



## Message from the Founder



HAS has been established as a private non-profit trust managed and supported by animal lovers of Coimbatore. We believe that animals too are God's creation and have a right to live and share this world. HAS will be committed to the rehabilitation and welfare of all stray animals and will be deeply involved in getting homes for abandoned dogs. HAS plans to widen its ser-

VICES by dedicating an ambulance for animal services. We will also create an awareness program to get the community involved in the betterment of the lives of these animals.

HAS hopes to be "the difference that makes a difference" and we wish that you would spare your valuable time to support the cause for animals and open your hearts to this endeavour.

Kind Regards,

*Mini Vasudevan*

## People Behind the Scenes...



Our Shelter Vet



Our Shelter Staff



A few of our members

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## HAS STATISTICS & ACTIVITIES

No. of dogs spayed/neutered:

**Jan- Sep 2007 – 200**

**Oct-Dec 2007 – 368**

**Jan-Mar 2008 – 500**

**Apr-Jun 2008 – 550**

**Jul-Sep 2008 -- 650**

*Oct 2007 – ARV Vaccination Camp at Seeranaickenpalayam*

*June 2008 – Public Awareness Camp at Seeranaickenpalayam*

*Aug 2008 – Independence Day Adoption Campaign in Schools*

# Anti-Rabies Vaccination and Animal Birth Control

It is estimated that Coimbatore has approximately 50,000 free roaming dogs struggling to exist on the streets. Without a comprehensive spay/neuter program in place to slow and eventually stop the indiscriminate breeding of these dogs, their numbers will continue to increase. This poses increased pressure upon the dogs in their day-to-day struggle to survive leading to increased fighting and disease such as rabies.

Anti-Rabies Vaccination (ARV) programme goes hand-in-hand with the Animal Birth Control (ABC) programme in making India Rabies-free. The data of prevalence of rabies among owned dogs in relation to the methods and procedures for stray dog control has been analyzed through many studies. These studies show that, contrary to popular belief, destruction of animals as a means of controlling deadly Rabies is quite unsuccessful. They clearly demonstrate the linkage and prove beyond doubt that the occurrence of rabies in owned dogs steadily declines with adoption of ABC combined with ARV; while the trend is irregular with destruction. Destruction as a procedure proves to be a failure owing to reproduction at the same pace; while not being able to provide protection against Rabies. ABC, ARV and relocation have emerged as time tested procedures to control stray dog population.

HAS is involved in massively sterilizing and vaccinating dogs against rabies within the city to achieve an over 70% success rate. If this rate of sterilization is accomplished within one breeding cycle, the results are immediate, demonstrating a visual and measurable impact. HAS conducts periodic ARV camps at different locations of Coimbatore city for helping public protect their pets thereby protecting themselves and those around them.

Our team of dog catchers goes to a specified area and capture 10 - 12 dogs each day. The dogs are humanely captured using a pole and loop and are placed in our vehicle to be transported to our clinic. The same day or at the latest the next day each dog is sterilised and vaccinated against rabies. At the same time we mark the dogs so that we know they have been sterilised - this is done by making a notch in the dog's ear. They are then housed in our kennels until they have recovered sufficiently from their operation. This usually takes about three days. The dogs are then returned to where they were captured and released. We keep comprehensive records to ensure that each dog goes back to the same place it was captured from. This ensures a stable population in the area.

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# To Fly or Not to Fly?

Of all the common animals people keep in their homes, birds are the most unwilling companions to humans. Living in flocks in the wild, they talk to each other with hundreds of different calls that include hushed chatter and whispering that we cannot even hear. They even politely take turns, letting the other talk. They love engaging in social activities such as taking sand baths, playing hide-and-seek, dancing, building nests with their mates and nurturing their young ones.

When captured and put into cages, these very same fun-loving birds become depressed and withdrawn. They turn to overpreening themselves to the point of mutilation. Many birds endure the painful clipping of their wings so that they cannot fly away, yet flying is to birds as walking is to us. They are remarkably adept at finding their way across skies. Birds such as geese migrate over countries to warmer lands without a map. They use air currents to hold them aloft and feel their way to their destination using



the sun, stars, landmarks and even the planet's electromagnetic field.

Birds are also touchingly attached to their mates. Many species of geese, albatross, penguins and pigeons are monogamous and have been seen grieving the death of their mates. They have also been observed to take longer to find another mate after their loss. This is not surprising if one knows the kind of bond that they build as they take turns incubating eggs, feeding their young ones, teaching them to fly and building nests. A bystander once reported a coucal (a member of the cuckoo

family) trying to desperately revive his dead mate. Their loyalty expands to include their flock members, and in the case of one robin, even his rival. After crippling another robin in a fight, the benevolent victor was seen feeding the rival to keep him alive. Pairs of terns grouped to combine their strength to lift a hurt flockmate by his wings and take him to safety.

## *Pet Care Tips*

*How do I toilet train my puppy?*

The secret to successful toilet training lies in PREVENTION, not correction! Unless your dog is about 80-90% reliably toilet trained, it must not have the run of the house. Make sure you have a safe, puppy-proofed area where the dog will stay when you are unable to supervise him. This area will also serve as the dog's toilet if it is to be trained to do its business on newspapers. A safe area could be either a playpen or the kitchen/laundry area.

Decide if you want to train the dog to do its business on newspapers or grass. When using newspapers, don't worry if your puppy shred and play with the papers. It will outgrow the habit. If it is grass, always go to the same area for the dog's toilet. The smell will encourage the dog to do its business.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

A Store owner was tacking a sign above his door that read "Puppies for Sale."

The signs have a way of attracting children. Soon a little boy appeared at the sign and asked, "How much are you gonna sell those puppies for?" The store owner replied, "Anywhere from \$30 - \$50."

The little boy reached into his pocket and pulled out some change. "I have \$2.37, can I look at them?"

The Store owner smiled and whistled. Out of the kennel came his dog named Lady, running down the aisle of his store followed by five little puppies. One puppy was lagging considerably behind. Immediately the little boy saw the lagging, limping puppy. He asked, "What's wrong with that little dog?"

The man explained that when the puppy was born the vet said that this puppy had a bad hip socket and would limp for the rest of his life. The little boy got really excited and said "That's the puppy I want to buy!"

The man replied "No, you don't have to buy that little dog. If you really want him, I'll give him to you."

The little boy got upset. He looked straight into the man's eyes and said "I don't want you to give him to me. He is worth every bit as much as the other dogs and I'll pay the full price. In fact, I will give you \$2.37 now and 50 cents every month until I have him paid for.

The man countered, "You really don't have to buy this puppy son. He is never gonna be able to run, jump and play like other puppies. The little boy reached down and rolled up his pant leg to reveal a badly twisted, crippled left leg supported by a big metal brace.

He looked up at the man and said, "Well, I don't run so well myself and the little puppy will need someone who understands."

The man was now biting his bottom lip. Tears welled up in his eyes, he smiled and said, "Son, I hope and pray that each and every one of these puppies will have an owner such as you."

**IN LIFE, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO YOU ARE, BUT WHETHER SOMEONE APPRECIATES YOU FOR WHAT YOU ARE, ACCEPTS YOU AND LOVES YOU UNCONDITIONALLY. A REAL FRIEND IS ONE WHO WALKS IN WHEN THE REST OF THE WORLD WALKS AWAY.**

Contributed by Joseph Ike

# ACTION CENTER

## Wish List

We urgently need a lot of items to make our shelter better equipped and to also better cater to the needs of our four-legged friends. If we can get these items donated (second-hand is fine), it means that more of the funds raised can go directly to the animals. If you can spare any of the following item/s, please contact us. As we have limited manpower, it would be great if you could drop off the items at our office; if not, we can arrange to collect it from you. On behalf of our friends, thank you!

Items needed for the HAS Animal Shelter: As we have a limited budget, **we are seeking for sponsorship for the materials.** We need the following:

### Transportation Needs

- ▶ Ambulance (Mobile Clinic) – 1 No.

### Accommodation Needs

- ▶ Wire mesh puppy pens – 10 Nos

### Surgical Needs

- ▶ Emergency Lamp
- ▶ Lab microscope
- ▶ Stethoscope
- ▶ Digital thermometers
- ▶ Gloves (Sterile and non-sterile) size 6.5
- ▶ Face masks
- ▶ Intravenous fluids – Hartmann's Dext/NaCl, NSS
- ▶ Elastoplast
- ▶ Dressing materials
- ▶ PDS sutures
- ▶ Hair caps
- ▶ Lab coats
- ▶ Microchipping injector

### Miscellaneous Items

- ▶ Regular Collar
- ▶ Dog Muzzle
- ▶ Choke collar
- ▶ Leash

### Treatment Needs

- ▶ BNP powder
- ▶ Negasunt powder
- ▶ Silvasulf cream
- ▶ Xylazine + Reverzine
- ▶ Baytril
- ▶ Ivermectin
- ▶ Cephalixin 250mg caps
- ▶ Synulox
- ▶ Neosporin ointment
- ▶ Liverolin syrup
- ▶ Digene Syrup
- ▶ B-Complex Tablets
- ▶ Aciloc Tablets – 150 mg.
- ▶ De-worming tablets
- ▶ Euthanasia forte
- ▶ Anti-dandruff lotions
- ▶ Tick and Flea powder

### Feeding and Grooming Needs

- ▶ Rice – 200 Kgs per month
- ▶ Dog Treats
- ▶ Bread, Milk, Eggs
- ▶ Dog Shampoo
- ▶ Dog Soaps
- ▶ Grooming Brushes

# Thank you for your support!

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## Want to make a difference? Please Donate!

Donation can be made by crossed **Cheque / DD** in the name of **Humane Animal Society (HAS)** and sent to the address below C/o **Dr. Mini Vasudevan**.

### **Humane Animal Society (HAS)**

No. 42, 4th Cross,  
Meena Estate,  
Sowripalayam Road,  
Coimbatore – 641028.

Your contribution will go a long way in making a tremendous difference in the lives of several stray and injured animals.

HAS is registered under section 12A(a) of the IT act 1961 and granted the status of Charitable Trust wef 06 April 2006. All donations are tax-exempt under section 80G of the IT act 1961 wef 06 April 2006.