority or other person on improvements in the design of slaughter-sheds, killing plants, or abattoirs so as to lessen the burden on draught animals;
4. To take all such steps as the Board may think fit, for amelioration of animals by encouraging or providing for the construction of sheds, water troughs and the like and by providing for veterinary assistance to animals;
5. To advise the Government or any local authority or other person in the design of slaughter-sheds, killing plants, or abattoirs so as to lessen the burden on draught animals so that unnecessary pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is eliminated in the pre-slaughter stages as far as possible, and animals are killed, wherever necessary, in humane manner as far as possible;
6. To take all such steps as the Board may think fit to ensure that unwanted animals are destroyed by local authorities, where it is necessary to do so, either instantaneously or after being rendered insensible to pain or suffering.
7. To encourage, by the grant of financial assistance or otherwise, the formation or establishment of pinnapalos, rescue homes, animal shelters, sanctuaries, or the like where animals and birds may find a shelter when they become old and useless or when they need protection;
8. To co-operate with, and co-ordinate the work of association or bodies established for the purpose of preventing unnecessary pain or suffering to animals or for the protection of animals and birds;
9. To give financial and other assistance to animal welfare organizations functioning in any local area or to encourage the formation of animal welfare organizations in any local area which shall work under the general supervision and guidance of the Board.
10. To advise the Government on the matters relating to the medical care and attention which may be provided in animals hospitals whenever the Board think it necessary to do so;
11. To impart education in relation to the humane treatment for animals and to encourage the formation of public opinion against the infliction of unnecessary pain or suffering to animals and for the promotion of animal welfare by means of lectures, books, posters, cinematic exhibitions and other means;
12. To advise the Government on any matter connected with animal welfare or the prevention of infliction of unnecessary pain or suffering on animals;

II Office of the Board, term of office, etc.
1. The office of the Board shall be located in the Office of the Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Patto, Panaji-Goa.
2. The term of the Board shall be three years from the date of its constitution.
3. The term of office of the ex-officio Member shall continue so long as he holds the office by virtue of which he is such a member.
4. The Government may, at any time, remove, for reasons to be recorded in writing, a Member from office after giving him/her a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the proposed removal and any vacancy caused by such removal shall be treated as casual vacancy for the purpose.
5. The Non Government members of the Board are entitled to sitting fees of Rs.400/- per meeting. One person will represent each NGO.

This Notification supersedes all previous notifications issued in this context in the past.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

P.K. Pataldar, Director of Animal Husbandry & Ex officio Joint Secretary.

Panaji, 7th May, 2010.
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Veterinarians play a host of roles as doctor, surgeon, trainer of apprentices, and occasionally, clairvoyant since their patients can’t talk to describe their symptoms. With a growing community of people with companion animals, qualified and caring vets are the need of the hour.

Dr. S.V. Sujatha, who runs Sri Krishna Vet Clinic in Abhiramapuram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu is known for her calm demeanor and experience in bringing animals back from the brink of death. She reconstructs the legs of accident victims, brings back the shiny fur of mange-ridden dogs and occasionally brings to the clinic, says Dr. Sujatha, who recalls an incident when a dog was brought in by his panicked owner. The mischievous pooch had swallowed eighteen decorative marbles and was rushed in for an X-ray. With the help of a specialist surgeon, she extracted them all. “We were concerned that one marble was missing in the X-ray and wondered if there was an overlap. Luckily, they found the marble at home.”

Ms. Vasanthi Rajiv who regularly brings to the clinic, homeless dogs for treatment speaks of the importance of a vet’s welfare outlook — “Dr. Sujatha is one of those vets, who doesn’t differentiate between pets and community dogs. When animal lover need to rehabilitate dogs, she does her best to find them homes.” Ms. Vasanthi mentions a case where the doctor made trips to give injections and drips to a destitute dog, as it couldn’t be brought to the clinic.

From the days when she was worried about patients biting her, Dr. Sujatha has come a long way. “Now I instinctively know which ones are frightened and handle them accordingly,” she says.

For details on how to become a Vet, check the Veterinary Council of India website: www.vci-india.in.

Be Veterinarian and Save Animals