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Annual Report 2013-2014

CUPA’s Mylappanahalli Geriatric Centre

CUPA’s Second Chance Adoption Centre

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From: Benson, September 16, 2013
Hello, a stray dog is trapped in a drain near my place. The drain is dry, but is covered by a thick concrete slab, making it impossible to reach the trapped dog. This is near Kalyan Mantappa in Koramangala 8th Block. Need urgent help! We are feeling helpless.

CUPA’s response: This dog was rescued from under the drain by CUPA on the same day. Thanks to Benson for informing CUPA.

CUPA’s response: The dog was safely caught and brought to CUPA’s trauma center where doctors found a maggot wound on top of a larger, older wound, likely to be caused by a burn. She was found to be a patient, cooperative patient, loved biscuit treats and engaging in lively conversations with staff and visitors. She recovered well and was released three weeks later.

Call received: March 19, 2014
There is a dog on my street that seems to have burnt skin on its back, the wound is open and definitely needs immediate attention. Please help!
OUR MISSION

Annual Day of Compassion Unlimited Plus Action

is to be held on 19th day of October 2014 at Indiranagar Club, Kapila Hall, Bangalore.

Programme

❖ Welcome Address by Imm. Past Secretary
❖ Presentation on activities and services of CUPA
❖ Treasurer’s Report
❖ Announcement of Office Bearers for 2014-2015
❖ Felicitation of members and recognition of volunteers for outstanding contribution
❖ Question and Answer session
❖ Vote of Thanks
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OBITUARY

MR. E. MASSILAMANI, SENIOR ADVOCATE
14th August 1920 to 12th October 2013

Mr. E. Massilamani, Senior Advocate, enrolled as a lawyer in the year 1947 and practiced in civil, criminal and constitutional law. Mr. E. Massilamani's law practice spanned over sixty years and he was felicitated by the Bangalore Advocates Association for his yeoman services on many occasions. A brilliant lawyer, Mr. E. Massilamani successfully handled all kinds of cases and was introduced to CUPA in the mid nineties. Ever since, he has contributed immensely to CUPA both as a legal advisor and by representing CUPA in many cases pertaining to Animal welfare and Animal rights.

In 1999, Mr. E. Massilamani represented CUPA in the circus cases wherein the notification banning the exhibition and use of leopards, tigers, lions, monkeys and bears as performing animals was challenged by the circus companies. The cases were won and the ban was upheld by the High Court. In 2000, Mr. E. Massilamani represented CUPA in the street dog case filed by Subhashini Reddy and the petition was decided in favour of the street dogs and the ABC programme. Mr. E. Massilamani also represented CUPA in the bear cases and fought against the return of the bears to the madaris.

In 2004 and thereafter, Mr. E. Massilamani also fought the hotly contested court battles between the owner of elephant Girija Prasad and CUPA. The cases were won and the elephant is now in the care of the forest department.

Apart from the above, Mr. E. Massilamani also successfully represented WRRC in the petition filed by WRRC against the transfer of elephant Kapila.

Mr. E. Massilamani also represented Animal Welfare Board of India in the case pertaining to religious animal sacrifices and other animal Ngo's like PFA Mysore, PFA Bangalore in cases pertaining to animals in films and dancing bears. Apart from the above, Mr. E. Massilamani successfully conducted Mrs. Jaya Bhattacharya’s cases pertaining to street dogs.

Mr. E. Massilamani fought animal cases with the same zeal and enthusiasm as cases involving people. Mr. E. Massilamani appreciated the work and the commitment of CUPA and the animal activists and was proud and happy to contribute to the cause.

Mr. E. Massilamani was a pillar of strength to CUPA and all animal activists /Ngos and his service to the cause of animals was phenomenal.

His death is a huge loss and he will be greatly missed in the courts. We salute Mr. E. Massilamani for his service to animals and pray for his soul to rest in peace.
The year 2013-14 was a year of change. It was also a critical deviation from the familiar working pattern of centralized activity, to working from decentralized satellite centers without diluting CUPA's core vision - to help all animals in distress.

During the financial year 2013-14, CUPA's spacious and well organized animal shelter cum veterinary hospital had been handed over to the Veterinary College of Hebbal, at the completion of the 15 year lease period. This had left us rather disoriented but equally resolute to continue our welfare work without a break. Trauma and ambulance services for stray animals in the city were shifted temporarily to the Animal Birth Control Center in Koramangala. With the co-operation of our veterinarians, managers and attenders, we continued the work that has always been the foundation of CUPA's existence.

To cut the cycle of dependence on one primary location, we fanned out all over the city and identified places that would fulfill the needs of the stray and abandoned animals. Soon, properties were finalized and leased to house centers like the Second Chance Adoption facility which was started so that dogs ready for adoption could be easily accessed by the public. The Geriatric Center for older dogs was initiated to provide comfort and secure living to these canines in the senior phase of their lives.

The Large Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (LARRC) was strengthened to hold our permanent shelter dogs along with the large animals that come injured, crippled or abandoned. The Veterinary College, after much persuasion and follow-up, gave us back the kennel section and the X-ray room at the old CUPA Shelter. Rescue operations have finally moved back in to this section and our Hebbal location has again become the nucleus of trauma and ambulance related activity.

The centers came alive with CSR activities which increased significantly, giving a much needed boost of volunteering and assistance to the shelters.

We look forward to the coming year with renewed strength and confidence and hope that the public and animal lovers of Bangalore continue to support us, for without them, we would cease to exist.

A big Thank You to all our supporters who have helped by donating much needed resources, being physically present and assisting us in making the new centers stable and functional.
After the turbulence of the previous year which saw the closure of CUPA’s flagship Shelter-cum-Hospital at Hebbal, 2013 - 14 turned out to be a year of taking stock and consolidation. The new centers that were set up lost no time in stabilizing and rising to the many challenges that the city is constantly throwing up every single day. Aptly named ‘Second Chance’, the adoption Centre spends enormous energy ensuring that the dogs that have often been cruelly abandoned find peace and happiness with new families. In the green and serene environs of Mylappanahalli (off Yelahanka), many old, abandoned dogs have found a new lease of life, and are given special care for their age-related ailments. Now these animals frolic as though they have regained their youth! These centers are not very large in area, and are operating at saturation point already.

The Large Animal Centre takes in injured cows, ponies, donkeys, and even a camel that had illegally entered the state. On two occasions, our donkeys have brought great joy by giving birth on the premises; however it is extremely dampening to know that these expecting mothers were abandoned when, in fact, they need the most care. Not just the treatment, but even the picking up of large animals is a challenge. It says much for the spirit of Bangalore, that public and passers-by extend all cooperation in the lifting and loading process.

Stabilization of our Trauma Centre, Hebbal took much longer than expected, despite a Government Order that returns the entire CUPA Hebbal shelter for a period of 20 years, in reality we only have 1 room and 10 kennels for a period of 2 years, ending February 2016. Re-doing these spaces with limited funds has been real challenge but finally, the centre is now equipped with ambulances and people that bring, look into and care for injured stray dogs.

CUPA continues to carry out BBMP’s stray dog sterilization programme in the city. Unfortunate reports of dog bites that we do hear of sometimes come mainly from new areas, added to the city recently, where sterilization does not take place yet. Very rarely will you see a dog with unclipped ears - indicating sterilization and vaccination - in main Bangalore city. Only CUPA, Sarvodaya and Vets for Animals are functional, woefully few, for a city of 198 wards.

CUPA’s Animal Care Clinic in RT Nagar is completing ten years of providing quality care and treatment to thousands of animals each year, thanks to a committed band of senior veterinarians. Donations from the clinic keep all other centers afloat and operational.

CSR enables us to maintain and refurbish infrastructure, conduct overall health checks for animals, clean and green our centers and conduct many other such activities, which may otherwise have been delayed indefinitely. Our regular volunteers are indispensible in ensuring care and quality at the centers, and in propagating the cause of animal welfare at events, schools and corporate events. I cannot end this note without placing on record our gratitude to the many people and institutions without whose help and support, CUPA would be unable to function. We hope to carry on and expand our work to include many more animals that need help - our help and yours.
**CUPA CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The third edition of the CUPA Charity Golf Tournament was held at the Karnataka Golf Association on 27th September 2013. The event was in aid of setting up a sanctuary for abandoned racehorses, the first such initiative in India, and improving and enriching the wildlife enclosures in our Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre - Bannerghatta Rescue Centre, Bangalore.

123 golfers signed up for the event, and enjoyed a sunny afternoon of great golf, with attractive prizes up for grabs at every hole, and beautiful trophies for the overall winners.

Everybody enjoyed the delicious lunch, and the snacks and beverages during the prize distribution. Trustees, Managing Committee Members and our volunteers all pitched in to make the event a great success.

CUPA raised a grand total of Rs.12.6 lakhs, for which we owe a huge debt of gratitude to our sponsors.

Our heartfelt thanks to:

- **Our title sponsor**: Maratt Ltd
- **Associate sponsors**: Scan Holdings Ltd and Metal Closures, Bimal Auto
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**CUPA HONOURED BY NAMMA BENGALURU AWARDS 2013**

CUPA has worked for many many years, tirelessly serving the voiceless animals of the city. Those who work in animal welfare know only too well that very rarely are their efforts even acknowledged. And yet, hundreds of people continue to go beyond their means, psychologically, physically and financially to ensure that there is always a helping hand when needed.

The Namma Bengaluru Foundation, for the past 3 years has been a huge motivating force, acknowledging and appreciating the efforts of those who would otherwise go unnoticed in the public eye. This year CUPA was honored to be chosen from a nominee list as large as nearly 75,100 participants for the Namma Bengaluru Awards.

CUPA finished as a finalist and was chosen as one of the top 12 NGO's in the city in the category of Social Initiatives. To be recognized after so many years of hard work and tireless efforts comes as a fresh source of motivation for us to continue our efforts in helping street animals. It gives us inspiration knowing that the public is not only aware of our contribution to the society but are also appreciative and supportive of it. For this we are grateful to the Namma Bengaluru Foundation and we hope that in the following years, we are able to continue reaching out to animals found in distress.

**CUPA COLLABORATES WITH FIAPO FOR NATIONAL CHANGE**

26, September 2013

Dear Compassion Unlimited Plus Action,

I am delighted to share with you - what we have together achieved - for cows in India. As a result of the campaign that FIAPO ran on your behalf to prevent the setting of a industrial style mega-dairy in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, the Animal Husbandry Department has rejected IFFCO’s proposal of import of 9000 cows, frozen embryos, and semen.

This is a huge victory for animals in India - and it belongs to everyone collectively as a part of the Federation representing the animal protectionists. I want to thank you personally-everything FIAPO achieves is either created or enhanced by the fact that we - FIAPO - is a representative body shaped by the member organizations. And for cows, this achievement means almost unimaginable cruelty will NOT happen in Andhra Pradesh - thanks to you.

Mega dairies or factory farms have raised ethical and practical issues around the world. Such industrial milk production involves holding a large number of animals in close confined conditions, with little chance to express normal behavior such as grazing, grooming calves and establishing social bonds with other animals. Such systems of production also generate large amounts of waste, often disrupt livelihoods of farmers in their immediate vicinity and are extremely cruel to animals. Thanks to you, this is the right step towards ensuring that cruel and exploitative mega-dairies are not set up in India. I look forward to working with you, on other issues, so we can bring about such similar positive change for animals.

Norma Alvares
Chairperson
Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organizations (FIAPO)
www.fiapo.org
CUPA takes time out year after year to interact and talk to young, impressionable minds in schools about the importance of compassion and empathy for our furry friends, and how one can show respect and love.

Recent WHO statistics say that 1/3rd of all rabies deaths worldwide occur in India, mostly amongst children. This is both, unfortunate and startling, prompting CUPA to initiate awareness campaigns to protect our children and animals alike.

Students of Grade 7 & 8 interact with Managing Committee members, Ms. Shalini Santosh & Mr. Tejas Tallam, who talk about co-existence and the need to care for community animals. This year, Government schools in PG Halli and Marathahalli were covered.

Acts of simple kindness like placement of water bowls, ensuring sterilizations for the local dogs and avoiding actions that provoke animals goes a long way in creating peace and safety for both humans and animals. The highlight of these sessions is always the 'practical' segment - children get to meet and play with CUPA shelter animals! The kids understand that dogs are not threats, but instead, they can be our lifelong friends.

When people, especially the youth, have the right information, they have a better chance of making the right decision and doing the right thing. Our community dogs are harmless and keep us safe, and only want our love and compassion in return. We thank the schools for opening their classrooms and minds to us and hope that these students grow up to be kind, sensitive and passionate citizens of tomorrow.

Each year, CUPA is invited to participate at CMCA’s civic fest and exhibition and interact with more than 2000 children at the St. Joseph’s Indian High School grounds. Held on August 3rd 2012, the stall was handled by Shalini Santosh and volunteer Shilpa Mahbubani, who spent an entire morning talking to batches of children about compassion to animals. The highlight of the day for the CUPA team was one young boy who donned a very intriguing costume - He felt very strongly about the lack of hygiene in our neighborhood and to express himself he had single-handedly designed a wearable dustbin - complete with real snack packets and plastic bottles. He had also drawn a ‘street’ dog sniffing into the garbage and made sure to mention that the garbage strewn around public bins posed serious health risks to them too. He was instantly and unanimously made the CUPA mascot for the day.
Neglected, Sold, Abandoned

The Indian girl child is not alone in the ‘unwanted’ club. Male calves, which can produce neither offspring nor milk are considered unnecessary, un-paying customers of their mother’s milk. These male calves are killed before they turn seven days old, sold for their lovely, tender skin.

In the meantime, what happens to his mother? Milk meant for the calf is stolen, to be sold commercially. Her basic food - hay, grass, vegetables and lentils - eat into the profits she brings to her owners, hence she is sent out onto the road to graze. Here, several issues arise - she is exposed to all the dangers of road rage and rash, reckless drivers. Secondly, she finds kitchen waste in our heaps, invariably ingesting plastic bags, food wrapping, paper and even pins and nails. Just when you thought that it couldn’t get any worse - it is in these filthy conditions they get foot and mouth infection, when left untreated leads to maggot infections and later to gangrene. Our team, consisting of our veterinarians, Facility Manager Mr. Munirammana, and assistants Lakshman and Prashanth treat and care for these animals while they recuperate at LARRC.
CUPA to the Rescue

Victim of Tradition
Many of us believe that it is auspicious for a cow to enter a newly built house. On the day of the house-warming ceremony, the cow is worshipped, offered fruits, and the owner of the cow given new clothes, food and money. Sounds good, doesn’t it?

One fateful morning at one such celebration, a beautiful young cow was taken to a new house, coaxed by all to enter so that the revelry could begin. Alas, cows’ hooves are not made for shiny, glossy floors causing the cow to slip, eventually falling with her hind legs spread-eagled. The cow suffered a hip fracture and was unable to stand up - bringing the ceremony to an embarrassing halt.

What worth is a cow that can’t stand to grace the occasion? The owner of the house ordered his workmen to drag the cow out by its hind legs onto the footpath then stormed back in, probably upset that the tradition would not be complete. CUPA doctors did everything to help her, but this beautiful, unfortunate cow succumbed to grave injuries soon after.

At the Finishing Line
Three retired racehorses, purchased by a riding school and later abandoned, left without food for more than 20 days. Thanks to these young boys who stumbled upon the trio while playing cricket in an adjoining field, two out of the three were saved from death due to dehydration, starvation and trauma. CUPA thanks Dr. Pampapaty for housing the weaker of the two for ten days while he regained the strength to be shifted to CUPA.

Run like a Bullet
Animals are blessed with a strong sixth sense, and have proven many a time that they are capable of understanding what’s happening, and reacting appropriately. These two freed themselves from the shackles that held them outside a slaughter house and laid low until the butchers gave up their hunt. Ugra and Dushheri are two fast friends who know that they are loved and safe at CUPA.

In Quicksand
Did you know that camel slaughter is illegal in India? This means that any camel meat you find at any meat shop today is also illegal. This camel had been brought from Rajasthan to be killed and feasted upon. He too pulled away from the ropes that tied him down and was found lost and confused on the rough Bangalore streets. CUPA volunteers were fascinated by his wise ways and named him Master Oogway. However the master had sustained massive neck injuries from the ropes that must have subjugated him for years, and sadly succumbed while still under treatment.
Joy and Hope - Jenny and Tuluk

Beautiful and already pregnant Jenny who came to LARRC late 2012 with a deformed foreleg gave birth to a lovely female foal on July 14, 2013.

The baby was named Tuluk, which means ‘Favored by the Gods’. Tuluk is one donkey who will never have to carry unreasonable burdens on her back. She is an absolute darling who loves to cling to her mother like any baby would. CUPA is delighted to report that both mother and baby are doing well.

Large Animal Health Care camps - Rural and Urban

Large working animals are owned by individuals who use these animals to earn a living. CUPA has found that the health of the animals is neglected due to unavailability of veterinary services in rural areas and, even if available, the challenge in meeting associated costs.

To help these agriculturalists keep their animals, CUPA conducts rural healthcare camps at selected economically challenged villages in conjunction with local veterinarians from the Animal Husbandry Department. At a rural camp, between 500 - 600 animals are given a complete health checkup, including deworming and gynecological disorders. Liberal quantities of nutritional supplements and advice are given to the owners.

In the urban city landscape, large animals are used to transport goods from one place to another. Very often, these loads far exceed the permissible limit, amounting to cruelty under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. CUPA conducts urban healthcare camps, where animals are found to be working despite suffering from injuries, body aches and fevers. The men leading the animals are cautioned and in extreme cases, goods are offloaded until the weight is more reasonable. The animal is released only after a thorough check up by our doctors.

Large Animal Healthcare camps are conducted as and when donations towards the same come in.
Compassionate Contributions

Goldman Sachs
The teams from Goldman Sachs (GS) truly know how to mix business with pleasure! Year after year, teams from GS swarm into CUPA centers through the summer, offering to get down and dirty, doing whatever it takes to truly help at an animal shelter. Memories from the summer of 2013.
**DBOI Global Services, Deutsche Bank Group**

CUPA would like to mention a heartfelt Thank You to DBOI Global Services, Deutsche Bank Group (DBOI) for continuing to extend their support to CUPA in 2013-2014. CUPA has been ‘banking’ on DBOI since 2006 when they began by sponsoring Healthcare Camps for Large Animals in rural areas with the aim to improve the health of cattle animals owned by villagers in order to save them from being uneconomical and sent off to slaughter.

Over the years, DBOI expanded their support by including CUPA in their ‘Gift a Wish’ Program, a most warm and thoughtful gesture in which they play Santa Claus and gift Christmas presents such as shampoos, brushes, food, biscuits, supplements, grooming products and treats to our shelter animals.

When DBOI learnt that thoroughbred racehorses had been rescued and brought to CUPA, they immediately decided to pitch in with the expenses that a racehorse brings with it and offered to passively adopt one of them named Brownie, enabling us to keep up with the higher costs of feeding and maintenance.

We felt the heat in the summer of 2013, quite literally, when our sole bore well unexpectedly dried up, leaving us with only one option – purchase water tankers. With each large animal consuming 40-50 liters of water a day besides additional water needed for hosing and wallowing, we knew that tankers could only be a band-aid solution. Once again, DBOI stepped in, offering to completely sponsor an eco-friendly rainwater harvesting system at Large Animal Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre (LARCC), completing the installation and setup by June 2013.

The latter half of 2013 was blessed with abundant rain which kept replenishing the sumps that had been created for water catchment and storage. Later in 2013 we used the water to irrigate one-third of our land and were successful at growing our own maize for the large animals lowering our cost of feed substantially.

Thank you DBOI!
LARRC Obituaries - In loving memory of these brave and courageous animals

- Master Oogway
- Georgy
- Rosey
- Pummy
- Arjuna
- Kaveri
- Snowflake
- Ms. Iblur
- Fatty
This year CUPA will mark a very important milestone - 2014 will complete 20 years of active urban stray dog sterilization in Bangalore. Back in the early 1990’s, our community dogs were routinely caught and electrocuted indiscriminately as a means of controlling the population. This inhumane method also turned out to be ineffective, as stray dogs from Bangalore’s periphery would naturally migrate to the city in order to fill the vacuum that is inevitably created where systematic garbage disposal is absent. After several years of meetings and follow up with the authorities, BBMP finally joined hands with CUPA in October 2000 to begin mass sterilization in the city. The very same facility that had electrocuted thousands of dogs was taken over by CUPA and renovated to include an equipped surgery room and secure kennels instead. Dogs continued to be caught but this time, it was done by trained CUPA handlers under experienced supervision.

Dogs that are brought in are placed in kennels and given food and water on the first day. Dogs are then neutered on the second day by experienced vets, and allowed to recuperate on day three and four. Just before release on day five, the dogs are vaccinated against rabies and then placed back in the area that they were picked up from.

In the fiscal year ending March 2014, a total of 6204 stray dogs were sterilized, averaging more than 500 dogs a month. Two vans are sent out each day to achieve this aggressive number, and is the only way by which any change could have been achieved. Last year (April 2012-March 2013) a total of 7424 dogs were sterilized and vaccinated.

CUPA’s ABC team consists of Manager Mr. Vijay Kumar, Field Officers Mr. John and Mr. Vasudev, Dr. Vedi, attender Nasimhamurthy and others.

**Email received from Sunil Harigopal, March 31, 2014**

I contacted CUPA’s ABC centre in Koramangala for sterilization of two dogs in my area. The female was very difficult to catch. She ran away during our first attempt despite sedation but the CUPA team returned the following week and tried again. This time the sedation worked. I watched the operation very closely and wish to say that it was done very professionally and dogs were handled with care. Special word of appreciation to Mr. Vasu and catcher Prabhu for doing a good job.
Animal Birth Control Statistics for the year 2013-2014

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TRAUMA & RESCUE CENTER

Rescue and relief services to Bangalore’s injured stray animals remain CUPA’s top priority, and it was a major setback when the Hebbal shelter was forced to suspend operations on 31st October 2012. However, distress calls never stopped and therefore on December 17th 2012, we decided to resume partial services by transferring rescue operations to the ABC center in Koramangala. Staff, Doctors, ambulances and records were shifted and the helpline was activated once again.

CUPA’s ABC Centre is specifically deputed to carry out Animal Birth Control - Anti Rabies Vaccination (ABC-ARV) work in Bangalore which is equally critical for the welfare of animals and humans alike. The centre rose to the occasion and almost seamlessly took on the mammoth responsibility of rescuing and sheltering trauma patients as well, continuing to do so until March 31, 2014. CUPA ABC Manager Mr. Vijay and Field Officers John and Vasudev assisted in making this shift from Hebbal to Koramangala possible.

Ambulance Service

CUPA operates four ambulances that ply our roads every single day, rescuing injured animals and transporting them to
our shelters. Our vehicles, a Tempo Traveller, two Maruti vans and a hydraulic ambulance for large animals are assigned multiple pickup and releases, covering the entire Greater Bangalore area which spans nearly 740 Sq. Kms. In more than a couple of instances, the ambulance was made available for emergency and planned rescues that involved severely injured dogs that would emerge only after dusk. One can imagine the constant stress that is placed on our already old and overused vehicles and we are in the process of raising funds to procure newer ambulances.

Cruelty Cases
CUPA is often called upon to look into cases of cruelty inflicted upon pet and owned animals. Our animal welfare office, Mr. Shantha Kumar, is certified and authorized by the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) to respond to complaints made about people and families that do not give their pets due attention and care.

170 cases were inspected last year, of which a vast majority involved pet dogs that were noticed to have been tethered for unreasonable long periods of time without food and water. This is a direct violation of Section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960. The law is introduced to the owners and after stern counseling the situation often improves. In some cases where warnings don’t seem to have an effect, the pet is confiscated and brought to CUPA’s shelter where a re-homing process begins. A total of 8 dogs were confiscated in 4 different cases last year and have been successfully adopted into loving homes.

CUPA’s Wishlist
For supporters who wish to donate in kind, they can do so in the following ways. Second hand items are appreciated as well.

- Old/ new blankets, bed sheets, towels, curtains for bedding
- Refrigerator for medicine storage
- Dog bowls and grooming brushes
- Anti-tick/flea shampoos, ear/eye drops, powders, collars, leashes, gloves
- Pedigree/ Chappi/ Royal Canine/ Drools
- Dog Treats/ biscuits / toys
- Diet supplementary tonics (Omega 3 fatty acids, Vitamins, Calcium, Proteins)
- Old newspapers
- Cleaning equipment like swabbing clothes, floor mops and brooms, soaps, phenyl, detergents, dishwash solutions
- Buckets & mugs
- Plastic Baskets and crates for small animals to sleep in
- Wet and dry Pedigree and Whiskas
- Grass for cows and horses
- Vegetables, fruits for parakeets and monkeys
- Feeding bottles and Lactol for unweaned puppies
- Rubber or fiber toys
- Rice, wheat, salt
- Litter boxes and litter fill
- Sky cages/pet carrier
- Office supplies
- Energy-saving light bulbs

Mr. R. Shanthakumar is always on a mission
The CUPA Animal Care Clinic located in RT Nagar provides vital medical services to animals round the clock. The clinic is frequented by several pet parents looking for expert and professional care for their dogs, cats, birds and even hamsters and guinea pigs once in a while. Seasoned veterinarian Dr. Basavana Gowda heads our team of highly experienced and professional vets – Dr. Vaseem, Dr. Vishal, Dr. Adity and others.

The clinic is one of the most well-equipped clinics for pet care in Bangalore, attending to an average of 2200 cases per month and providing a host of advanced services:

- Isoflurane Anesthetic Machine
- Abdominal Ultrasound and Echo Cardiography unit
- Ophthalmoscope
- Magnifying Lens for Ophthalmic surgeries
- Radiology Unit
- Hydraulic Operation Table
- Microchip Scanner
- Pet grooming unit
- Copier print machine
- Exclusive Vet ECG Machines
- Vet patient monitor
- Vet pulse Oximeter 9

The CUPA clinic is also a preferred destination for grooming and pampering services! Our trained gentle hands have been entrusted to care and handle even fussy and delicate pets.

As a result of the closing of the Hebbal shelter, the clinic pitched in wherever it could, accommodating critical cases wherever possible and especially in the night. Charges for these expert services are very nominal and most of our first time customers come after hearing about us from other pet parents. A significant portion of the proceeds are diverted to various projects that strive for better animal welfare on regional and national levels.

We thank the entire team for stretching themselves and providing excellent services and relief to pet lovers, and of course, their precious pets.
Bangalore is seeing fewer puppies on our streets and an ageing population of stray dogs instead. Just like humans, they are in the second childhood of their lives and are unable to fend for themselves on the streets.

The Geriatric Center in Mylappanahalli was started to cater to this demographic: dogs that ‘are old in body but not in spirit’, the motto which is made abundantly obvious by these 35 odd inmates who absolutely love to play and are often seen toying around for hours nonstop!

As you can see, MGC’s inmates are elderly, healthy, active and most importantly, young at heart! Some of these dogs were abandoned due to ill-health but subsequently made remarkable recoveries at MGC. The inmates now need minimal veterinary intervention and have nothing against them except a few missing teeth and old age. Such seniors need a place to call their own, where they can hang up their boots and live a retired life.

Perhaps the only Geriatric Center for dogs in India, MGC proves that love, affection and friendship are indeed for life!
Success Stories

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Let’s get acquainted! Meet some of the residents of MGC

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Hello all, my name is Arjun. I’m a young guy, you know one of those strikingly handsome types you come across very rarely! I love playing with my favorite people, pulling their hands, legs and footwear, it seems to make them move in awkward ways, quite hilarious actually! They say I am a rare white German shepherd and I was rescued by CUPA two years ago when I met with an accident. People think its sad I lost one limb and have only three. But I feel sad for them because they have only two!

I love sleeping under a vehicle; people who know me, immediately know where to look for me to. And anyone who drives the vehicle has automatic petting rights! I now live in the new CUPA shelter - MGC and some of my favorite people come to see me, it’s really awesome. Come visit me soon!

Hi all, my name is Benji! Some people call me Benjamin Franklin - I think it has to do with the fact that I’m super talented and good looking. A lot of people say I look like a bear, I’m not really sure who bear is, I think I’m pretty darn handsome so I’m guessing bear is too. Let me tell you why I think that - you see I have big brown eyes, a black furry coat and white whiskers too. Just a deadly combination. Anyone who will allow me to scratch myself against them is very welcome to my den at MGC!

My name is Engage, christened after the Nokia Engage phone that works sideways! I too have a sideways walk ever since that 4-wheeled monster went over my hip some years ago. But I’m completely fine now, however, when I get super excited I sometimes run around in wiggly circles! I like living at MGC, I have so many friends and mostly amuse myself by watching their silliness! The docs say that I shouldn’t be stressing myself out at all because I’m too old now. So I’m happily retired and I must say - It’s truly a dog’s life!
SECOND CHANCE ADOPTION CENTER

CUPA has long been a dumping ground for abandoned and unwanted pets. Sometimes, CUPA has confiscated pets from indifferent owners or stone-hearted breeders, and sheltered them at the Hebbal shelter from where they are treated and rehomed.

The CUPA Second Chance Adoption Centre was inaugurated on 12th September 2013. We were able to fulfill the much needed requirement for an adoption center thanks to Ms. Rohini Nilekani and Mr. Aditya Raheja, both of whom contributed significantly.

We express deepest gratitude to:
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And Jeevan and Surekha for the LG washing machine
A list of all donors who generously supported us with funds is included in the list of donors featured later in this report.

The adoption team consisted of:
Manager - Sanjana Madappa
Office assistant - Preetica Biswas
Attendants - Mounish, Basu, Veeresh and Pravin.

We are delighted to announce that since our inauguration in September 2013 till the 31st of March 2014, we have had 84 successful adoptions with an average 10 adoptions a month. The centre has been a huge success and has bridged the very real void that existed after the Hebbal shelter was forced to close. We have called this facility the CUPA Second Chance Adoption Centre as all the animals that arrive at these doors are looking for a second lease of life.

Our adoptions are not limited to Bangalore - our dogs have been adopted in homes on the shores of Mangalore, Goa and Chennai and all their owners keep in touch with us via phone and email. Each adoption is treated with utmost care and especially first time adopters are educated on the A to Z of pet care.

We encourage prospective adopters to get to know the dogs by visiting us a few times and making sure the entire family interacts with the dog. When both dog and parent are ready to go home, we wish them a happy second chance and they are always welcome to call and visit us regarding any problems associated with the dog. In the very unlikely situation that either the family or the pet are unable to adjust after adoption, we request them to return the dog to us.
and consider passive adoption as an alternative. Passive adopters are welcome to finance a dog's care and come to bond with the animal anytime.

Corporates and schools are also welcome to Second Chance! Professionals and children alike loved the place and have returned with their families.

We have some excellent volunteers who help us on a regular basis and honestly the dogs would not look so happy if they didn't visit and help us so often. A special mention to one of our most dedicated volunteers, Ms. Melissa Marak who would make her way to the center at least six days a week to work with dogs who had behavioral issues to help them become more social, and therefore, adoptable.

CUPA encourages people and families to visit our Second Chance Adoption centre where, besides adopting a rescued dog, folks could also understand that pets are very much like children and that they need care and attention too. It is always a good idea to understand a dog's behavior and what it entails to have a pet. Finally, when you are sure you are ready to 'build that bond', always opt to adopt, do not buy from breeders.

Gorgeous **Goldilocks**, a 7.5 year old cocker spaniel, now lives with loving owner, Harish V Reddy, who finds her absolutely flawless despite a very obvious hind leg deformity! Harish has renamed her Blondie and recently celebrated her 1 year homecoming anniversary with loved ones at Cubbon Park.

![Image of Goldilocks]

**And they lived happily ever after....**

Beautiful **Bella** is an Indie-cross who came as a 4 month old pup into the center. An electrician, R. Babu, had been hired to fix up the Adoption Centre and fell in love with her, taking her home on the day of the center's inauguration!

She now lives with her two human sisters, and is considered as the third child living a pampered loving life.

**Pepper, Smiley and Bella** are three little Indie pups were adopted by a school run for orphans in Hosur. The kids take responsibility of these three dogs, and look after them really well. The three are growing up to be loving members of the school and the kids love them dearly. They recently came over to the RT Nagar Clinic for their sterilization.
Bouncy Betsy was an 8 year old dachshund when she came to the center. She was given to us by a vet who did not agree with the owner of euthanizing her just because she was old. Betsy has been adopted by Sunayana Bhatia and is now a jetsetter, flying with her adopted parents to Delhi and Mumbai very often.

Puggy was abandoned by previous owners who didn't want to deal with the hassle of a superficial skin infection that Puggy suffered from. However, all his fur grew back after he started receiving love, care and basic medication from the Adoption Center staff. Her adopter Shahnaz Deshpande came all the way from Goa to welcome this girl into her family. Unfortunately, Puggy suddenly fell seriously ill shortly afterward and the family was forced to make the heartbreaking decision to let her go. She was a cherished and loving member of her family for the short time she was with them.

Sweet Sunday was a cocker spaniel aptly named as he was surrendered on a Sunday due to neglected skin and a serious tick infestation. It took hours to clean him. Giselle Mehta read about him on CUPA’s Facebook page and drove up to take him home. Sunday now lives near the beach in Mangalore with his loving family.

Bolt is an Indie-Basset Hound mix. Due to his looks, he was almost always overlooked by adopters. Chitra Chari and her son Anirudh saw his post on Facebook and drove up from Chennai to Bangalore to take a look at him. It was love at first sight, and Bolt, now a second son to Chitra, goes for walks on the beach, attending doggie parties, and pet-socializations in Chennai.

Darling Duma, a cocker spaniel now called Luffy, is with a loving family who had earlier adopted two lab-rescued Beagles. When the older one died due to medical conditions, Ashok Chintala decided that the remaining Beagle, Jazz, needed a new sibling. Ashok, his wife and Jazz drove up from Chennai, fell in love with Duma and are now one happy family. They often have play dates with Bolt who was also adopted from the center.

Princess Peaches is a Boxer whose fate changed when an animal lover took her away from her uncaring owner who wanted to dump Peaches anyways. She had been used for breeding, and she had over 6 lumps on her body (found to be benign) which are also symbolic of emotional scars that she had lived through. Vishal Ponnappa saw Peaches for who she truly was - a loving gentle dog who only had love to give. She is now living a wonderful and comfortable life with Vishal.
Minnie & Mickey are a brother-sister pair who came along with another sister Daisy (who had already been adopted by someone else). These two little Indies are now living a wonderful estate life with Anil Rodrigues and his family in Udupi.

Teddy Bear was adopted by Rajani Badami, Trustee of CUPA. These are her words - 'We were still making up our mind whether to adopt him or not, Teddy who was outside his kennel just dashed to the car and wanted to get in. When he was being led back to the kennel the sadness in his eyes was tear jerking. That was the sealing moment when we as a family took the decision to take him and have never regretted it. He has brought tremendous joy, laughter, his affection and his fondness to be taken for a drive is something to be experienced. He does have an attitude at times! But he knows that we love him and is an absolute darling.'

Foster care: Supporters of CUPA can contribute to our cause by fostering dogs and puppies from our center. Puppies and dogs do well in protected home environments as opposed to a center, no matter how well the shelter is run. Fill in a volunteer form and be a foster parent today!

Pen to Paper, Words to Action

Treat me kindly, my beloved master
For no heart in all the world
Is more grateful for kindness
Than the loving heart of me

Should the great master see fit
To deprive me of my health or sight
Do not turn me away from you
Rather hold me gently in your arms
As the skilled hands grant me the
Merciful boon of eternal rest

And I will leave you knowing
With the last breath I draw
My fate was safest and secure
In your hands.

- Joel
RETURN CAPTIVE ELEPHANTS TO THE STATUS OF INDIA’S HERITAGE ANIMAL

India’s most prestigious animal – the elephant – is under assault. Those left in the wild are squeezed and ravaged due to lack of space, others in captivity are routinely exploited, abused and mercilessly driven by commercial operators. Though well-concealed to the public eye, their suffering is well understood by us. CUPA has followed and witnessed firsthand the many tragedies befalling individuals of the elephant community. CUPA’s tryst with elephants began in 2004, when news of a young male named Girija Prasad being brutally beaten by his mahout in Aiyappa Swami temple in Bangalore surfaced. Girija Prasad was finally rescued after a stormy and prolonged 6 year legal battle. CUPA decided to take on the issue at a national level and continues to speak out for elephants whenever possible.

Unexplained breaches of norms are often positioned as political necessities, with elephants paying the heavy price for arbitrary law-bending decisions, often taken by the very custodians commissioned to protect them.

In February 2011, a young six-year old elephant named Prakruthi from the Sacrebylu Elephant Camp was exchanged for a male elephant, Ganesha, from the Sri Shaneeshwara Bhagwan Temple Trust, Thirunallar at Pondicherry.

The temple is well known for its abusive treatment and has no expertise in elephant keeping. This reputation was only reinforced when Ganesha arrived with severe wounds and obvious signs of neglect. This transfer was done with full knowledge to all authorities despite it being an illegal act, without any due consideration to the future of pain and suffering that Prakruthi would have to face in the temple.

In March 2013, two eighteen-month old elephant calves by name Champaka (female) and Drona (male) were forcefully and prematurely separated from their mothers – Veda and Suvarna - from the Bannerghatta Biological Park and were gifted to the Shivaratriswara Mutt, Suttur, Mysore, in exchange for elephants rejected by the temple – Lakshmi, a twelve-year old female elephant Maasti, a sixteen-year old male elephant that suffered from serious behavioral problems and stereotypii. The stereotypical behavior observed in these two elephants are sure signs of depression and mental illhealth, proof of poor elephant management and cruelty inflicted them by the temple.

On September 25th 2013, a sting operation recorded and telecast on popular news channel News9, exposed rampant
corruption in the office of the Chief Wildlife Warden. The camera caught the CWW’s office staff accepting cash from event managers in return for critical assistance in getting permissions to hire elephants for weddings, functions and religious processions. The same was viewed by a youtube link and raised serious questions of collusion of departmental staff with owners and event managers of functions using captive elephants.

There were requests for intervention to help the elephants Gowri and Yashasvi of Nanjangud and KukkeSubramanya temples respectively, which were constantly in chains and exposed to a very unhealthy and isolated lifestyles. Public intervention and pressure is needed to expedite these matters. Letters and appeals for the return of elephant Prakruthi from Pondicherry, the two babies from Suttur Mutt and stopping permissions for elephants taking part in commercial events have been ignored and unacknowledged. The transfers are in contravention of all State Government orders but most importantly, seriously impair the welfare of the elephants whose protection is the prime task of the Government.

The indifference of the officials does not hinder our attempts and we will continue to express strong objection to any injustice shown to these magnificent creatures. When 25 wild males, females and calves were reportedly captured from the wild in March 2014, CUPA immediately sent a notice to the senior officers of the state of Karnataka and Forest Department dated 20th March 2014, strongly condemning the conditions in which the elephants were found to be kept.

The deplorable conditions of other elephants in captivity often go unnoticed. We request our members to be watchful, take photographic and video evidence wherever possible, contact authorities and speak out on behalf of one of India’s most loved animals.

Dasara Elephants

Do procession elephants enjoy the glitz and glamour as much as we do? Sadly, the answer is no.

Calves are separated from their mothers. Adult elephants ‘selected’ to join the procession are ‘trained’ by their mahouts for the big day. They are subject to days of deafening noise, blinding lights and confusing mayhem.

CUPA shot off a letter to the concerned authorities highlighting the sorry plight of these animals, also suggesting ways in which the stress of this occasion could be lessened for the elephants involved.
This letter was sent by CUPA to the State authorities during the highly publicized Dassara festival season when it came to our attention that elephants would be, like in past years, paraded on the streets under alarmingly disturbing circumstances.

The Chief Wildlife Warden
Karnataka Forest Department (Wildlife)
Aranaya Bhavan, Bangalore
And,
The District Commissioner
Chairperson - Dasara Committee

Dear Sir,
This is to bring to your kind notice the many appeals, calls and requests, with reference to the Dasara Elephants, that we are receiving from concerned citizens and members of the public.

We wish for your kind intervention in the following items that can be easily and practically implemented.

As the Hon’ble Chief Minister has rightfully directed that this year it would be the “People's Dasara” sentiments of all sections of the public should be taken into account. Our appeal to you is that:

1. Let the nursing mothers be returned to their respective forest home camps and be reunited with their calves. An elephant's bonding with their female calves is lifelong and part of their basic ethology. This cannot be fragmented and broken due to festival celebrations.

2. It may be significant to remember that weaning ages of calves, though within legal stipulations that were formulated in the early years of the last century now stands scrutiny to enhanced knowledge of the elephant’s biology, ethology and social behaviors. In the context of the research knowledge gained over the past decades, practices driven by tradition and habit may need to be re evaluated in the light of welfare norms governing a complex animal like an elephant.

3. We request for a scientific study of the welfare status of these forest camp elephants on the Dasara grounds, by a group of elephant specific expert team of biologists, scientists, veterinarians and animal welfarists on scientific methodology approved by the Project Elephant Directorate in 2008.

4. Choice of participating elephants should be transparent and conducted by a wider body of experts than left to any one officer’s discretion or arbitrary decision. Whether by error or default, last year an advanced pregnancy animal was brought to the grounds. Today, the same animal has been forcibly separated from her calf which may be just one year or less. This can be termed as nothing short of inhumane. There should be a directive regarding the ideal age for separation from mother and should be driven by scientific reasoning. Even training of calves need close scrutiny and improvements from current practices.

5. The practice of carrying ‘howdah’ on elephant’s back is a relatively new phenomenon. The same practice can be suitably altered, for the sake of welfare and less cruelty on the animal. Project Elephant directives for forest camp elephants’ carrying capacities can be the guideline for altering the practice to a chariot carrying howdah drawn by elephant with weight distribution on shoulders instead of spine.

6. Average carrying hours of howdah weight and saddle totaling approximately 980 kgs is anywhere between 5-7 hours. This kind of dead weight on the spine of the elephant is cruel and unjustifiable. The whole procession needs to be revamped in order to give as less stress and exposure to fireworks, crowds and noise generated.

7. It is a well known secret that the animals remain calm due to dosing with alcohol and opium. The same can be easily verified through laboratory reports of their urine and blood. If found to be true, conventional wisdom should prevail to exclude them from such stressful activity of participation or altered to the usage of less elephants with howdah carrying on chariot.

We look forward to your kind response to the appeal which is purely driven by welfare concerns for the captive elephants. As a modern society progresses, traditions too need to be re-checked and scrutinised for their relevance to the contemporary knowledge and concerns.

Thanking you,
President
CUPA

29th August, 2013
The Status of India’s Captive Elephant

These reports reflect the expert evaluation of more than 120 captive elephants all over India in various management regimes.

The project to document the lives of these captive elephants was initially planned over two years but has extended to over six years, with research and compilation still ongoing.

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1. Welfare Status of Temple Elephant Meraka
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9. Captive Elephants In Forest Camps In India
10. Travelling and Beating Elephants In India
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6. Wandering Elephants of Punjab
7. Captive Elephants of Karnataka
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1. Temperature Effect on Captive Asian Elephants in Arid Regions of North India
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11. Database for Captive Elephants and their Mahouts in Andaman
12. Captive Elephants under Private Ownership in India
13. Working with Elephant Mahouts
CUPA in the Media

**The Hindu**

Beastly tales
PREETI ZACHARIAS
Cato India Senior Counsel, president of CUPA, at the conference.

No more in violation of the law.

CUPA, which has been fighting against the ban on keeping elephants for more than 10 years, believes that the ban is unjust and will continue to fight it.

**Bangalore Mirror**

Mutt trades old elephants for new ones from forest dept
Courtney Christian R. Bangalore Mirror

The Mutt of Mysore did not have two adult elephant calves, but they had gone rogue.

The forest department decided to exchange the calves with the Mutt of Mysore.

**Metro Plus**

Schoolkids rush to aid of horses that were starving for 20 days

Riding school staff abandon their charges

Schoolkids rush to aid of horses that were starving for 20 days

The schoolkids rushed to the aid of the horses that were starving for 20 days.

**The New Indian Express**

**CupA in the Media**

It’s a dog’s life
PREETI ZACHARIAS visits the CUPA centre, which offers elderly dogs a measure of comfort in their twilight years.

A bull scare at Jal Vayu Vihar

For over the last 15 years, the village has been under threat of a bull scare, but the recent incident has added to the villagers’ woes.

The incident points to the need for better planning and coordination in the management of wildlife.
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A big Thank You to our auditor, Mr. Ashok Bhat and our internal auditor Mr. Manohar Seth for efficiently managing various CUPA accounts from our various centers.
As narrated by my colleagues, 2013-2014 turned out to be a year of rebuilding for CUPA, both financially, as well as in number of centres. The city was in dire need of an adoption center that could house and offer specialized care to healthy but abandoned dogs that would make perfect companions if only given a second chance at life. Another need was a Geriatric centre where older dogs could live out their lives peacefully. CUPA decided to take the plunge and pumped big investments into the setting up of these centers, which are running smoothly and at capacity today.

Of course, we could not have done it without the many donors whose generosity provided the push we needed. A special word of thanks to Ms. Rohini Nilekani for her donation of Rs. 10 lakh and to Mr. Aditya Raheja for providing all the building materials to the Second Chance Adoption Center.

We continue to stand tall thanks to active corporate partners, Deutsche Bank Group and Goldman Sachs who have helped execute various projects our centers and have supported urban and rural large animal healthcare camps for several years now. A special Thank You to Indraprastha Shelters, also long-standing supporters of CUPA. A complete list of donors, to whom we are very grateful, is mentioned later in the report.

In November 2013 we conducted the KGA Golf Tournament in association with Marratt Builders which was the major fundraiser for the year. Once again, we thank all associate, title and prize sponsors for contributing to the grand success of the event.

I would also like to extend a warm Thank You to each and every animal loving citizen for believing in CUPA’s work and doing their bit by donating in cash or kind to CUPA’s rescue operations during the year. Your contributions fuel our life-saving operations and we assure you that every rupee is directed towards alleviating pain and suffering of our dear and loving stray animals. We hope to continue receiving your support in the many years to come.
Minutes from the Annual Day of Compassion Unlimited Plus Action (CUPA)

Held on Saturday, the 14th day of September 2013 at the party hall, 2nd floor, Karnataka State Hockey Association Stadium, opposite TV 9 office, Rhenius street, Langford Town, Bangalore – 560025 commencing at 16:30 hrs

Present
Suparna Ganguly Hon. President
Sandhya Madappa Hon. Treasurer
Dr. Shiela Rao Hon. Secretary
Sanobar Bharucha Hon. Trustee
Rajani Badami Hon. Trustee
Santosh Rajshekhar Hon. Trustee

In attendance
Dr. Syed Ahmed Chief Guest
Dy. Director, Animal Husbandry, Government of Karnataka
Managing Committee Member
Shalini Santosh
Managing Committee Member
Brindha Nandakumar
Auditor
B. Ashok
Internal Auditor
Sri Manohar Seth
Compere
Shilpa Mahbubani

Members
Aditya Badami Radhika B. Vibha V.K.
Mr. Badami Srikanth P. Vikram V.K.
Sucharita Pallavi Srikanth Vatsala Kamath
Chaya G. Ishanya Srikanth Amnol Kukreja
Manasa Venkatesh Neena B. Robert David
Ros Craig Jones Nagendra N. Shreya Dutta
Arjun S.M. Rao V.N.M. Hema M.
Marlina Schmid Manasa N. Siddharth Prasad
Claudia Philips Daivik N. Pritam Prasad
Padmini Balakrishna Shueb Gopi Shankar
Marzia Begum Gerald Suresh Nrupa Shankar
Anushree Thammanna S. Raanch Hiranmaya Shankar
Balasubramanyam R.N. Draupathi R.
Minutes of Annual Day 2012 -2013

16:25  Shilpa welcomed the guests present at CUPA’s Annual General meeting 2012-2013. Formal welcome extended to Chief Guest for the day, Mr. Syed Ahmed. Welcome address delivered by Ms. Suparna Ganguly

16:30  Ms. Suparna Ganguly highlighted the events of the year 2012-13, including the fact that CUPA had witnessed great change. A mention of the closure of the Hebbal shelter in October 2012, and that CUPA now had seven fully functional centers with others in the pipeline. An emphasis was laid on the fact that CUPA’s impetus for 2013-14 included giving personalized and direct attention to animals requiring medical attention and care and channelizing the ambulance service to continue rescuing injured animals. She concluded by inviting all patrons of CUPA to help the organization in furthering its cause in any way possible.

16:36  Dr. Shilpa Rao then addressed the gathering, starting by thanking all the attendees for their presence. After a brief introduction of CUPA she informed the gathering that Dr. K. Sreenivasan, IPS and Ms. Sudha Narayan had stepped down from the Board of Trustees of CUPA during the year. She touched upon details of the BBMP-CUPA ABC Program and the numbers of sterilization and vaccinations achieved during the year. A mention of the 2,132 animals (small & large) that were treated and the CUPA Animal Care Hospital situated in R.T. Nagar which provides 24 Hour medical services. Next she mentioned the Geriatric Center which is an exclusive center for dogs that are aged and/or facing manageable health issues such as declining organ functionality, weakening immunity and decreasing physical ability. Dr. Rao then requested Ms. Sanober Bharucha to address the gathering.

16:42  Mrs. Sanober Bharucha began by talking about the Large Animal Rescue & Rehabilitation Center (LARRC) and then the Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center (WRRC). She quickly mentioned the two national level campaigns, namely (1) Assessment of captive elephants in Indian zoos, and (2) Illegalizing Dolphinaria in India that WRRC had been involved in last year. Attendees were then briefed on the opening of the Adoption Centre and that takes care of abandoned dogs, and the fact that CUPA did not have a similar facility for cats. Ms. Bharucha then lauded the efforts of the CUPA staff at the Head Office in Ulsoor over the past year and also voiced CUPA’s gratitude to Mrs. E. Flynn for all her help. She concluded by thanking everybody for all the help and support given to CUPA, and then requested Ms. Sandhya Madappa to address the gathering.

16:52  Mrs. Sandhya Madappa greeted the gathering and proceeded to brief them regarding the financial statements of CUPA for the year 2012-13. She mentioned the income of 29.05 million which is a marginal increase when compared to 28.86 million for the previous year. She mentioned that the expenses for the year under review have also marginally increased by recording 31.30 million when compared to previous year of 29.70 million, mainly due to the settlement amounts paid to the staff members of the Hebbal shelter. During the year under review, expenditure exceeded the income by 2.25 million. She assured the attendees that every rupee received by CUPA had completely been spent for the care and treatment of animals.

16:55  Mrs. Brindha Nandakumar was then invited to release the Annual Report for the year 2012-13. She took this opportunity to apprise the attendees on the incident involving the mauling of two children by stray dogs and the resulting legal matter of culling dogs. CUPA along with other bodies vehemently opposed the groups behind the culling, successfully getting an order from the Honorable High Court restraining the Government from culling dogs and to revert to the Animal Birth Control rules hitherto followed. She also pointed out the ambiguity in the order of the Court that allowed the culling of ‘ferocious’ dogs without defining the term ‘ferocious’. Ms. Nandakumar also mentioned a Special Leave Petition filed with the Honorable Supreme Court. She concluded by thanking all the
attendees and reiterated that everyone could help animals in whatever way possible which would go a long way in the future.

17:05  Shilpa then spoke of one of India’s largest animal rescue operations - the recent rescue of over one hundred beagles orchestrated by CUPA. CUPA volunteer Manasa gave an account of her experiences as a new pet parent of two adopted beagles.

17:13  Ms. Shilpa invited Mr. Santosh Rajashekhar to address the gathering. He greeted them and spoke of the Geriatric Center in Mylappanahalli which he manages along with Ms. Shalini. He mentioned that the Center can manage only about 30 dogs at a time as the emphasis is on providing quality treatment and care. He added that all the dogs are available for active or passive adoption and that even older dogs make great pets just like the younger ones.

17:27  The attendees were then invited to pose their queries to the CUPA officials. An attendee enquired if CUPA has approached corporates for raising funds for its activities. Mrs. Sandhya Madappa replied in the affirmative mentioning that several corporates including Deutsche Bank and Goldman Sachs have been the patrons of CUPA. She also briefed the gathering about the limitations of raising funds from corporates as they sometimes prefer to offer their services to causes unrelated to animal welfare. At this point, Ms. Ganguly added that the revenue expenditure of CUPA is being met by public donations only. She took this opportunity to thank K.C Das for sponsoring the CUPA ambulance.

The attendee also enquired about the health and well being of the animals towards whom donations are being made and if CUPA could inform the donors about the same. Ms. Ganguly invited the attendee to visit the animal towards whom the donation is made mentioning that a visit can be arranged whenever the donor wishes so.

17:38  Shilpa then invited Ms. Sanober Bharucha to deliver the vote of thanks. Mrs. Bharucha thanked all the attendees for being present at the Annual General Meeting of CUPA. She further thanked one and all for making CUPA a large family. She voiced her appreciation for the staff members who stood by CUPA during the trying times and also mentioned that new staff members have settled down well. She further thanked the Auditors of CUPA for their dedication and effort. She credited Mr. Aditya, Ms. Manasa and Ms. Shilpa with the powerpoint presentation and efforts put in for the Annual General Meeting. She also thanked Mr. Ross for his help in the rescue of the two thoroughbreds. She concluded by thanking one and all for their contributions and support rendered to CUPA.

17:41  Ms. Shilpa thanked Mrs. Sanober Bharucha and invited the attendees for High Tea.
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Log on to read more: http://www.karunasociety.org/projects/the-plastic-cow-project
Compassion Unlimited Plus Action along with the Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (WRRC) have been following the management practices and upkeep of the estimated 3500 – 4000 elephants held in captivity across India.

It is not uncommon to see ‘blessing’ elephants stationed at temples, multiple elephants adding pomp and glamour to processions or the element of grandeur to a wedding or other traditional celebrations. Subjugation of this magnitude can only be achieved through cruel methods and pain-inflicting practices.

A large team of researchers and experts have studied this extremely lucrative industry for decades, and in this span of time have released several reports that document and reveal shocking realities of suffering, neglect and torture that these majestic animals face every single day.

The complete list of reports is mentioned in this report and can be viewed on CUPA’s website – http://www.cupabangalore.org/index.php/our-projects/elephants