Our Mission Statement

To prevent cruelty to animals

To protect them from injury

To promote animal care and welfare

To foster the human-animal relationship

To inculcate humanistic values among humans

To help the sick, the injured, the needy, the exploited, the handicapped and the starved

To bring about respect and balance in the human-animal relationship and mutual dependence
Constitution of CUPA 2016-2017

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CUPA Annual Day held on October 8, 2017
At Wadiyar Hall, Century Club, Cubbon Park, Bangalore 560001 at 12 Noon.
CUPA’s animal care facilities 2016-2017

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**Mylapanahalli Geriatric Centre**
Mylapanahalli, Bangalore 560 097

**Trauma & Rescue Centre**
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**Animal Birth Control Centre**
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**Large Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre**
32/1, Upadhayaya Layout, Kengeri New Town, Bangalore 560 060

**Second Chance Adoption Centre**
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President’s Address
By Ms. Sanober Bharucha

We, the Trustees have been a part of this Organization since 25 years. I look at our pictures; and our faces reflect the times that we have been through. We have all aged… perhaps a little bit, but our mission has stood fast, undeterred. Despite all our efforts for all these years, animal cruelties have not decreased and animal related issues continue to plague us. Does that become a factor to stop our work... let go of things……certainly not! As long as the intelligence of Man exists to do the right things, the same level of reasoning gives way to manifold miseries inflicted on animals… so, people like us have to be there. We have to be the voice for these voiceless sentient beings.

Our centres spread across Bangalore for various needs of the animals – geriatric, adoption, injury and sickness continue to receive animals. All our centres are running to full capacity and more and the space just never seems enough. Albeit, it gladdens our hearts to see so many cases that are with us with no hope, finally recover. I can say that we see miracles on a daily basis! Our hard working team of Veterinarians and staff take efforts to provide this succour. It is heartening to see an orphan baby buffalo being fed by a milching cow; the strong kindred spirit amongst our donkeys and many such heart-warming moments that we, as an Organization have the privilege of witnessing.

The good surely is followed by the ‘not so good’. We do get animals that are not able to make it inspite of all our attempts. A major problem faced by our staff members and Trustees, are some members of the public. Their expectations are one without understanding so it is often that we get brickbats from them, may it be verbal or legal. We have just that many ambulances, just that many drivers and attenders, and just that much space to accommodate a new case. With the state of the city roads and traffic, the impossible is asked of us. If we fail to deliver on time, Facebook is not far behind to malign our faces! 90% of our donations received are given back directly to the animals every year by way of medical treatments and care. All efforts are made to care for our animals and provide them with good infra-structure. Even our staff is given benefits which hitherto, is not the case with many NGOs.

Today, at this Annual Day, as you peruse the pages of our Annual Report, you will be witnessing the volume of work that all our Trustees, staff and volunteers undertake throughout the year. It is my appeal that if you find some lacunas, do let us know. We will try our best to address it. But on the other hand, a line of praise also goes a long way.

It goes without saying, the support and help we get from several members, for which we are always grateful. We look forward to many years of sharing in caring for the animals that come into our fold. Thank you.
CUPA was awarded the 19th Bhagwan Mahaveer Institutional Award 2016 for Excellence in Human Endeavour in the sphere of non-violence by the Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation. Honorary Trustees, Mrs. Sanober Bharucha and Mrs. Sandhya Madappa, received the award during a function held by the Foundation on September 29, 2016 in Chennai. The Board of Trustees and staff at CUPA thank the Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation for recognizing our cause and strengthening our efforts.

CUPA co-founder and Trustee, Mrs. Suparna Ganguly, was awarded the prestigious Pride of Karnataka 2016 Award by the Round Table India and Ladies Circle India for her contribution and dedication in the area of social service. Fellow awardees included Mrs. Shilpa Shetty (for Health and Fitness), Mr. Danish Sait (for Entertainment) and Mr. Syed Kirmani (for Sports), among others.
BBMP-CUPA
Animal Birth Control Centre

Statistics 2016-2017

5,045 Animal Birth Control Surgeries
9,090 follow up Anti-Rabies Vaccinations

“A dog need not be purebred to give pure love”
Progress Report: BBMP-CUPA Animal Birth Control Centre

CUPA’s Animal Birth Control operations, now in its 23rd year, braved a rough couple of months in fiscal year 2016-2017. Animal Birth Control together with Anti-Rabies Vaccinations for community canines is an important public health program that results in several permanent benefits for all community stakeholders.

In October 2016, we completed 12 months of surgeries without reimbursement from the BBMP. It was difficult to sustain the entire team of dog catchers, field officers, veterinarians and maintenance staff sans these payments. CUPA had written several letters to the BBMP and Ministry, informing them of the much overdue payments. For a long time, our pleas fell on deaf ears. Only when we halted the program in November 2016 and thus were unable to accommodate requests by the Animal Husbandry officials themselves, that the severity of the issue was grudgingly recognized. In December 2016, we finally received outstanding payments for surgeries that had been conducted in October 2015.

CUPA then pushed for a meeting with the Department to draft new MoUs that would govern all aspects of the program, including timelines for payments. These MoUs were signed in early 2017 and we are pleased to report that the program is back in full swing, facilitated by timely reports, inspections and reimbursements. CUPA is currently in charge of Bangalore South Zone, covering Bommanahalli, HSR Layout, Koramangala, Dairy Circle, Bannerghatta, JP Nagar, and surrounding areas.

However, we continue to receive ad hoc complaints from all over the city which need to be addressed on a priority basis. These include, but are not limited to, complaints about seemingly agitated dogs, who may have charged or threatened to bite. To mitigate conflict, such dogs are immediately picked up, isolated and placed under observation. If found to be healthy and free of disease, they are then placed back into their original communities after undergoing vaccination and sterilization, as needed.

This year, our team handled a few special requests for ABC-ARV drives from areas not under BBMP’s purview. Unfortunately, this means CUPA does not have the authority to implement much-needed programs in these neighbourhoods of outer Bangalore. One such request that we were able to accommodate came from the residents of The Empyrean, in Chikkaturupati. We first conducted an awareness program to get all residents on board and planned the entire operation to ensure a successful ABC-ARV drive. Subsequently, all the neighbourhood dogs were caught safely, sterilized at the Centre and then released inside the Empyrean campus. The residents were delighted with the results and enjoy living with their sterilized, vaccinated, friendly and healthy pals.

Our deep gratitude to the Sri Ganesh Charities Trust and Kaveri Janardhan Trust for funding a new ABC & Rescue ambulance this year.

Dogs have made it safely to CUPA. Three cheers to the dedicated staff of CUPA who persevere in a thankless job. The dog catchers made it look so easy and they did their job with great love & fondness for the dogs. ~ Namitha

I took ABC Center’s help in getting three dogs sterilized. My sincere thanks to the ABC Center team, especially Mr. Shekar for his pleasant nature and professional attitude. ~ Sunil Harigopal

Our team, led by Mr. Shekar H C, Dr. Vediappan and Dr. Prashant M H, ensure that the program runs smoothly at all times.
CUPA
Trauma and Rescue Centre

Statistics 2016-2017

2,285 animals admitted for treatment
38 dog and cat adoptions

“Our mission is to rescue, our dream is that one day we won’t have to”
Progress Report: CUPA Trauma and Rescue Centre

The Trauma & Rescue Centre is constantly abuzz with movement and activity, all revolving around calls from concerned citizens trying to get help for animals found injured or in distress. This includes dogs that are hurt in road accidents, cats that may have fallen from great heights, cows that are seen limping, calves found abandoned or alone, and many other similar cases.

Community animals, though sturdy and resilient, are vulnerable to injury and illnesses – and do require medical attention in their time of need. Our rescue ambulance is constantly dashing from one part of the city to another, deftly manoeuvring through traffic snarls and narrow streets, to reach animals in distress.

Rescued animals are monitored, medicated, fed, cleaned and taken care of, until full recovery and recuperation. They are then released back into their home territories – where they pick their lives up from where they left off.

Jenny was only a month-old stray pup when she was run over by a vehicle. The accident rendered her handicapped waist-down. She would never be able to fend for herself on the roads and is therefore one of the very few permanent residents of the Rescue Centre.

We received reports of a stray cat that had come in touch with a live wire, sustaining severe burns on his face and front paws. Muzzle underwent surgeries at our Rescue Centre to salvage his face. He is now the official cat of the CUPA Admin office and has many, many admirers!

This old, partially blind dog had fallen into a 40-ft deep well and spent several days there before being noticed. Team CUPA lifted him to safety and transferred this elderly gentleman to our Geriatric Centre where he will spend the rest of his days.

We thank (Late) Dady C Dady for funding a brand new X-ray machine for our Trauma & Rescue Centre. His undying love for animals lives on.
Some months back, Kirti called CUPA and admitted a street dog for an injury on his leg. “You guys have done a wonderful job in picking up the dog, treating and returning him back to his place. Thanks a lot for that.” ~Kirti & Muthu

Centre Manager Mr. Vijay Kumar (on the extreme right) with his team, senior vet Dr. Moii, Dr. Chetan, Co-Ordinator Ms. Ushalakshi, our animal handlers and drivers.

One day, Noel walked into the CUPA Trauma and Rescue Center just to visit but became foster parent to our 5 month old rescued pup Roxy. He originally wanted to keep Roxy for one week, to give her the intense care she needed and find out what pet-keeping was all about. Noel returned after a week for Roxy’s health checkup and informed us happily that he wanted to adopt her. “Every day is beautiful with her!” he said, as he looked lovingly at Roxy!

Our furry patients rest and socialize during their rehab time at the Centre. Despite fractures, handicaps, infections and open wounds, they are a playful bunch and always settle down to make friends and comfort each other. There is truly so much that we can learn from animals!

“I think it is our duty to protect and care for the beings which show unconditional love to us. Please convey my love to Jenny. I will surely come meet her once I am back to Bangalore.” ~Mahesh V P

Sankranthi was celebrated at our Rescue Centre in January 2017 for the rescued calves under our care. They were treated to yummy jaggery and sugarcane and showered with petting and love by our staff.

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“In a perfect world, every dog would have a home and every home would have a dog”
Progress Report: CUPA Animal Care Clinic

Since it’s start in 2005, the CUPA Animal Care Hospital in RT Nagar has been bustling and bustling with the steady inflow of pets, brought by their parents, for a myriad of treatments, tests, surgeries, dressings and routine grooming services.

Despite the number of cases per month touching 4,000, each patient still gets personalized care, patiently attended to by our veterinarians, who have anchored the clinic for years – Dr. Gowda, Dr. Vaseem, Dr. Adity, Dr. Vishal and Dr. Avinash. The Administrator-in-Charge, Mr. Harish Kumar assisted by Mr. Nanjundaiah and Mr. M Senthil Kumar have been steadily and consistently providing across-the-board support to the team to ensure smooth and uninterrupted functioning.

The one animal welfare initiative that the city lacked was mass neutering of community cats. This year, with a most generous grant from **Help Animals India**, the CUPA clinic piloted the **Hundred Cats Project** – an initiative that would offer stray cat guardians a substantial subsidy on the expensive spaying procedure. The team at the CUPA clinic handled the additional influx exceptionally well and we now look forward to continued support from **Help Animals India** to continue running this unique program.

CUPA sends tons of love to Ms. Eileen Weintraub, Ms. Jessika and the team at **Help Animals India** for always keeping their *desi furries* in heart and mind!
“Dogs have a way of finding people and filling a void we didn’t know we had”
Progress Report: CUPA
Second Chance Adoption Centre

“I don’t know how people can bring a child into the world, while letting go of another at the same time.”
– Sanjana Madappa

CUPA continues to grapple with the large number of abandoned pets found in the city everyday. Common reasons for abandonment range from “We are moving to another city”, or “He is unwell and there is no one to take care of him” and even “He grew sooo big” (!)

There is no “reason” that could rationalize abandonment of any sort, so how is it that people disown their pets without batting an eyelid?

Our Second Chance Adoption Centre is built on the belief that dogs deserve so much better. If dogs could select which family to join, they would not discriminate, like we humans do, based upon looks, colour, size or belief!

Here is Bernie, a beautiful Saint Bernard who was confiscated from indifferent owners. At the time of confiscation, Bernie didn’t resemble a Bernard at all. He bounced back to life during his time at the Adoption Centre and was then adopted by The Lalit Ashok Hotel, as their official mascot! General Manager of the The Lalit, Mr. Bhaskar, is also manager of the Bernie fan-club!

Families spend several happy hours getting to know each resident and their personalities. Only when a bond is forged does any relationship have the chance to blossom into a mutually-dependent, life-lasting one.

By late 2017, the Adoption Centre will shift to a bigger and better facility located in Dommasandra, Sarjapur Road. Our new 2-acre facility will be able to house up to a hundred (100) dogs at one time, and include its own medical and surgical units and a sterilization facility for community dogs in and around the area. All this is made possible by the unwavering effort and passion put in by the entire team, led by Ms. Sanjana Madappa and Mr. Chandrachur Palchaudhuri.

By June 2017, we were well on our way to achieving the target of Rs. 50 lakhs needed for the infrastructural development of the new facility. We thank all organizations and individuals who contributed generously, and convey our deep-felt gratitude to all those who propelled our crowdfunding campaign to instantaneous success.

Hi, I am a dog lover and I just saw the videos on your website about how and what you do with dogs that are abandoned at your shelter. I just want to thank you for all the good work that you guys do. God bless your hearts. Please keep up the good work. Best ~Rifat Hussain
Happy Tails!
Adoptions from our Adoption and Rescue Centres!
Progress Report: The Freagles!

The world's largest Beagle Rehabilitation attempt was a project that spanned two financial years, and saw a total of 242 Beagles emerge from their cocoons and bloom into the loving, trusting dogs they were always meant to be!

This victorious project was beautifully orchestrated by our trustees Mrs. Sandhya Madappa and Mrs. Sonia Sarathy, supported by a team of high-energy, dedicated and capable volunteers - Chinthana Gopinath, Sanjana Madappa, Melissa Marak, Nita Mahurkar, Ajay Palekar, Garima Gupta, Anoopa Anand, Awanti Aggarwala, Natasha Chandy, Smitha Suri & Reena Chengappa.

Both, Blue Cross of Hyderabad and Blue Cross of Chennai, got in touch with CUPA for guidance and tips – and went on to successfully rehabilitate one batch of Beagles each. CUPA is most pleased about the Beagle Rehabilitation project(s) that were inspired by and initiated after the roaring success of ours.

We are pleased to report that the laboratory that these Beagles were released from has pledged to immediately discontinue the practice of testing their products on Beagles.

Here’s what new pet parents had to say!

Dear CUPA, This is a note of thanks for the beautiful rescue of the Beagles from the Laboratory. This initiative is beyond commendable limits and heart touching. Our family friend is the proud companion for one such Beagle and its heart touching to see it happy in normal environment living his life after all the cruelty and torture he has been through. Thank you, God bless this noble deed amongst the innumerable ones you guys strive so hard for. Best regards,
~Helen, Pune
CUPA
Large Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation

Statistics 2016-2017

15 large animals admitted for lifelong care

“Some angels choose fur instead of wings”
We are all heavily dependent on animals, especially bovines and equines, for the foods and other products we consume everyday. Deeply ingrained in the commercialization of these products is the exploitation and mistreatment of animals who are a part of the production process. While these unconscionable industries will continue to function for the foreseeable future, we can all do our bit by minimizing our consumption of those products that bring such anguish and torture to the animals who are forced into the production chain.

Animals caught up in this chain of forced labour are living creatures, with basic needs of nutrition, rest and medical attention. Like machines that break down due to wear and tear, owners of these animals have the choice to repair or replace. Animals that are abruptly replaced, almost always injured and unwell, are the ones that find a place with us.

Little Chetana was born at CUPA. Her mother was found abandoned. Chetana is named after our vet Dr. Chetan who assisted her entry into the world. She and all our delightful residents are looked after by Centre Supervisor Mr. Munirammana and his small team of animal caretakers.

10% of Bangalore’s 80-odd donkeys are now under CUPA’s care! Our donkey family always welcomes new members -- cuddling and nuzzling each other to express love and reassurance. Earlier this year, we welcomed Smokey, a midget-sized adult donkey, who had been disowned due to ill-health. His mother’s milk was sold to consumers, resulting in his small and weak stature. He is steadily gaining confidence and strength at LARRC.

Zoya and Thor engage in playful banter about who deserves more of that tasty hay in the shed! We need two loads of hay every year; each load costs Rs. 1 lakh. Donors will be honoured with a placard acknowledging their large-hearted contribution towards the welfare of our large-hearted animals.
“Every time I lose a dog they take a piece of my heart with them. And every new dog who comes into my life gifts me a piece of their heart. If I live long enough, my heart will be dog, and I will be as generous and loving as they are.”
Progress Report: CUPA Geriatric Centre

In June 2017, Sarita took 10-year old Tobin home. She says, “A lot of people, including my veterinarian asked me why I am adopting such an old dog, who may only live for 6 months, to which I replied, even if Tobin has only a short time, it should be the happiest time of his entire life”.

One day, we will all join this silver-mustachioed club! That doesn’t make us less lovable. In fact, that is when we yearn for love, company and family.

CUPA’s Geriatric Centre is perhaps the only old-age facility in our country that is alive with child-like excitement and positive, infectious, most-contagious vibe and energy!

The Geriatric Centre is truly the epitome of unconditional love, boundless joy and unlimited happiness! This oasis has offered solace and tranquillity to many aged dogs who need that little extra care and comfort in their twilight years. Centre Manager Mr. Chikkalingaiah and his team work round the clock to make sure all our elderly residents are happy and healthy.

This facility has hosted several groups, particularly students on school excursions. The students are taken on a tour of the facility and run through a presentation that talks about compassion to animals and geriatric care for dogs and pets.

The Geriatric Centre is the perfect weekend getaway and the most ideal location to celebrate a birthday or any special occasion. For a donation of only Rs. 3,000, we will arrange a special doggie cake that can be shared with the residents! Regular visits to this Centre is all the therapy you will ever need!

Good place to hang out with man’s best friend. Serene locale and the distance makes it a fun ride experience too. Good place to bond with dogs. Dog’s are up for adoption too ~Rahul Joseph

Shelter for old dogs. . . Love it. Wonderful humane place. Visit it to experience the love of oldie doggies! ~Sriranga V
Secretary’s Message
Mrs. Suparna Ganguly

It is with justifiable pride that I am recording the many significant happenings in CUPA’s life in the past one year and which would not have been possible, without your sustained support and loyalty.

The year beginning April 1st 2016, brought the first shocking cruelty case that has still not been satisfactorily resolved. With the help of animal lovers all over the city and widespread media coverage, FIR No.0244/2016 was registered against the Accused, one Mrs. Ponamma in Bangalore, who was charged with the premeditated killing of 7 new born puppies on March 21, 2016. CUPA shot off a letter dated April 15, 2016 to all the concerned authorities and thereafter booked a police case against her. HSUS legal cell and CUPA’s personnel are continuing to follow up on this shocking incident.

We received happy tidings on April 16th - Mr. Nanda Kishore of Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation, Chennai conveyed to us that CUPA has been awarded the 19th Mahaveer Award which carried a cash award of Rs. 10 lakhs and a citation. We are deeply grateful to them for conferring this honor on us.

In April 2017, CUPA was inducted into a Committee by the Forest Department of Karnataka, to formulate guidelines for prohibiting the use of elephants in any form of begging, performance or procession - a long standing effort on our part to ban begging elephants in Karnataka.

A new vehicle, Tempo Traveller - KA 03 MX 9383 - was bought on April 28th, 2016 to enable the Animal Birth Control programme to fulfill its target of operating 600 dogs a month. We are happy to report that we almost always surpass this number and hope to contribute significantly to the reduction and rabies control in the dog population of Bangalore South - an area which CUPA serves.

On April 30th, CUPA joined hands with other NGOs to persuade the Central and State Government to stop the culling of wild boars and Nilgai. A culling, that on the one hand does not solve the wildlife – human conflict it is meant for and on the other hand threatens to wipe away conservation and protection efforts of the past years. As a part of the campaign, litigation is on in multiple States.

In July 2016, CUPA members were invited for a field visit to the Forest Department’s Elephant Rescue Center at Doddabharawe, Periyapatna Range, Hunsur Division and thereafter, to serve on the Committee to assist the State Forest Department. Following this, in September 2016, the State Forest Department initiated the Constitution of an Expert
Committee to suggest the best way out to deal with an injured wild male elephant, Sidda, found submerged in a forest lake. CUPA was enlisted as a member on the committee. Our ever-increasing interest and experience in the challenges faced by wild and captive elephants have culminated in various steps taken by us and our sister organization, WRRC, to provide relief and protection to elephants from man-made threat and exploitation.

I represented CUPA as a speaker at the India for Animals 2016—a three-day conference that brings all organizations and activists together at a national level and is a celebration of animal protection across India. The Conference was held from 21-23 October, 2016, at The Lalit in Mumbai.

The Round Table India’s annual awards ceremony named ‘Pride of Karnataka’ organized to recognize those who’s work and contribution had been significant in any field was held in a glittering ceremony in the second week of January 2017. It was an honor to receive the award, on behalf of the Board of CUPA, for our contribution in the field of ‘Social Work’. In March 2017, the Bangalore Turf Club donated Rs. 2.5 lakhs to CUPA, for its achievement in the field of animal welfare.

Lastly, with the year ending on March 31st 2017, CUPA finally received the FCRA renewal certificate, for which we had been battling for the past few months. On a lighter note, the Ministry had confused CUPA with another organization with a similar sounding name, on whom they had initiated enquiries... The confusion cleared, eventually, and we heaved a sigh of relief!

And finally, just to put in perspective the mind-boggling numbers and logistics that we are always dealing with, CUPA ambulances ran a total of 31,551 kilometres in the financial year 2016-17, notching up an average of 2630 kms per month. We rescued approximately 150 cases of dogs, cats, cows, calves and donkeys every month, in this period.

It goes without saying that our without our team of trustees, dedicated staff members on ground and the members of the public assisting our work, we would not have achieved the infrastructure and network we now have, and which exists only to serve the animals in distress.

Best wishes and my sincere gratitude to all of you.
CUPA Responds to Reports of Pet Cruelty

Statistics 2016-2017

271 cases of pet cruelty attended in the year
Several pets confiscated and rehomed

“When humans act with cruelty we characterize them as "animals", yet the only animal that displays cruelty is humanity”
Progress Report: Responding to Reports of Pet Neglect & Cruelty

The number of pet cruelty cases reported to CUPA everyday are shocking. While most of these cases involve Labradors, Retrievers, Huskies or Saint Bernards habitually tied to a gate, confined to a cage or forgotten in the basement, the fact of the matter is that dogs, also called “Companion Animals”, belong with the family and do not deserve to be neglected or the victim of human apathy. Buying a dog is the beginning of a 15-year commitment to your pet which you must fulfil, no matter where your job transfers you, how many houses you change or how many human additions you welcome to your family.

For every indifferent owner, there is a compassionate neighbour who cannot watch in silence. We depend on reporters to bring these cases to our attention so that the owners can be counselled and warned against continued negligence towards their pets.

Our Animal Welfare Officers, Mr. Harish K B and Mr. Shantha Kumar, are authorized to inspect the home situation and suggest improvements to the owners. Non-compliant owners are in for a rude shock when Harish pays a second visit, this time accompanied by the police, who confiscate the pet. These animals are allowed to rest and recover in our facilities, before they are rehomed.

Pet dogs and birds kept confined and caged, in severe heat, without food or water.

A Pomeranian with severe skin infection and tick infestation. Confiscated by Officer Mr. Harish K B.

A Saint Bernard tied in the basement of a construction site. Confiscated by Officer Mr. Harish K B, placed in foster care and subsequently rehomed.

A common scene of overcrowding at a pet shop. Unlicensed pet shop operators are shut down and animals confiscated if living conditions of the animals are not improved.
2016-2017 at a Glance

- **49,042** animals treated at the CUPA Clinic
- **9,090** anti-rabies vaccinations administered to community dogs
- **5,045** Animal Birth Control surgeries conducted
- **2,285** animals admitted at our Rescue Centre
- **1,939** night cases treated at the CUPA Clinic
- **271** cases of pet cruelty inspected
- **136** successful and happy adoptions
- **60** canines in geriatric care
- **15** large animals rescued
“Saving one animal won’t change the world, but for that animal, the world will change forever”
Josh Billings once famously said “A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself”. This was made abundantly clear by the immense canine enthusiasm with which the thirty-two second graders of the Canadian International School were greeted.

On May 23, 2016, CUPA’s Geriatric Centre in Mylapanahalli was infused with liveliness. Butter, our beautiful rescued Pomeranian, was especially popular with the children along with Bhalu, our magnificent, eleven-year-old German Shepherd. The day ended on a great note with the children eagerly looking forward to their next visit and an opportunity to adopt some of the dogs!

A group of 26 enthusiastic Cisco volunteers dropped by our Large Animal Rescue Centre on a mission to install tree guards for the brand new saplings planted at the facility. Tree guards are essentially private little forts, protecting the saplings from our curious and ever-hungry large animals! Thanks to Cisco, in a few years we will finally have the canopy we’ve been longing for. April 2016

CUPA congratulates CULT Fitness on the inauguration of their second fitness centre at JP Nagar. To mark this achievement, CULT Fitness organized a 5km run, proceeds of which were contributed to CUPA. The event was promoted on our social media pages and we thank CULT Fitness and the runners for their gracious contribution! August 2016

A vibrant team from MathWorks made their way to the CUPA ABC Centre and spent the day splashing colour and cheer all around! In just a few hours, this team gave the office room a whole new and bright look. They also found the time to give some of our dogs much-needed medicated baths. A truly refreshing day! May 2016
The Run To Give marathon event for charity is in its second consecutive year. Hosted by the Sheraton Hotel at Brigade Gateway along with Aloft Hotels, this marathon is popular among employees of the two hospitality chains and is a great fundraiser for CUPA and other social organizations. Proceeds of the marathon are being utilized for the care of our gang of donkeys at our Large Animal Rescue Centre. We wish “run-away” success for all future Run To Give marathons! October 2016

A group of employees from Valenta BPO paid a quick visit to CUPA to donate yummy kibble and treats for the rescued residents of our Hebbal Rescue Centre. Our furry residents may be under treatment, but never under the weather! We thank the compassionate team at Valenta for remembering the animals and we hope to see them soon. October 2016

The FIAPO India for Animals Conference held in Mumbai in October 2016 is never complete without a word or two from Mrs. Suparna Ganguly, expert in the field of captive elephant care and rehabilitation. She addressed the gathering of 300+ animal activists, followed by the screening of the documentary “Where the Elephant Sleeps” by Swiss-filmmaker Ms. Brigitte Kornetzky.

Zumba for fitness, fun and funds! Sunday morning is no snooze fest if you are with Zumba expert Mrs. Rama Kini, who gracefully lead the power-packed hour-long dance session without even breaking a sweat! Between the fast-paced moves and the occasional giggle, we spent the entire hour completely out of breath. Valuable donations were raised – as were exhilarating feelings, all of which we will never forget! November 2016
The much awaited Sunday Soul Sante events now have the CUPA touch! The December 2016 edition and the March 2017 Neon edition both featured CUPA stalls with our very own range of cute merchandise which simply flew off the shelves! This included the all-new CUPA wall calendar designed by intern Ms. Kashmira Patil which was a great hit! We thank the organizers, especially Mr. Harish, for remembering CUPA and inviting us to participate every time. Thanks also to intern Ms. Dipika Karippil and senior volunteer Mr. Roshan Murali for helping with coordinating and anchoring our stall.

Ms. Shilpa Mahbubani of CUPA spent a delightful morning with the 3rd graders of Oasis International School, talking to them about animal rescue and how we can all help community animals in our own small, yet special ways. These curious and compassionate bunch of kids are now all set to make our world a better place for animals! Thank you to parent volunteer Mrs. Tayeba Mudassir for coordinating this event and a shout-out to intern Mr. Nisarga S P for creating the beautiful presentation and anchoring the exciting quiz that had all the students on their feet! January 2017

BBMP’s proposed ban on pets in high-rises as a move to curb breeding was debated on live television with Ms. Shilpa Mahbubani, representing CUPA, advocating instead for rounded measures and not blanket bans, echoing the sentiments of the entire animal welfare fraternity who say NO to breeding and YES to welfare. January 2017

Another delightful school session conducted for the sweet kids of Dishaa Montessori. CUPA’s Ms. Osha Shetty was accompanied by rescued Labrador ‘Rocky’ who was happy about the abundant pats, strokes and belly rubs coming from the fascinated crowd of 75 kids! January 2017
Ms. Shilpa Mahbubani conducted an awareness session with the 8th and 9th graders of Excellent School, Bannerghatta. This part of the city is known for its dense populations of both people and community animals. The session introduced the kids to the simple ways by which they can take care of animals and co-exist harmoniously.

March 2017

MASH Project’s debut Mixer event in Bangalore city organized around the subject of animal rights, welfare and rescue. Ms. Shilpa Mahbubani and Mr. H J Srikanth represented CUPA and WRRC respectively and spoke about the need for a stronger and coordinated movement. Fellow speakers included Abhay Rangan, Founder of the Society for Animal Rights and Veganism; and Aravindan GV, an Honorary Animal Welfare Officer. It was heartening and encouraging to see so many youngsters coordinate, plan and attend the event, each one eager to learn and make a difference, starting from within.

Accenture PLC trooped over once again for the National Volunteering Event held in February every year. This year the large group visited the Rescue Centre in Hebbal and spent an entire afternoon with our rescued residents and touring the facility to better understand animal rescue. They were in complete awe of the CUPA team at this facility and had plenty of kind words to say. Thank you, Accenture, for visiting! Thanks also to interns Mr. Nisarga S P and Ms. Simone Palkhivala for coordinating and supporting this event.

February 2017

This is my first experience with so many dogs! Thank you amazing people for protecting and rescuing so many animals. I appreciate your work and will visit again.

Awesome experience! Really changed my thinking and really want to keep visiting. Feeling overwhelmed and thank you CUPA for doing this.

Mr. David Scott’s comedy appearance may have been for One Night Only - any more would have brought the roof down! David kept the audience in splits, with his vivid descriptions of how he manages to manoeuvre through life in beautiful India. David’s friends and family were in full attendance to support his debut act and cheer him on as he entertained all 200 individuals seated in the sold-out theatre. Thank you, David, for the laughs and smiles galore! March 2017
Deutsche Bank Group

The Deutsche Bank Group is truly a formidable pillar of support and motivation for CUPA, generously contributing manpower and energizing our finances to bring about a world of change!

The Gift-A-Wish program in early 2016 continued with the goodies and surprises shared between three of our shelters!

A large part of the year was spent setting up the water recycling RO plant at our Elephant Care Facility in Malur. This unique eco-friendly and water conservation project segregates hard water from soft, with the former used for our rescued captive elephant, Aneesha’s bathing pool; and the latter, potable water diverted to the village for human consumption. Aneesha loves her pool and splashed her way through our tropical summer!

Deutsche Bank Group volunteers have earned the reputation of always getting the job done! They frequently work overtime to add the “Deutsche-touch” which is their signature stencilling — reminding us of the smiles and cheer the volunteers brought! We thank all the thoughtful and hardworking volunteers that have touched the lives of our rescued residents in such tender and loving ways.

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The Himalaya Drug Company loves to flaunt its fondness for pets, and how! Besides their comprehensive range of companion care products which includes dietary supplements, gentle grooming lathers, skin care applications and lots more, Himalaya has always championed the cause of pet adoption, coupled with exceptional quality pet care products to keep our furry buddies looking and feeling WOW!

The “Himalaya”n expedition of the Second Chance Adoption Centre in February 2017 spanned two full days and completely transformed the Centre into a beautiful oasis of colour and life! Sunrise hues of orange and beige were splashed around, instantly uplifting the mood!

This year, Himalaya has continued sponsorship of our ambulance, clinic equipment and our rescued residents – extra special partnerships that have strengthened our ability to reach out to, and care for, those animals that need it the most. With Himalaya by our side, CUPA will surely continue to achieve greater heights!
Goldman Sachs can’t get enough of CUPA and CUPA can’t get enough of Goldman Sachs either!

The Community TeamWorks initiative gives every employee the chance to participate and engage in a cause of their choice, with about 200 enthusiastic volunteers visiting CUPA’s shelters in 2016! Collectively, they cleaned up and painted almost all our facilities and brought in all the love and delight that our residents could ask for!

Each team is lead by an able Captain and a co-Captain who liaise with CUPA to ensure all arrangements are set for a smooth and fun day of activity.

Our partnership with Goldman Sachs for team-based volunteer projects at all our shelters help us to achieve our mission of making the world a better and happier place for animals, and fostering the human-animal relationship.

Each year is more exciting and eventful than the last, and we are now welcoming familiar faces! The bursts of energy, squeals of laughter and 1000-watt smiles visible everywhere are as precious and endearing as our rescued residents!

CUPA is honoured to be part of Goldman Sachs global initiative to drive tangible progress in the communities in which we live together, humans and animals alike.
“Animals do speak, but only to those who listen”
The CUPA Collar Campaign came to life when mother-daughter duo, Ms. Supriya and Ms. Meenakshi, offered to help design and provide unique reflective collars for dogs who live in busy areas and on crowded streets. In the first few months of 2016, a handful of deaths, caused by vehicle accidents, among the Cubbon Park canine population gave us the impetus to use the Park dogs as subjects for this pilot project.

In February 2017 the CUPA Collar Campaign was launched with 30 dogs collared in and around the Cubbon park area. The dogs sported their new accessory proudly, with guardians equally upbeat!

Thank you, Supriya and Meenakshi, for bringing this campaign to life. Supriya hopes that one day, dogs residing near national highways can also receive a collar each and CUPA plans to work with animal caretakers and crowdfunding to make this a reality. YOU can be a part of this campaign right now by ordering reflective collars for your streeties.

A special mention of our intern, Mr. Nisarga S P for being a great help throughout the project, providing great photos, ideas and coordination!

Staff Health Check ups – in collaboration with Rotaract Club BITS

With tremendous and unparalleled support from the Rotaract Club BIT chapter, CUPA conducted health check-ups for our ABC Centre staff, who work very hard to catch stray dogs and bring them in safely. A big thank you to Mr. Shubham M Jitani, Joint Secretary, RCBIT, for organizing the sponsorship of annual medical check-ups with comprehensive tests for all 17 employees.
“The greatest ethical test that we’re ever going to face is the treatment of those who are at our mercy”
CUPA along with sister organization the Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (WRRC) continued inspections and assessments of captive elephants all over the country. In May 2017, the three elephants belonging to Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Matha – Sandhya, Indumathi and Jayanthi – were rehabilitated to the Elephant Care Facility in Marakannam, Tamil Nadu, a 14-acre residential camp setup by Tree Foundation and WRRC.

To increase awareness, screenings of two powerful films were organized in various parts of the country.

Mrs. Suparna Ganguly with filmmaker, Ms. Sangita Iyer, at the screening of her film *Gods in Shackles* at PVR Cinemas in July 2016. The film portrays the story of Sangita’s sorrow when a captive elephant she knew died a premature, painful death in the cruel hands of the owner.

Another heart-wrenching documentary *Where the Elephant Sleeps* by Swiss film maker, Ms. Brigitte Kornetzky, was screened in Jaipur and Mumbai. The audiences were in disbelief at the cruelty meted out to the popular tourism elephants in Jaipur.

WRRC’s petition in the Hon’able Supreme Court of India presses for strict enforcement of welfare guidelines for elephants in current captivity. It requests that care centres be provided for elephants retiring from work, who are considered massive liabilities by their owners and, thus, unwanted.
Treasurer’s Report
Dr. Shiela N Rao

Anyone following CUPA’s story will have realised that growth is one of our major goals; thus more animals are benefitted every year. So, year-on-year, our facilities increase, our infrastructure expands and capacity building is augmented.

2016 – 2017 was no different. In keeping with the expansion of facilities, and the huge number of animals rescued and treated, our employee strength increased. This resulted in higher payouts towards salaries and staff welfare. The trauma centre at Hebbal was refurbished so the animals would be more comfortable. At the Large Animal Centre in Kengeri, a new shed was built for storage of fodder. The only area which received a setback was the Animal Birth Control (ABC) programme, because we had not been paid by BBMP for over a year! The trustees decided that this kind of loss could not be sustained any longer, and the centre was closed for a month, till we were reimbursed in full by BBMP. Hence our figures in this sector have declined, as also the grant from BBMP. Overall, donations increased, and we were able to help, in a small way, the wildlife unit with their new centre for captive elephants.

We are indebted to our donors for the generosity and compassion that encourages them to open their hearts and their purses for the welfare all animals, and for their support to the organization. The CSR programme by corporates, brings us in contact with the many young professionals who value the time they spend at our centres. We, in turn, consider ourselves lucky to have such dedicated workers, who do any and all tasks necessary to make the centre a beautiful place for animals and humans.

I conclude with a Big Thank You to all our donors and well-wishers, and to our staff who do a wonderful job, often under stressful conditions. Yours, Sincerely.
Paw-shakes and tail-wags of gratitude!

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The Rose Still Grows Beyond The Wall
By A.L. Frink

Near a shady wall a rose once grew,
Budded and blossomed in God's free light:
Watered and fed by morning dew,
Shedding its sweetness day and night.
As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,
Slowly rising to loftier height,
It came to a crevice in the wall,
Through which there shone a beam of light.
Onward it crept with added strength
With never a thought of fear or pride,
It followed the light through the crevice length,
And unfolded itself on the other side.
The light, the dew, the broadening view
Were found the same as they were before.
And it lost itself in beauties new:
Breathing its fragrance more and more,
Shall claim of death cause us to grieve,
And make our courage faint or fail?
Nay, let us faith and hope receive,
The rose still grows beyond the wall.
Scattering fragrance far and wide,
Just as it did in days of yore,
Just as it did on the other side,
Just as it will forevermore.

Whatever IS, IS Best
By Ella Wheeler Wilcox

I know as my life grows older
And my eyes have clearer sight,
That under each wrong somewhere
There lies the root of right.
That each sorrow has its purpose
By the sorrowing often unguessed,
But as sure as the sun brings morning
Whatever is, is best

I know that each sinful action
As sure as the Light brings shade,
Is sometimes somewhere punished
Though the hour be long delayed.
I know that the Soul is aided
Sometimes by the heart's unrest.
And to grow means often to suffer
But whatever is, is best

I know there are no errors
In the great eternal plan,
And all things work together
For the final good of man.
And I know as my soul speeds onwards
In its grand eternal quest,
That I shall say as I look back earthwards
Whatever is, is best
“Animals do speak, but only to those who listen”