Miss. Crystal Rogers, our Founder, doing what she always did best.
It was 1991. Miss Crystal Rogers had already spent several years in India, dedicating all her time and resources to the rescue of street animals in India. Along the way she met compassionate individuals like herself and introduced them to each other. Thus inspired and empowered, they formed the formidable team that would be the future visionaries of CUPA.

CUPA is

6000 community dogs neutered every year
1500 animals rescued, sheltered and treated free per year
250 successful and permanent adoptions per year
75 fulltime employees
6 animal shelters
5 rescue vehicles
1 organization

25 years of service to animals

This is our story.
Constitution of CUPA 2015-2016

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CUPA Annual Day held on September 25, 2016
At Wadiyar Hall, Century Club, Cubbon Park, Bangalore 560 001 at 11 am.
President’s Message
By Ms. Sanober Z. Bharucha

“Are you Mrs. Suparna Ganguly? I am here for your requirement to help you with the animal welfare organization – CUPA”, is what I vividly remember stating as Suparna came gliding down the stairs at her residence not long ago... yet when I think of that moment, 25 years have since passed!

Some of us Trustees, at the time were young and with our little children in tow, went from meeting to meeting, centre to centre making every effort to help any little creature or critter that came our way. When I look back, our single minded mission of animal welfare and their care still holds good and has been the driving force since all these years. We started from a small centre at Whitefield and then at the Government Veterinary Hospital at Queens Road and finally with seven centres spread across the city speaks volumes for this Organization.

It is our pride to present this Silver Jubilee Annual Report which takes you on a long journey with us meandering through good times, some very rough roads and moments that we fondly look back on. The remarkable times when we successfully rescued dog Itappa from the confines of a despicable place caged for 2 years; a dog named Hero rescued from his owner who dragged him tied to his vehicle for over 2 km. and to the times when some of our own staff and Attenders of several years did not stand by us; times we would not like to think about. As it is rightly said, every cloud has a silver lining. If it weren’t for those unpleasant moments, we would not have strived harder and achieved the all round success that CUPA has reached today.

The pinnacle at which we stand has not gone unnoticed as awards have been heaped on us individually and as an Organization. These achievements and success stories have been possible due to the contribution of innumerable supporters, donors, sympathizers and staff members. Our Founder, Miss Crystal Rogers and Patron, late Mr. Dan Ginsberg are fondly remembered today for their faith in us and their subsequent largesse to CUPA. On this momentous day, I would like to stop a moment and thank my fellow Trustees for tirelessly working as a team delving into varied areas of animal welfare may it be pet animals, wild animals and now even elephants! Some of our staff members have been with us since many long years and some have left their lucrative jobs to be with us serving our animals. They add to the flavor and future of CUPA for which we are most grateful for. CUPA has made strides in breaking national and world records. The most recent being the successful rehabilitation of over 400 beagle dogs from a laboratory. The whole operation was carried out in a systematic and organized manner with the help of committed volunteers and well-wishers. I can go on as so much has happened in these 25 years. As we Trustees hold the baton today and are gradually getting older, we hope that we can pass it on to worthy persons who carry our flag and mission with the same fervor.

I close with the statement that there is always so much to be done for animals. We do all we can and yet it never seems enough but our every drop makes a difference to that many fellow creatures... our Mission must go on.
Once upon a time, in 1991...

Crystal Rogers, at the age of 85, arrived in Bangalore to spend the rest of her days in a city which had favourable weather and a trusted friend and admirer who would always look after her. Crystal had no family in India or England and therefore formed deep bonds with fellow animal-lovers.

After house-hopping through Frazer Town, Ejipura, Indiranagar and Whitefield, she finally retired in Kadugodi with her two cats and three dogs. CUPA’s first shelter was in her house in Outer Circle Whitefield.

In 1991, CUPA had just been registered as an animal welfare charitable trust and Crystal’s little shelter was already home to many abandoned and injured animals of Whitefield.

Dr. Shiela and Suparna, Co-Founders of CUPA, were always at Crystal’s side, helping with the animals, managing accounts, overseeing staff, and watching over Crystal’s health in her advancing years.
The CUPA Animal Birth Control Centre
Govt. Veterinary Hospital, Cantonment 1994
In 1994, CUPA began the Animal Birth Control program for the first time in the region. For decades before this, community dogs had been picked up by the Bangalore Municipal Corporation for cold-blooded elimination by electrocution. All this was to change.

With nothing but our hearts roaring as loud as lions and voices that could not be tamed any longer, team CUPA pleaded for a space where birth control operations could be launched. Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi initiated the process with erstwhile Bangalore Municipal Corporation resulting in the commencement of the humane and scientifically-proven stray dog population control pilot project in the city. The first resources for starting this program was given as a donation by Mrs. H E Flynn who, over the years, has showered CUPA with her love, blessings and financial help.

Though the Corporation continued catching dogs for electrocution, CUPA-caught dogs were neutered, housed, fed, vaccinated and then released back into the community. With absolutely no funding, it was a small start, at just 3-5 dogs per day. Simultaneously, CUPA stepped up advocacy efforts for drafting and implementation of street dog control legislation for India. With the support and guidance of Dr. Abdul Rahman, then Director of Instruction at the Karnataka Veterinary Animal, Fisheries Sciences University (KVAFSU), we activated a second facility for birth control at the Veterinary College at Hebbal campus, and further in 1995, a third facility, the Night Emergency Veterinary Clinic which operated trauma cases from 6 pm to 6 am.

It was, however, only in October 2000 that the Animal Birth Control (ABC) rules were enforced. The corporation ceased to catch community dogs and instead partnered with established animal welfare organizations. Such partnerships ensured the uninterrupted continuity of the animal birth control & anti-rabies vaccination (ABC-ARV) program. Very soon, we were achieving 900 surgeries per month and the positive results of the program were plain to see.
Ms. Jennifer Butt, International Director RSPCA visiting Crystal at her home. Kadugodi, Bangalore 1996
Remembering Mr. Dan Ginsberg

Daniel Ginsberg was a successful entrepreneur and philanthropist from USA. He was the president of DRAFT Worldwide and was responsible for the development of the company's international network. He was a wine connoisseur and an author of books such as "The Art and Business of Champagne" and "The Fix is in". He was a great animal lover and the president of his trust "The Sparrow's Song Foundation", created specially for donating to animal charities.

On a business visit to India he met Mr. B C Madappa and Trustee Mrs. Sandhya Madappa at a dinner. When she realised he loved animals and expressed interest in CUPA’s work, she put forward CUPA’s dream of having a state of the art hospital and shelter for animals. He funded the entire construction work of the hospital and the equipment of the shelter which was named Ginsberg Bhavan in his honour.

Over the years, thousands of animals have benefited from his generosity. His sudden and unexpected demise in 2009 left all of us in shock. He will always be remembered as our Chief Patron and a wonderful human being.
The year 2000 was not only the turn of the century.

It was the unconditional support from Late Mr. Dan Ginsberg of Sparrow’s Song Foundation, Dr. Abdul Rahman, past Director of Instruction at KVAFSU and The Ministry for Social Justice and Empowerment that brought our iconic Animal Shelter and Hospital to life. For the next 12 years this facility would serve as an oasis, providing shelter, treatment, feed, nurturing, protection and a space for healing to thousands of homeless animals, thus changing the world, one animal at a time.

Initially the facility was a relatively quiet place, with only 4,000 animals treated in 2001-2002. However, in 2002-2003, this number swelled over 250% to nearly 11,000 animals, handled by a team of 10 veterinarians. Over the years, CUPA became synonymous with quality animal care and our participation was much sought after in national and international animal related affairs. CUPA’s representation on the committee of the Control & Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA) called by the Central Government was the first step in a number of positive rehabilitation efforts we would spearhead in the coming years.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. K. Sreenivasan IPS for leading CUPA from 1998 to 2010 as the Honorary President of the organization. His vast experience as a senior administrator coupled with his insights into people and compassion for animals served as a guiding force for CUPA.
Right from the start, the shelter was finding itself routinely inundated with cases of stray dogs, feral cats and exploited cattle. Rapid city expansion and the pressure of human population have led to the encroachment of city lakes, the receding of canopy covers & the dwindling of open spaces. The adverse effects of these inevitable changes on our silent neighbours — birds, monkeys, snakes or in other words, native urban wildlife.

CUPA shelter was becoming the recipient of small displaced wildlife - birds and nests were routinely being displaced due to deforestation, monkeys were reported electrocuted due to dangling live wires and snakes were increasingly being dug up at construction sites and grounds.

Bangalore lacked a care facility for its displaced urban wildlife. In this, the CUPA trustees saw a window of opportunity – a chance to establish a sister organization, the Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (WRRC) that would go on to collaborate with the Karnataka Forest Department and inaugurate the Bannerghatta Rehabilitation Centre (BRC) – a centre that would provide refuge and relief to several hundred fascinating urban wildlife creatures over the years to come, returning them to their place in the circle of life on successful and complete recovery. From 2000 onwards, all wildlife calls to CUPA animal shelter were re-directed to this wildlife rescue centre which had been granted a 30-year lease of 7.5 acres of land at the northern-most tip of the Bannerghatta National Park.

A few individuals from the CUPA Board joined WRRC’s Board for better coordination and working synergy. WRRC has now delved deep into the invisible world of abuse and torture of captive elephants in the varied fields of entertainment, religion and logging.
**VIPs – Very Important Pet-lovers!**

We were honoured to invite some very well-known personalities to our Animal Hospital and Shelter. Their presence and time spent at the shelter have left us with these wonderful memories.

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**Her Excellency, then Governor of Karnataka Smt. Rama Devi**

inaugurates our Animal Hospital & Shelter during a grand function in January 2001.

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**His Excellency, then Governor of Karnataka Shri T N Chaturvedi and family**

are true animal lovers! His children would bring their pets to CUPA’s vets. Shri T N Chaturvedi visited in the year 2006.

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**Mr. Steve McCurry**

Renowned National Geographic photographer visits the CUPA Animal Hospital & Shelter, 2004

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**Merritt Clifton**, author of Animals 24-7, an international animal welfare online news organization based in Washington, USA visited CUPA in 2007

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**Cricketers Rahul Dravid and Javagal Srinath**

visit our Animal Hospital and Shelter in Hebbal and spend quality time bonding with our staff and our rescued animals.

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**Ms. Jill Robinson, MBE & CEO-Founder of Animals Asia**

visited our Animal Hospital and Shelter and introduced us to her fascinating Dr. Dog program.

CUPA’s popular Canine Therapy program was inspired by this and went on to delight many special kids through the years.

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**Ms. Eileen Weintraub**

of Help Animals India with a rescued monkey, 2006.

Help Animals India has partnered with CUPA and WRRC on many critical projects.
In 2000 Crystal Rogers’ autobiography titled “Mad Dogs and an English Woman” was published by Penguin India.

The book is the wonderful story Ms. Rogers’ unusual life and experiences in India. The publication was launched in Bangalore by Ms. Amala Akkineni, a friend and colleague, founder of the Blue Cross of Hyderabad.

The book sold copies in India and abroad and has charmed many animal lovers into taking action for animals in their daily lives.

Then in 2001 we were truly bowled over when iconic sports personality Rahul Dravid agreed to join us in launching the storybook “The Cat Who Stayed at Home” authored by Ms. Crystal Rogers herself.

This enchanting book takes children through a vivid journey where they meet talking dogs and amusing cats who all have one thing in common – the ability to make fast and fur-ever friends!

Our audience was mesmerized by Rahul’s charm who spoke about his love for pets and the need to teach our children to be kind to animals. Rahul then delighted both kids and parents alike by autographing several books!
Later in 2001 things took a tough turn.

July onwards, media headlines screamed about the failing rains which had led to a drought situation in parts of Karnataka. Villagers from these affected areas in and around Bellary were worried, both for themselves and their families, as well as for their livestock. The acute shortage of fodder was leading to the sale of animals for slaughter.

A farmer from Bellary, Mr. Pratap Reddy, approached CUPA with a plea to set up relief for these animals on his 160-acre land in Veniveerapura district which would provide basic feed, water and medicines until the owners were in a position to take the animals back.

CUPA immediately took up the offer, transforming Mr. Reddy’s land into a makeshift sanctuary where the animals were fed and cared for. Stocks of fodder were sent to 8 villages in the dry belt of Bellary, serving 400 bovines each day until late September 2001, when the rains finally came and the owners came to reclaim their animals.
Since 1994, CUPA has kept a watchful eye on cattle owners who overuse or ill-treat their animals. Our drought relief intervention gave birth to another initiative — healthcare camps for large animals in urban and rural districts. Our very first urban camp for load-pulling animals was conducted at Arcot Srinivasachar Street, near the Bangalore’s City Market, on March 2, 2002. CUPA’s first rural camp for agrarian-based animals was conducted on October 6, 2002 for animals in the village of Venkatapura.

Back home, CUPA worked with the BBMP to impose fines on owners for overloading carts. We built a water trough at the BBMP cattle compound in City Market area, to set a precedent and remind cattle owners of the basic needs and rights of their animals. In a move to encourage long term and progressive solutions, Team CUPA in 2003 met cart drivers and owners of RMC yard shops along with bank officials to help cart owners get loans to switch over to mechanized vehicles. Today, the number of bullock or pony drawn carts has drastically reduced, replaced by small motorized vehicles.

In 2007, CUPA adopted Kasavanahalli village to provide expert veterinary care to the milking and working cattle there. The efforts paid off, with visible reduction in cruel practises and improved general health.

In 2009, when several parts of our country were hit by incessant rains that quickly catapulted into flood situations. We knew that we had to act quickly and effectively. It was decided that medical relief camps would be conducted in Davengere’s Kustagi and Harappanahalli districts, where the population of, and dependence on, cattle is high. Our camps ran from October 15 to October 24, 2009, and over this period of 10 days, 5075 and 7312 animals received medical relief in Kustagi and Harappanahalli respectively.
Down Memory Lane

CUPA’s very first ambulance donated by Smt. M A Vedavalli seen here with Shri Bacchhe Gowda the then Hon’ble Minister for Animal Husbandry.

Much before he joined the Board, Shri Biren Das Managing Director of K C Das had been CUPA’s loyal and most generous supporter. K C Das continues to fund the running of our rescue vehicles.

Mr. Bharath Tandon, Managing Director of PetCare Products who supported the running of our Large Animal rescue vehicle for many years.

CUPAart
An fund raising exhibition of unique paintings by talented artists, 2001

Funds raised from this event were used in the construction of the CUPA Animal Hospital and Shelter

Compassion Fashion 2003 – an event for a cause! Choreographed by renowned fashion personality Mr. Prasad Bidapa who’s models walked down the ramp with our rescued dogs – the true show-stoppers of the evening! The funds raised were used for the purchase of the first hydraulic ambulance in the city for large animals.

Sri Mariswamy, Commissioner of Police 2004 inaugurated the ambulance accompanied by CUPA Trustee Ms. Sandhya Madappa

Doggies Day Out 2006 & 2008
A super fun event enjoyed thoroughly by our canine guests! A doggie show, time and space for pet-lovers to meet and greet and a fun way to raise funds made these events huge successes!
The CUPA Animal Care Clinic, 2005

Thank you, Dr. Basavanna Gowda for being with CUPA since 1999
In 2005, CUPA mustered up all energy and resources to open the CUPA Animal Care Clinic which would provide quality veterinary services for pets and animals. This clinic was equipped to handle the most delicate animals and perform the most complicated procedures. Initially, it was open only between 7 am and 11 pm. But, due to overwhelming demand for night services, it was decided in 2008 to transform this facility into Bangalore’s first 24/7 medical centre for prompt and professional attention throughout the day and night.

Our highly qualified, passionate and seasoned medical practitioners have contributed to the clinic’s roaring success. Today the clinic services almost 4000 clients every month of which 3-6% are after-hours patients, arriving in critical state for emergency attention and relief. In addition, the Clinic constantly accommodates our rescued streeties when the shelter is either too full, closed at night or under maintenance. We thank our vets Dr. Gowda, Dr. Vishal, Dr. Waseem and Dr. Adity who work under tremendous pressure to provide relief to pets and pet owners alike. Mr. Harish Kumar B N in the administrative team has provided consistent support over the years.

This year, CUPA has extended its facility to the third floor which will primarily cater to the treatment and boarding of cats. There has been a shortage in the city for boarding and in-patient treatment of our feline friends and this move fills that void.

Today I have transferred a donation to CUPA. If these funds can be used to purchase medical equipment for the R T Nagar CUPA hospital in consultation with Dr. Gowda, I would really appreciate it. We would like to take the opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Gowda and his team.
Ms. Sonia S. Vaswani, August 18, 2016.

Being a strike day the only place that offered help was CUPA, I am impressed by the way your doctor responded and helped the dog. We need more doctors and individual like her and definitely more organisations like CUPA, because unlike other organisations, you guys don't just talk about animal welfare, you actually help!!!
Thanks a ton! Hopefully very soon I'll join you guys as a volunteer.
Thanks again. Dhara Lakhani, September 26, 2015
In 2007, we saw Massacre

January 2007 started on a shocking note with the sudden news reports of a 6-year-old girl allegedly mauled to death by stray dogs, followed by a second similar incident involving a 4-year-old boy. This escalated into a sweeping fear of stray dogs with the BBMP ordering the immediate eradication of all stray dogs in the city, despite independent reports that stated clearly that it was excessive uncleared garbage with raw meat waste, illegal meat shops coupled with inadequate Animal Birth Control program in these areas that would lead to mishaps again if left unaddressed.

Two horrific months of indiscriminate stray dog-killing followed. The BBMP recruited catchers from other States to catch street dogs and terminate them on the spot by brutally beating or burning them to death or by lethal injections jabbed straight into the heart. Team CUPA requested a special meeting with the then BBMP Commissioner Mr. K Jairaj to express the public’s point of view which was the proven positive and effective impact of the Animal Birth Control (ABC) program on stray dogs. A public meeting on 2nd February 2007 at Mayo Hall was packed with Bangaloreans who came to achieve justice for the innocent street dogs of Bangalore. CUPA, who had pulled out of the program in protest against the slaughter of street dogs, resumed the ABC program after successful conclusion of negotiation with BBMP in November 2007.

Then Managing Committee Member Ms. Savitha N was instrumental in compiling powerful visuals that revealed the brutality of mass-killing. In 1997-98, she had captured the electrocution of dogs at the erstwhile BMP dog-pound, a practice which was finally discontinued in 1999.
By 2011, CUPA had seen and heard enough about the heart-breaking exploitation that all large working animals experience every day of their lives.

Whether for milk, meat, ploughing or load-pulling, these animals are routinely violated, deprived of basic needs, subject to unnecessary pain and suffering, finally meeting tragically inhumane ends. This is the real back story for any commercial product primarily derived from animal sources.

CUPA always made it a point to reach out to large working animals, especially those that may have never been brought to us for treatment. In this way, we were reaching out to nearly 10,000 large animals every single year through our urban and rural healthcare camps. All dairy animals are also victims of rampant, but invisible exploitation. We are so accustomed to seeing “stray” cows on our streets, it doesn’t occur to us that they shouldn’t be there in the first place. When these cows are rendered unprofitable due to age, ailment or injury, they are sold for meat and other derivatives.

Our Large Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (LARRC) had been under development for some time while we slowly collected the funds needed to ready the 2-acre space in Kengeri, South Bangalore. This facility opened its doors to injured large animals, providing them with unconditional care and recuperation for as long as was needed.
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By 2013 it became clear to us that there were folks out there who didn’t care about their pets, let alone strays.

The burgeoning population of our city with its newly acquired, upwardly mobile lifestyle also saw an uptick in the number of incidents of abrupt and anonymous pet abandonment. Every single day would bring with it at least a couple of distress callers, seeking help for Labradors, Retrievers, Rottweilers, Cocker Spaniels, Dachshunds, Great Danes and even Saint Bernards seen tied to posts or pushed out of moving vehicles. These dogs have every reason to hate us after the cruelty and apathy our kind has shown to them. But they don’t - and this is what sets them apart from humans.

The Second Chance Adoption Centre was the brainchild of Sanjana Madappa who worked closely with trustee Ms. Sonia Sarathy to actualize her idea for an exclusive facility for the abandoned dogs that CUPA was picking up every single day. With tremendous support from Mrs. Rohini Nilekani and Mr. Aditya Raheja, the facility was setup in record time and inaugurated by Mrs. Nilekani in September 2013. Since the opening of the Second Chance Adoption Centre, another thing became clear — that there are indeed folks out there who knew that true companionship and happiness transcends barriers of colour, type, size and gender — these are the people we are privileged to meet everyday at the Centre.

The Second Chance Adoption Centre with its dedicated staff and volunteers have given these abandoned dogs, hungry to belong, the opportunity to have a fresh start, with new families who love them unconditionally. Recently we marked our 350th successful adoption!

If you cannot have a pet because of work, family commitments or other hindrances, what stops you from taking care of the friendly Indie that waits outside your porch? A friendly pat, some fresh water and a small meal would really make his day!

CUPA’s “Investigation of Dog Breeders and Puppy Mills in Bengaluru, Karnataka” was released in August 2015. It revealed deplorable conditions under which rampant dog breeding happens in and around Bangalore city. The report is on our website (http://cupabangalore.org/legal-initiatives/#companionanimals) to help dog lovers out there make informed decisions before buying pets. The only real solution? ADOPT... DON’T SHOP.
In 2013, we reaffirmed our commitment to the elderly canines whom, as we all know, are often found suffering, unwanted and abandoned by their families and society - very much like our elderly people. CUPA felt an urgency to have some facility specially designed for their needs. The Geriatric Centre at Mylappanahalli catered specially to the canine senior citizens who we all know love extra attention, special care, calming voices, friendly smiles and tender embraces.

The CUPA Geriatric Centre, with all its angelic and elderly rescues, is truly a little oasis in our bustling city. When this facility was opened in 2013, it was envisioned to be a safe haven for older dogs who needed peace and quiet in their twilight years. Little did we know that these bravehearts would bounce back from grave age-related afflictions, and thrive! We admire their vivacious spirits, salute their supreme resilience and vow each time to be more like them.

This facility was conceived and executed in record time by CUPA’s youngest board member, Mr. Santosh Rajashekar, who continues to keep a watchful eye on the residents.
The CUPA Trauma & Rescue Centre
Govt. Veterinary College Campus
Hebbal 2014
In 2012, CUPA's lease with the Karnataka Veterinary Animal, Fisheries Sciences University (KVAFSU) ended. The University's insistence that CUPA vacate the premises was an unexpectedly strong blow.

Months of meetings, letters and appeals followed but to no avail. It was a long time before we came to terms with the fact that the shelter, built exclusively for street and ownerless animals, with the help of the Sparrow Song Foundation and a grant from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, including donations from many individuals, had to be relinquished. A final order gave us a few months to vacate the shelter and, in November 2012, we finally handed over the building, grounds and all memories linked with the shelter to the college authorities.

But this only meant that injured and homeless animals had absolutely nowhere to go. We received over 30 calls a day from concerned members of the public, pleading for help for the victims of road accidents, sickness or abandonment. With absolutely no options left, we set up a makeshift Trauma Care Unit inside the Animal Birth Control Centre at Viveknagar. Simultaneously, the Large Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (LARRC) kicked into first gear as our first batch of older residents moved in. While many employees were redeployed at our other centres, some had to be retrenched. Against all odds, we started the ambulance service once again for emergency pick-ups which were housed and treated by the ABC team.

In January 2013, the CUPA Board of Trustees decided that satellite centres, each targeted to a particular welfare activity, would be set up across the city. This would provide a sharper focus and, thus, better care for the animals, as well as greater public accessibility to these strategically located clinics and centres.

Despite a severe crunch in resources, sagging morale and staff depletion, Team CUPA gradually limped back into action and order. With renewed strength, we re-engaged with the college authorities and appealed to the Veterinary Council of India (VCI) for return of the shelter premises. The Karnataka Legislative Assembly issued a directive dated 27 February 2013, instructing KVAFSU to extend the CUPA lease. However, KVAFSU refused to comply. Instead, they reluctantly agreed to hand over only the kennel section of the shelter, a mere one-fifth of CUPA's original shelter space. This is where we operate from today.
All throughout the 1990’s CUPA organized workshops specifically for police officials in order to sensitize them to the plight of animals and the need to protect them from cruelty, exploitation and violence.

It is becoming more and more obvious that human apathy knows no bounds. Animals are run over by vehicles... thrown off terraces... tied in sacks to be flung into water bodies... and most recently, hurled onto boulders because they squeaked, thereby silenced forever.

CUPA’s Animal Welfare Inspectors, Mr. Shantha Kumar and Mr. Harish K B, have seen it all. They have counselled numerous pet owners on the basics of pet-keeping, alerting them to the fact that animals are sentient beings who need food, water, bedding, walks and love too. Even today, in 2016, it is disheartening that we continue to receive well over 20-30 reports of pet neglect and cruelty every month. If the situation does not improve after a round of counselling, action is initiated to confiscate the pet in conjunction with the local authorities. These pets are first rehabilitated for rest and recovery, after which they are re-homed with loving families.
"I see this Rottie in the balcony everyday. I come to Bangalore He’s always in the balcony, my friends who live in the same society have never seen him out for a walk. Someone just keeps the food and water bowl outside and he has almost negligible human interaction. He doesn’t bark. Can’t be more than 8 months old. Please help!" March 2016

"This is regarding a pet Labrador dog in an Apartment that has been chained for months in the corner of a basement. The dog is living in a very pathetic condition with no proper food or bath. It lies beside its own excreta. Spends whole nights in darkness. The building owner doesn’t care and doesn’t listen to us. Kindly help the dog and try to rescue. ” July 2016

"A family owning a pet have left Bangalore for a month leaving a dog in a cage. They have a maid who is supposed to come and give food and take the dog out for sometime but the person is not doing anything. The weather outside is very hot and the poor soul is really in pain. I urge you to come forward and help this baby." March 2016

A Pom is caged and is barking day and night since 5 days. He was given away by the owners to the kennel for adoption. Kennel guys do not want him so they have left him caged. I did not see them letting the dog out of the cage even once in these 5 days. There’s also another Pom and a Labrador which are also up for adoption. They are also chained all the time. Kindly help. May 2016

This is regarding the Ponamma puppy killer case. I have been following the issue in the newspapers. I hope justice is done and Ponamma receives severe punishment. This should be set as an example for the increasingly intolerant people who commit such Crimes. I am very concerned about ammu the mother dog going into severe depression. I am also scared because Ponamma is out on bail. Having the dog in the same area makes me insecure about her safety. March 2016

CUPA has filed FIR number 0244/2016 with the Peenya Police Station. With constant follow up with the authorities, the Chargesheet has been filed against the accused. The Accused will be summoned, charges framed and trial will begin. Though a lengthy process, we are determined to fight for Ammu.
CUPA in the News

BangaloreMirror

AMMU’S WAILS MAY LEAD TO ACT THAT FINALLY PUNISHES ABUSERS

By Chetan K, Bangalore Mirror Bureau: Mar 22, 2016, 04:00 AM IST

Intricacies like this, animal lovers say, highlight the need for a stringent law. Now, a fuelled an initiative from city that adds weightless growing national movement.

The horrific act of human brutality that resulted in the death of eight-year-old dog photograph of Amanu, the puppy’s mother mourning by her grave is stirring the Shikshak Act.

The act, which aims to make sure that cruelty to animals is met with swift and harsher legal action, died in the South by Amanu.

Animal welfare activists from Compassion Unlimited Plunder Action (CUPA) have decided to use their South India Animal Welfare Board (AWIB) to push the Shikshak Act, an act that is also supported and背部ed by a BCP MLA in Delhi.

"After the Shikshak case, this is another brutal act of animal cruelty. Hence we have decided to use the Shikshak Act to push for a new Act, an Act that is significantly stronger," Rupali Ganguly, animal rights activist from CUPA, who is also the founder of the Animal Authority’s welfare committee, told the Shikshak Act.

The Shikshak Act should be passed, will make an offense of killing an animal a non-compensable violation within the four months in the penalty, she explained. "The law has been implemented in other countries, but we need to see how it works in other states too.

The law has been implemented in other countries, but we need to see how it works in other states too. We are working with the Indian government to create a similar law in India. We have also proposed this matter with Minister Mamata Banerjee. Further, this case will be recorded as a case study and it will be used in the future," Ganguly said.

These 64 Beagles Leaving A Lab For Loving Homes Will Melt Your Heart

HuffingtonPost

Last month, 64 beautiful beagles adopted human families as they were set free from a Bangalore laboratory after the state government declined the lab’s request to use them for certain experiments.

The first beagle to get adopted at the adoption drive

Having spent time at the facility since birth, these dogs require special care and attention. A volunteer from the adoption group said that unlike regular dogs, they didn’t respond to dog food or a ball thrown for them. Simply because they have never experienced these basic pleasures.

"The traffic, the noise of a bell, the noise of a dropped spoon, among others, are all completely new sounds for these dogs," said Sanjana Madappa.

A Hindustan Times report disclosed that 70 beagles had been rescued in 2012, and 102 from different laboratories the following year.

THE HINDU

Illegal puppy mills mushrooming in city

City, a haven for illegal dog breeders: CUPA

The City has become a haven for illegal dog breeders and traders, who keep animals in pathetic conditions.

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

City’s puppy mills reek of greed

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In 2016... The Freagles!

Valentines Day 2016 was extra special for 64 families who spent the day showering love and affection on the newest member – their rescued Beagle!

Laboratory product testing on animals is now regulated by the Government. A Bangalore-based testing lab contacted CUPA to rehome 64 middle-aged Beagles, as a compassionate alternative to euthanizing them, since they were no longer wanted and needed to be “disposed”. It may have taken an entire month, loads of paperwork and many hours of interviews, but as you can see – the Beagles are happy and that’s all that matters!

Our trustee, Ms. Sandhya Madappa, spearheaded this massive project and thanks to our very own Dr. Gowda for neutering all of them in record time! We thank volunteers Chinthana Gopinath, Sanjana Madappa, Melissa Marak, Nita Mahurkar, Ajay Palekar, Garima Gupta, Anoopa Anand, Awanti Aggarwala, Natasha Chandy, Smitha Suri and Reena Chengappa for their unwavering commitment that saved the lives of all these adorable Beagles.
In 2015, we took a mammoth step... we joined hands with sister organization WRRC to open the first Elephant Care Facility, a 3-acre space for the rehabilitation of female elephants ailing due to neglect and harsh lives in captivity.

Elephant Aneesha arrived in May 2015, to a life free of exploitation, free of chains and free of demands. Like all other captive elephants, she had suffered enough.

Furthering our work in captive elephant relief and rehabilitation, we were commissioned once again to inspect the welfare status of the three elephant sisters – Sandhya, Jayanthi and Indumathi – held by the Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Mutt in Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu.

The report threw up the ghastly, yet unsurprising, harshness and neglect that these sisters endured as an inseparable part of their lives in captivity. It was especially disheartening to learn that the temple authorities never allowed the three girls to touch, reach or caress each other as they were deliberately tied far apart within the same concrete shed.

All over India, there is a huge shortage of space and resources to house captive elephants in distress.

Aneesha was the inspiration behind the Malur facility, and also the reason behind the second Elephant Care Facility to house the three needy sisters from the Kanchi temple.

CUPA’s sister organization, WRRC, partnered with the Tree Foundation India to establish Tamil Nadu's first of its kind Elephant Care Facility in Marakkanam, south of Chennai. This green and breezy 14-acre space welcomed the three sisters in May 2016. The girls finally live free of temple duties and free of chains. They now cuddle, huddle, puddle and scuddle as they please.
Small steps for mammoths...

In 2004 the pathetic plight of temple elephant Girija Prasad at Swamy Aiyappa temple in Jalalalli Bangalore resulted in a complex litigation that lasted 6 years involving the temple and the donor of the elephant. The case went through the lower courts, Sessions Court and finally the Hon’ble High Court of Karnataka. However the elephant spent these 6 years in the safe haven of Karnataka’s Forest camps. In 2011-2012 Karnataka High Court quashed order granting custody to the donor. On 13th March 2008, the Chief Wildlife Warden of Karnataka in an Order cancelled Ownership Certificate dated February 25, 2002 and took custody of elephant Girija Prasad, housing him in Sagareyul camp. This was the very first time in Karnataka and India that an Ownership Certificate of a temple elephant was cancelled due to cruelty and ill-treatment to the animal.

In February 2005, CUPA initiated an all India Elephant and Mahout Survey funded by World Protection for Animals (previously World Society for Protection of Animals - WSPA), with technical support by Asian Elephant Research and Conservation Centre (AERCC).

In June 2005, CUPA’s sister organization WRRC started a project in collaboration with Karnataka Forest Department (KFD) and AERCC supported by WSPA for the survey and data-collection of all elephants in Karnataka which in due course became a nationwide project.

In 2005, Gods In Chains by Rhea Ghosh, commissioned and published by CUPA-WRRC

In 2005 4-year old Elephant Veda from the Banerghatta Biological Park (BBP) was slated for transfer to a poor zoo in Armenia by the zoo authorities. CUPA-WRRC launched a worldwide campaign which finally attracted the attention of then Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh who not only stopped her transfer but also passed an Order which banned gifting of elephants to foreign countries by Indian politicians.

In 2007 and 2008 the survey of captive elephants went national. CUPA representatives visited locations in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andaman, Assam, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Bihar.

In May 2008, first book report “Welfare And Management of Elephants in Captivity” and the “Wandering Elephants of Punjab” released at a workshop organized by the Project Elephant Directorate, MoEF in Bangalore, supported by CUPA, ANCF and WSPA.

In February 2010, the Taskforce on wild and captive elephants was instituted by the MoEF, which consisted of
a 12-member team including CUPA representative. In August 2010, the “Gajah Report” presented to the Minister for Environment and Forests, Shri Jairam Ramesh.

In May 2010, Central Zoo Authority (CZA) constituted committee with 3 members including CUPA representatives. This was to examine decision taken in 2009 about banning the keeping of elephants in zoos. Report submitted to the CZA.

In 2011-2012, the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) directed CUPA in April 2010 to conduct study titled “Status Analysis of Elephants in Captivity in Religious Institutions in Karnataka”. Report handed over to AWBI in 2012.

In January 2015, setup of WRRC Elephant Care Facility (ECF) in Malur, 40kms from Bangalore, for the rehabilitation of 2 female elephants. In May 2015, first resident, handicapped Elephant Aneesha, from Tamil Nadu moved into ECF Malur.

In November 2015 the Court directed authorities to formulate guidelines for prohibiting the use of elephants in any form of begging performance or procession in consultation with all concerned in the matter. The Order was in response to Writ Petition # 4610 of 2013 filed by CUPA under Articles 226 & 227 of the Indian Constitution praying to prohibit the use of elephants in any form of begging, performance, or procession. Further, to declare all No Objection Certificates (NOCs) and permissions given for transport of elephants used for such activities as illegal, and in violation of Section 43 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972.


A few words each were shared by Ms. Gauri Maulekhi, Founder - People For Animals Uttarakhand, Mr. Vivek Menon, CEO - Wildlife Trust of India and Mrs. Saparna Ganguly, Co-Founder Trustee - Compassion Unlimited Plus Action.
Stray hurdles in stray dog protection…

The very controversial and complicated stray dog cases that came up in Bangalore from 1999 onwards

CUPA has been the most vocal organization fighting to protect the dogs on our streets.

In 1999 a plea by member of the public, one Ms. Subhashini Reddy, asked for all stray dogs to be placed in shelters.

This was followed in the year 2000 by a case filed by Stray Dog Free Bangalore (SDFB), an anti-stray dog group, in the High Court for the elimination of all stray dogs.

In 2001 the ABC Dog Rules were passed which was to override all laws contrary to the clauses in the Rule book.

In 2001-2002 the Stray Dog Free Bangalore submitted report to Lokayukta. The Lokayukta reported that the ABC Rules are Ultra vires. CUPA challenged the report and filed 2 cases –

(1) That the Lokayukta has no authority to declare the ABC Rules as Ultra vires. CUPA’s plea was that the report be quashed.

(2) Defamatory remarks against NGO by Lokayukta to be withdrawn

The result was CUPA won the case on both counts in the Hon’ble High Court of Karnataka.

In 2007 the Lokayukta filed an appeal and one Krishna Bhatt also filed petition (WP427/2007) pleading that no stray dogs should be released back to localities. CUPA’s legal team led by advocate Ms. Brindha Nandakumar fought long and hard for the animals until victory.

Karnataka Legal Services Authority also filed petition for killing of all ownerless dogs. This appeal was against the Order of the Hon’ble High Court which was in favor of CUPA.

Since 2013-2014 CUPA is a party in the ultimate Supreme Court stray dog case, advocating for the implementation of ABC program in all states of India along with petitioners from different States of India.

Ms. Brindha Nandakumar was a volunteer, Managing Committee member and a Trustee of CUPA from 1994 to 2007. She and her father Late. Shri E. Massilamani, Sr. Advocate, were instrumental in strengthening CUPA’s legal presence in the courts of Karnataka. All the cases that were handled by Brindha concluded on positive notes.
Cruelty in the Name of Tradition – Ban Jallikatu

Vide an impugned notification, dated 7th January, 2016, the government had allowed the use of bulls and their exhibition and training as performing animals, in events such as Jallikattu in Tamil Nadu and bullock cart races elsewhere in the country, on the grounds that these are cultural and traditional practices, and that all care will be taken to ensure that there is no cruelty. In doing so the Central government had acted in violation of the judgment passed by the Supreme Court, which had after detailed examination held that the use of bulls as performing animals in these events is inherently cruel, because bulls, bullocks etc. are not anatomically suited to run or race, and suffer acute stress strain fear and distress when forced to participate in such events. The court had held in 2014 that no amount of regulation can ever ensure a cruelty free event. The court had also held that when alleged culture and tradition, such as Sati, or Jallikattu, or bullock cart races are violative of laws enacted by Parliament, they must bow before the law of the land. The petitioners’ stand further was that these events, held to be illegal and violative of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, and of Articles 51A(g) and (h) of the Constitution of India by the Supreme Court of India, cannot be allowed through such Executive action on the part of the government.

A battery of urgent petitions led by the Animal Welfare Board of India supported by lead petitioner Compassion Unlimited plus Action (CUPA), along with Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations (FIAPO), People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and individual petitioners asked for the Central government’s notification of 7 January 2016, permitting the use of bulls in Jallikattu at Tamil Nadu, and bullock cart races elsewhere in the country, to be struck down. The ban was successfully upheld.
Secretary’s Report
By Mrs. Suparna B. Ganguly

CUPA’s 25th year of existence, October 1991 to October 2016, oddly enough spans two financial years! However, my report captures the highlights and events between April 1st 2015 and March 31st 2016 – by itself a very complex job!

I hope that this Annual Report, especially designed for our valuable members, animal lovers and CUPA friends takes readers down memory lane, gently highlighting the defining moments of how we formed, developed and grew into the organization we are today. It is very nostalgic for all of who us looking at the carefully curated photos taken from the archives of Crystal, Mishy as she was known to us, to amalgate and express these magical experiences from our 25-years of existence.

We started this financial year with utter disappointment at BBMP’s management of funds for the Animal Birth Control program which resulted in partial ending of the programme. However, it did not take long for the silver lining to reveal itself – support in the form of Help Animal’s India’s generous grant of USD 8000 awarded to us in April 2015 helped us continue doing our best for Bangalore’s strays. CHAL USA came forward to aid us further with financial assistance for this indispensable programme. We do not know what the future holds.

CSR activities by the Deutsche Bank Group resulted in a bunch of positive outcomes for CUPA including large animal rural camps, renovation and maintenance of the centers giving them a bright new look and of course gifts of food and health care products for the animals across centers. Our special thanks and mention of Indraprastha Shelters, Triveni Turbines, Goldman Sachs, Cisco, VMWare, Hydroline Products and others. Donations received from various corporations via CAF America and CAF India was the wind beneath our wings when we most needed it.

A significant study was launched by CUPA in April 2015 on the breeding of pedigree dogs and the puppy mills operating in the city. The results were shocking and were published in August 2015 in a report titled “Investigation of Dog breeders and Puppy Mills in Bengaluru, Karnataka”. Also in August 2015, CUPA was directed by the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) to inspect the 3 temple elephants in Kancheepuram. The report on the ”Assessment of Welfare and Management Status of Elephants Sandhya, Jayanthi and Indumathi of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Mutt, Tamil Nadu, Southern India” was published and we are proud to say that it helped to bring far-reaching changes in their welfare, management and housing.

In 2005, CUPA & WRRC initiated the Captive Elephants in India study and now in 2015-16, we have completed 49 reports on their welfare status and management. A book on the "Captive elephants in India - Ecology,
Management and Welfare" and DVD with all the reports was released on 19th November 2015 in New Delhi by Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi.

A very special mention of the film “When the Elephant Sleeps” – extracts of which were screened at a function in Delhi function for Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi helped create deep awareness amongst the audience. The film is a searing expose by the filmmaker Ms. Brigitte Uttar Kornetzky of the state of India’s captive elephants, particularly on the tourism elephants of Rajasthan. At this time, another film too was in the process of completion – “Gods in Shackles”, to which both CUPA and WRRC had contributed. It was released in Kerala, Delhi, Bangalore and Chennai in July 2016. Filmmaker Sangita Iyer did a magnificent job of capturing the pathetic state of Kerala’s elephants through a very intimate narration of her personal bond with elephants in Kerala.

We have worked in tandem with the authorities to save, rescue or confiscate several animals this year. To mention just one incident, CUPA’s strong and effective interactions with both the AWBI and the Deputy Commissioner, Udupi District in Karnataka helped to prevent illegal animal sacrifice events planned in March 2016 near the vicinity of Kaup Marigudi, Udupi in violation of Animal Welfare Laws. The district authorities, being forewarned, took necessary steps to ensure that no animals were sacrificed during this function.

In addition, CUPA continued with its unceasing work with cruelty cases, ambulance rescues and spay-neuter programme and pet adoptions. The report will take you through the enormous workload that CUPA staff and trustee managed to accomplish this year and, of course, in the past years as well.
Awards and Accolades

In 2000 the Venu Menon Animal Allies Foundation, New Delhi awarded CUPA the “Special Organization Award 1999” for our small but life-changing efforts.

In 2002 Marchig Animal Welfare Trust awarded CUPA the “Millenium Project Grant” for the spay-neuter program for dogs and cats and for enhanced veterinary care at the CUPA Veterinary Hospital and Shelter.

In 2002 Mrs. Suparna Ganguly awarded the “Women Achievers’ Award” by the Inner Wheel Ladies Circle in Bangalore for her contribution in the field of Animal Welfare.

In 2003 CUPA was awarded the “Best Project” by Seva Sethu Rotary Bangalore West for our Canine Therapist Programme

In 2004 the Rotary Club of Bangalore (District 3190) awarded CUPA the “Rotary Service Awards 2004” for excellence in voluntary organizations under the category of animal rights and welfare

In 2007 Mrs. Suparna Ganguly was felicitated by then Governor of Karnataka, His Excellency Shri Rameshwar Thakur, on the 53rd Wildlife Week celebrations of the Karnataka Forest Department for efforts to "save trees, save forests and wildlife."

In 2011, Mrs. Sonia Sarathy awarded the Highest Pledge Raiser (Women) Care Champion Award by Bangalore Cares Foundation for outstanding fund raising efforts during the TCS World 10K Marathon

In 2014 CUPA recognized and nominated by Namma Bengaluru Awards 2013-2014 under category of “Citizen Group” along with 12 other NGOs across sectors in the city

In 2016 Mrs. Suparna Ganguly recognized and nominated by Namma Bengaluru Awards 2015-2016 as one of six finalists in the “Citizen Individual of the Year”, recognizing her efforts in animal welfare.

In 2016 Mrs. Suparna Ganguly awarded “Nari Shakti Puraskar 2015” by Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India by the Hon’ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee in New Delhi.

In 2016 Dr. Shiela Rao was honored the “Special Achievement Award 2016” by the Karnataka Veterinary Association on May 22, 2016 for her numerous and vast efforts in animal welfare and social service.

In 2016 CUPA awarded the Nineteenth Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation Award for Excellence in Human Endeavour in the field of Non-Violence & Vegetarianism.
Together, we achieve more for animals

It is the fundamental duty of each citizen of India to care for animals and nature. Animal welfare often loses out to several other noble and paramount social causes. CUPA thanks those organizations that have remembered our furry friends and contributed in many ways to strengthen our relief and rescue efforts.

From sponsoring our rescued residents all the way to helping us build or acquire infrastructure, CUPA is what it is today only because of the organizations that have gently handheld us through the years. A special thank you to all the organizations below for assisting us in their own special ways this financial year.
A Passion to Fulfil

Deutsche Bank Group has been the steady flame that has kept CUPA’s fires burning. Over the years, Deutsche Bank Group has expanded its staunch support of CUPA’s projects and programs, always with the unwavering aim of helping us meet our broadening commitment to give shelter and voice to the homeless and silently suffering animals.

This year has been no different – together, CUPA and Deutsche Bank Group organized rural large animal healthcare camps, conducted painting events at our Adoption, Birth Control Centres and many more activities.

Deutsche Bank Group has been sponsoring rural large animal healthcare camps since 2009. These camps have been most successful and impactful corporate engagement activity, directly benefitting more than 20,000 animals over the last 7 years. This year, a junior research fellow from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) participated at each camp during which blood samples were collected from rural livestock for a research project being conducted in IISc. A rural camp in February 2016 was attended by overseas scientists who were visiting IISc for a conference in the department of Biochemistry. They were extremely appreciative of this initiative of providing free medicines to the rural folk, whose prime source of income is through their livestock. These camps not just provide medicines to rural animals on a one-off basis but also help in educating the livestock owners to deal with some of the most common cattle ailments. This true grass root level program has been extremely successful and appreciated since inception.

Our Rainwater Harvesting system sponsored by Deutsche Bank Group and setup at the Large Animal Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre (LARRC) has reaped benefits many times over. Thanks to the foresight and thoughtfulness that the bank extends to us, the system received timely and professional maintenance, keeping it as good as new. Assistance was also provided to set up a mini Bio Gas plant at LARRC. The final addition to this unique facility to make it completely eco-friendly and self-sustaining would be the grid connected solar lighting system, which we have again approached Deutsche Bank Group for!
Two of our facilities got complete makeovers – much needed new furniture replaced old makeshift pieces, much to the comfort and delight of our staff who love the professional touch! Painting activities were conducted at our Second Chance Adoption Centre near Silk Board, Geriatric Centre near Yelahanka and our Trauma Centre in Hebbal.

CUPA was invited to setup a stall in Velankani Tech Park during the NGO Mela organised by the bank during their “India Volunteering Week.”. It was great to meet and interact with members of the Deutsche Bank family and exchange thoughts and ideas!

The “Gift A Wish” event is another unique initiative in which treats for our rescued animals, Pedigree, Whiskas, animal grooming shampoos, brushes, & toys are gifted by the bank every year between December and January. This year too Gift a Wish was conducted on a grand scale.

In an annual fundraising and learning initiative called “Trade for a Cause”, employees of the Bank raised a whopping Rs. 5 lakhs for water conservation which is now being very well spent on construction of a wallow pool for our rescued elephant Aneesha. This pool is fed by the water segregated from the newly installed RO water purification system, which supplies pure drinking water for the villagers of Malur who have welcomed Aneesha as their friendly and lovable neighbour. The water from this pool is later released to the neighbouring fields for agriculture, thus making it a very unique 3-in-1 project benefitting the village for drinking water, Aneesha for bathing and finally for irrigation.

In addition to all of this, Deutsche Bank group has also held our hand through several other plans and projects through the year:
✓ Assistance with pipe repair at the Large Animal Rescue Centre
✓ Installation of UPS in Trauma Centre, Hebbal.
✓ Assistance with installation of card swipe machines at four centres to accept donations via credit & debit cards.
✓ Installation of a water dispenser in Trauma Centre, Hebbal.

Thank you, Deutsche Bank Group!
Companions in Care

When the Himalaya Drug Company says “Companion Care” they really mean it!

The CUPA-Himalaya collaboration, now in its third year, has ensured the wellbeing of several animals under our care.

Valuable support from Himalaya has helped propel our rescue ambulance service and champion the cause of pet adoption.

Himalaya also joined us in wishing all newly adopted dogs a great life ahead, by gifting pet parents a delightful assortment of Himalaya pet care essentials, sure to keep the newest member of the family feeling and looking good! They extended their best wishes and the goodie bags to all our rehomed Beagles that went home with new families in 2016 as well.

Himalaya and CUPA connect on many levels – the fact that pets and animals deserve only the best and further, the efficacy of natural products that don’t need to be tested on these furry buddies.

Thank you, Himalaya!
Making an Impact

If there is one thing that makes us look forward to summer, it would be the welcoming of dozens of enthusiastic Goldman Sachs volunteers who just can’t get enough of drooly love! A wonderful assortment of activities are lined up exclusively for Goldman Sachs volunteers who bring zest and zeal everywhere they go.

Their flagship Community TeamWorks (CTW) program not only brings co-workers together but also encourages employees to make time for meaningful day-long activity at a charity of their choice. There must be a ton of animal lovers at Goldman Sachs – we have heard that CUPA activities are always the first to fill up... we can certainly relate to that! In this manner Goldman Sachs has helped us ensure that our shelters are getting the critical annual maintenance necessary for the long haul.

CUPA will never forget the valuable sponsorship of the large animal healthcare camps during the 2009 flood relief camps conducted at Harappannahalli Taluk of Davanagere District which were the sole source of relief to hundreds of animals.

Thank you, Goldman Sachs!
CUPA Trustee Ms. Sanober Z. Bharucha Conducts a program for children 1995
For the love of sport... and animals!

CUPA’s unique Charity Golf Tournaments have always created a buzz! Conducted in association with the Karnataka Golf Association (KGA), our three tournaments held in May 2009, September 2013 and December 2014 were hugely successful and fun events, attracting the best players from all over the region and top corporations as sponsors.

CUPA has had four successful charity golf tournaments in association with the Karnataka Golf Course (KGA) in the years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2014. It’s the most popular and highest fund raiser for CUPA. Collectively we have raised over Rs. 40 lakhs which has helped us immensely in our work, supporting specific projects such as purchase of a new ambulance, funding our urban rescue operations and others.

Our Golf tournaments are fun events with plenty of prizes where the players, the sponsors, a few sports personalities and CUPA get together to enjoy themselves on the course and raise money for a charitable cause.

A winner collects his prize at the 2013 edition of the Golf Tournament

CUPA Trustee Ms. Sonia Sarathy with a team of players at the 2014 edition of the Golf Tournament

Team CUPA at the KGA-CUPA Charity Golf Tournament 2014. From left to right – Brindha Nandakumar, Rajani Badami, Suparna Ganguly, Sudeshna Lahiri, Sonia Sarathy, Sanber Z. Bharucha, Sandhya Madappa, Shilpa Mahbubani and Sanjana Madappa
Do your bit for animals!

Just like this bunch of most enterprising kids from EDventure Academy, Bangalore, who raised funds by selling handicrafts they made themselves, and then donating towards a week's feed for the residents of the CUPA Adoption Centre. Such cool kids!

A special thank you to Ms. Santhi Karamcheti, Founder, EDventure Academy, who planned this inspiring visit. April 2015

CUPA representatives at the VMWare Community Day 2015.

A special word of thanks to Mr. Chirag Arora and VMWare Foundation India for helping us raise valuable funds and awareness. December 2015

Team Accenture truly knows how to beat the heat! A delightful bunch of volunteers came over especially to give all the residents of our Large Animal Rescue Centre invigorating showers and treats. Here is our handsome former racehorse Brownie, soaking it in!

Thank you, Ms. Shivani Sharma for organizing this fun event. February 2016
CUPA calendars were initiated in 2010 by our long standing supporter, Nina Kanjirath. Since 2012, Ramya stepped in to take up the annual responsibility of planning, shooting and designing the eagerly-awaited calendars.

Ramy Reddy is a photographic artist and a passionate animal lover who dedicates her time every year to work on the CUPA Calendar project.

The theme of the calendars is mutually decided between her and the CUPA trustees. The 2016 CUPA calendar featured 12 “differently perfect” animals who went on to perfectly complete the lives and homes of the families that adopted them. The overwhelming response, praise and donations towards the calendar only means that we are able to help more animals out there, giving them a chance to love and be loved again... because animals are perfect, no matter what!
Animal Welfare Fortnight 2016

Animal Welfare Fortnight in our silver jubilee year just had to be the best ever! This year we organized a myriad of events that would ring in the true spirit of welfare.

On January 15, 2016 we conducted a special pooja for recovering calf, Namoii, at our Rescue Centre, Hebbal.

On January 16, 2016 the residents of our Large Animal Rescue Centre were treated to sugarcane, jaggery, groundnuts and carrots while “Gau Pooja” was underway.

On January 17, 2016 our Rescue Team went out into the neighborhoods, providing anti-rabies vaccinations to 49 community dogs.

On January 19, 2016 we conducted a special large animal rural healthcare camp for the bovine residents of Malur village, during which 100+ large working animals were treated for general health issues.

And just by the way...

In case you were wondering how all these activities and events are organized, we have the administrative team working behind the scenes - Mr. Jagadeesha B, Ms. Neena Bijlani, Ms. Shilpa Mahbubani and Ms. Vinitha K who plan, budget, execute and facilitate all this and more!
Now, in 2016 our ABC-ARV program still goes strong, despite multiple challenges. These same hurdles have proven to be real impediments to other organizations, who chose to either discontinue the program or close down altogether.

In a March 2016 panel discussion aired on television channel News 9 regarding the ABC-ARV program, it was strongly reinforced by all panelists that CUPA’s system of admitting dogs for 4 full days with surgery conducted on day 2 was the most appropriate method that would ensure well-being and welfare for each animal. CUPA’s ABC Manager, Mr. H C Shekhar, was invited to represent our organization as a panelist. Back at the facility, our vet, Dr. Vediappan, has ensured that only the best medical practices are followed and maintained.

However, it is becoming increasingly clear that our ABC-ARV operations may cease to exist because the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has not reimbursed CUPA for operations conducted since June 2015. With such a large void in our funding, every operation performed burns a wider hole in our pocket, affecting all our other centres and their ability to work unhindered. We are trying our best to dialogue with the BBMP to get even a trickle of funding that will help us keep afloat. CUPA understands the importance of ABC-ARV which is the reason why we often continue as the lone operator of the program.

CUPA is perhaps the only organization which conducts the anti-rabies re-vaccination program regularly and in a planned manner, making sure that areas are covered year after year. This has helped Bangalore stay free from human Rabies for the last few years. The next time you cross paths with a streetie do take a moment to notice its ears to check if they are notched! If yes, this dog is neutred, vaccinated and completely safe in the society. If not, you can contact the NGO in charge and get it done at no cost.

Last, but not the least, we thank the Barrett Foundation, USA for sponsoring the new Dog-Catching vehicle in use today.
Treasurer’s Report
By Dr. Shriela N. Rao

It is with great pride that I present the Treasurer’s Report this year. This, our 25th Silver Jubilee year, has been a good year for the organization. Our work has increased significantly, which means that more animals have benefitted. This has been recognized by a compassionate public, who responded not just by contributing generously in cash and in kind, but also by offering their valuable time and efforts at the various centres.

The CUPA clinic in RT Nagar is the only 24-hour clinic in the city and regularly houses injured stray animals that are brought in, in the dead of night. The clinic has state of the art equipment and many unique facilities. People bring their pets from all over the city, and even from outside, because they have faith in our Veterinarians and in the many services we offer. We receive major donations from appreciative dog & cat owners at this centre, and are grateful to the staff of the clinic for their hard work in achieving this.

We have continued the Animal Birth Control (Stray dog sterilization) programme in spite of very irregular payments from BBMP. As this report goes out, we are still waiting for payments for work done a year ago. We did often consider stopping, but we know that if we do, it is the dogs who will suffer. So we continue, because we have a commitment to the city and its people and its animals.

Our salary component is high, but much of our work is unique and very difficult. With seven centres in various parts of the city, our staff requirements are large. Dog catchers, kennel cleaners, animal attendants all do the kind of jobs that many would hesitate to. We can only compensate them by ensuring that their salaries are good and that their medical needs are looked after promptly.

I conclude by saying a big Thank You to all our supporters, donors, well wishers and our staff, for their continued faith in our organization. Our celebration of 25 years is an affirmation of this faith. As Trustees, we will continue our work with dedication and sincerity so that, with your support, CUPA lives on even after us.
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Prayer of a Pooram Elephant

The Verdant forests were my home
Where I felt wonderfully safe,
With gay abandon would roam
Until I met the human race.

The innate cruelty of any male
Is frightening in any form,
But even this is fairly pale
Till mixed with religion, as is the norm.

Then its diabolism knows no bounds
As clothed in religious fervour
Amidst all the hysterical sounds
That forms the basis of prayer.

Day after day I trudge along
Numbed by the pain and heat,
Beside this weakling, made unusually strong
By hooks and sticks that pierce and beat.

The rage that boils and builds within me
Subjugated by the dreaded ankush
Is waiting, waiting, to break free
Lord, one chance for that fatal push.

My prayers are not for the world to see
Unlike those of a hypocritical people,
But, my Lord, I humbly beseech thee
Save me from these creatures and their foibles.

Take us away, forever and anon,
From a land that does not deserve us
May be, someday we will be reborn
Someplace, We’re not tortured thus.

But until then, this is my plea,
Save us, help us break free
Of chains so tight, such misery!
Save us, save us, save me.

Thrissur, 2006

The above poem by Dr. Shiela Rao was an out-pouring of spontaneous emotion,
on seeing the plight of a vulnerable 6 year old sub-adult elephant calf being mercilessly
bullied by his mahout, in Thrissur, Kerala, INDIA.