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# Annual Report 2018-2019

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Member, Animal Welfare Board of India

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Dear Supporters and Friends,

Thank you for your tremendous help for the animals throughout the year. In addition to improving and extending the reach of our rescue service for street animals in Udaipur, we are deeply excited about the growth of our First Aid Training Program for animal rescue activists across India. Our treatments on the street have increased as have our numbers of volunteers and visitors—all part of our growing commitment to broadening the circle of animal protectors with everything we do.

Staff numbers have increased, as have the qualifications and commitments of those who serve the animals professionally, and our thanks go to our team members of professional staff, donors and volunteers --who make Animal Aid a center of animal help, care, peace and wonder.

Erika Abrams  
*President, Animal Aid Unlimited*

Neha Banyal  
*Secretary, Animal Aid Charitable Trust*



## The Mission of Animal Aid

**Our mission is to rescue and treat the un-owned street animals of Udaipur who have become ill or injured, and through their rescue inspire a community to protect and defend the lives of all animals.**





## History and Organization Structure

Animal Aid Unlimited (AAU) was started in Seattle, USA, to help animals in India. Animal Aid Charitable Trust (AACT) was founded in Udaipur, India, to make that possible.

Animal Aid began informally as an animal help group back in 2002 and was constituted as a Charitable Trust in 2007. The Founding Family (Erika, Jim and their daughter Claire) had been living in India part-time since 1995. Our initial hospital was located in the small village of Hawala, a few minutes outside Udaipur, where we built an operating theatre, small food prep area, medicine room and 40 kennels for dogs and had small paddocks for larger animals on a piece of rented property of 1.5 bigas.



Over the next few years we outgrew that property and moved to our second rented shelter where we worked from 2009-2013. The lease was not renewed and we relocated the Animal Aid Hospital to our present site near Badi, on 5 bigas on a long-term lease.

In 2013 AACT was given the opportunity to provisionally purchase (that is, for 99 years) a property of 4.5 bigas by the Udaipur Urban Improvement Trust at a concessional rate of about Rs 40 Lakhs, on which we built 85 kennels and a small donkey paddock for female donkeys. This is our Animal Birth Control Center for street dog sterilization.

AACT employs about 80 staff and houses 600 ever-changing animals, most of whom are admitted as patients who will be returned to their neighborhoods once healed.

On a regular basis, Animal Aid Unlimited transfers funds donated outside India to Animal Aid Charitable Trust, and Indian donations are directly deposited in India. Both entities are tax-exempt charitable organizations offering tax benefits to USA-based and Indian donors.

## Our Programs and Achievements

Our work is divided in **7 main programmes**: Rescue & Hospital, Spay & Neuter, Street Treatment, Sanctuary, First Aid Training, Outreach & Education and Laws & Cruelty Response.

### Rescue & Hospital

Animal Aid rescues and provides medical treatment to street animals in Udaipur. This year:

- We received an average of **60 rescue requests** calls per day, one of the highest number of rescue requests per capita of any city in India.



- We **admitted** between **20 and 30 animals** each day, a total of almost **7,000 animals** over the year.
- Our **Dog Hospital** treated between **170 and 270 dogs** on any given day:
  - Our **Dog Trauma and illness section** has the capacity to house and treat up to **200 dogs** suffering from wounds and fractures often caused by road accidents, illnesses like distemper and parvo and sometimes human abuse.
  - Our **Skin Problems section** has the capacity to house and treat up to **70 dogs** suffering from mange, fungal infections, flea allergies and other skin problems.





- All dogs are **inoculated against rabies** on arrival. They are additionally vaccinated against canine distemper, parvo, and other viruses.
- Our **Puppy hospital** treated between **60 and 140 puppies** on any given day.
- Our Large Animals Hospital treated between **60 and 80 bulls and cows** and **5 and 15 donkeys** on any given day:
  - We rescued **cows and bulls** who had been abandoned by their owners and become injured, primarily from accidents causing fractures and wounds.



- **Donkeys** are owned and used in Udaipur for hauling sand, bricks and rocks to construction sites and are often over-worked and abused. Each month we rescued donkeys with severe injuries to their limbs, often resulting in permanent disabilities.



### Spay Neuter Clinic (the ABC Center)

The ABC Center with 85 dog kennels is located in Hawala Village, 10 minutes away from the main hospital. Dogs who have completed their course of medicine in the main hospital are transferred to the ABC Center for sterilization prior to release back to their neighborhoods. Between 6-10 sterilization surgeries are conducted 6 days a week, depending on the need for emergency surgeries of other sorts which require our surgeon. Dogs are kept in kennels through the duration of their recovery (7-10 days) and monitored throughout their stay to prevent post-operative problems.

The advantage of a having stand-alone ABC center is that only healthy dogs are admitted for surgery and therefore are not exposed to viruses which may be present in the hospital.



## Street Treatment

We provide treatment to animals whose wounds or other conditions are manageable without admission to the hospital, and by doing so, we keep space available for more critical cases in hospital. Another benefit to street treatment is that our objective is to engage neighbors, feeders and guardians in applying simple treatments such as anti-fly cream so that maggots don't take hold of small wounds.

Additionally, dogs who are friendly and have care-takers and need only basic treatment are now released as soon as possible. This year we tracked and treated about **30 street treatment patients** at any given time and did onsite treatment and check-ups for **6-8 animals each day**. Street treatment:

- **Reduces contagious disease contraction** within the higher-risk hospital environment
- Encourages the **community to participate** in treatments
- Increases visibility of rescue
- Helps **dogs stress** by returning them to their home neighborhoods
- Reserves **kennels** in our hospital for animals **who need it the most**



## Launch of First Aid Training Program

Animal Aid receives dozens of requests each week to establish branches in other cities and villages in India. Through the popularity of our rescue videos, Animal Aid is increasingly well-known, and the importance of street animal rescue, sheltering and medical treatment is something yearned for by people who care about animals across the country.



To respond to this need and interest, we established a program to **enable and capacitate people to help animals in their own areas** by teaching them skills in First Aid and animal handling. Our training and mentorship is geared towards residents of India who live in areas where there are either no, or too few, vets, paravets or facilities for treating street animals.

The government of India does not generally provide medical treatment for street dogs, nor do they have adequate personnel or resources to care for the injured and ill stray cattle, abandoned donkeys wandering the streets. Virtually every community in India needs groups of volunteers who are able to help stop bleeding, transport injured and ill animals to veterinary hospitals, recognize signs of diseases and conditions and respond with basic treatments unless a vet is available.

Since 2018 Animal Aid began providing **intensive week-long training in first aid** for street animals, both theoretical and practical, conducted by highly experienced staff and based on internationally recognized veterinary medicine protocols.

The course inculcates participants in best practices in documentation, record-keeping, assessment and follow-up as well as hands-on practices to determine conditions and treatment such as skin diseases, wounds, over-all condition and common diseases like distemper and parvo.

The participants are selected based on their prior efforts at both rescuing street animals and recruiting other volunteer helpers. The course is designed for committed rescuers who are ready to become known in their communities as a key resource in emergency response.

The course also includes a session on fund-raising and community building and cruelty response. In 2018-2019 **15 participants** travelled all the way from distance places like Kolkata, Bangalore, Mumbai and Delhi.



## Rabies Inoculation

Rabies is 100% preventable through vaccinations. In addition to the regular vaccinations we administered on all patients rescued for treatment, we vaccinated hundreds more during neighbourhood rabies drive.

## Sanctuary

We provide a forever-home to disabled and special-needs animals who would not be able to access food on the street or flee from traffic. In 2018-2019 our sanctuary was the permanent home to:

- About **40 disabled dogs**: they live on a soft, sandy floor, because they drag their hind legs and have limited mobility and so are at risk for pressure sores or dragging wounds.
- About **45 partially disabled dogs**: dogs who have partially recovered but who cannot forage for themselves, with conditions like rickets, abandoned, very senior (old) dogs and blind and deaf dogs.
- About **60 large animals**: donkeys who have been abused in work, and have become lame and unable to bear loads, cows and bulls who have limb damage and cannot forage for food, orphaned bulls whose release would almost certainly mean illegal slaughter.
- About **40 birds**: mostly pigeons whose wings have been injured sometimes by kite strings, nets protecting fruit trees and other injuries.





## Community Outreach & Education

Compassion education was conducted to 2-4 **school classes** each week. We reached thousands of children to spread awareness about how to help rescue injured animals, dog bite prevention and compassion for animals.



Animal Aid is a founding and active member of the **Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations**, a national umbrella organization with 150 member organizations who have allied for the purpose of advocating, networking and educating about the range of problems and challenges facing dogs, wildlife, captive animals, animals in research, animals in entertainment, animals farmed for food, leather, and so on.

Our **rescue videos** uploaded on YouTube reached a wide audience and were watched by **over 609 million people from around the world**, with 81 million of those views coming from India itself. Our videos educate and inspire the power of rescue and that even animals in terrible conditions can be saved. We received thousands of messages from people sharing their desire to help and join the mission in response to watching our rescue videos.

## Laws and Cruelty cases

In 2018 our Cruelty Response Officer responded to 23 reports of cruelty to animals, conducting on-site investigation and reporting to the police. The cases involved abandonment of owned dogs and cases of intentional harming animals. We responded, investigated and intervened in several more reports of cruelty such as keeping owned dogs tied and failing to give proper exercise and attention.

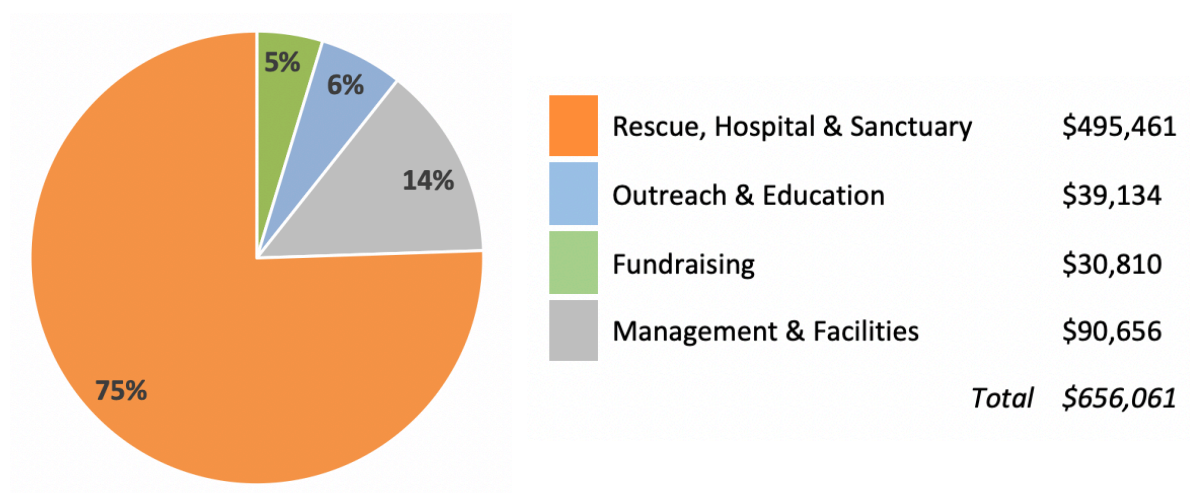
While the penalties for animal cruelty convictions are far less severe than we would wish, the filing of the complaint with the police and media's coverage is a significant disincentive both to the abuser and general public who become more aware of the laws protecting animals.

## Financial information

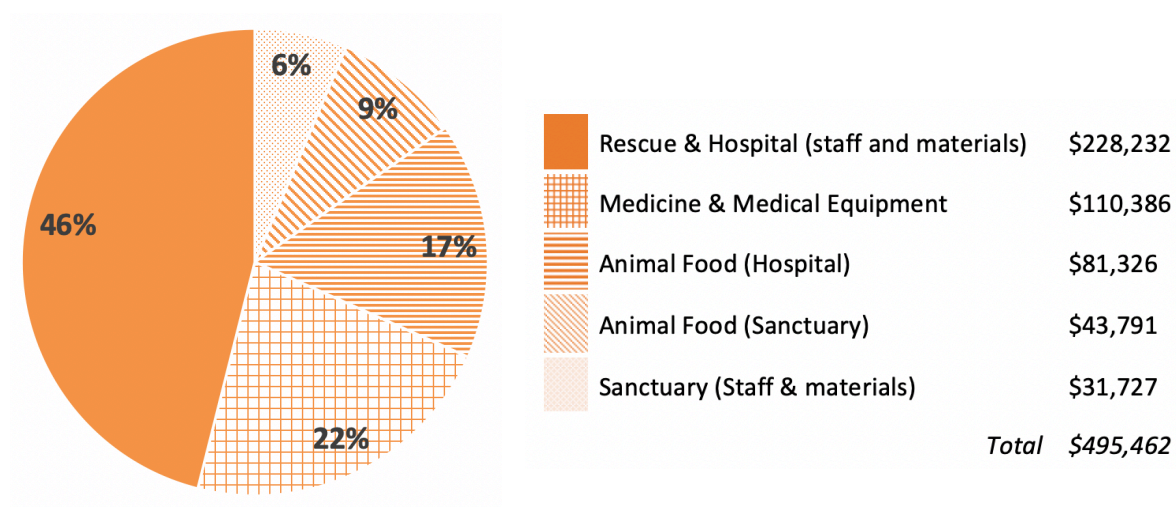
**Animal Aid Unlimited** is a USA-based, 501c3 tax-exempt charitable organization (est. 2002,) and is the main funding arm of Animal Aid's hospital and rescue center in Udaipur, Rajasthan, India. Donors from the USA and several other countries can claim tax benefits from their charitable donations to AAU. Funds donated to Animal Aid Unlimited are destined for our hospital and sanctuary in India and Animal Aid Unlimited transfers funds donated outside India to Animal Aid Charitable Trust on a regular basis.

**Animal Aid Charitable Trust** (est. 2007) provides medical services and sanctuary to animals in Udaipur, Rajasthan India. Indian donors can claim tax benefits from their charitable donations to AACT.

## Expenditure overview – AAU & AACT

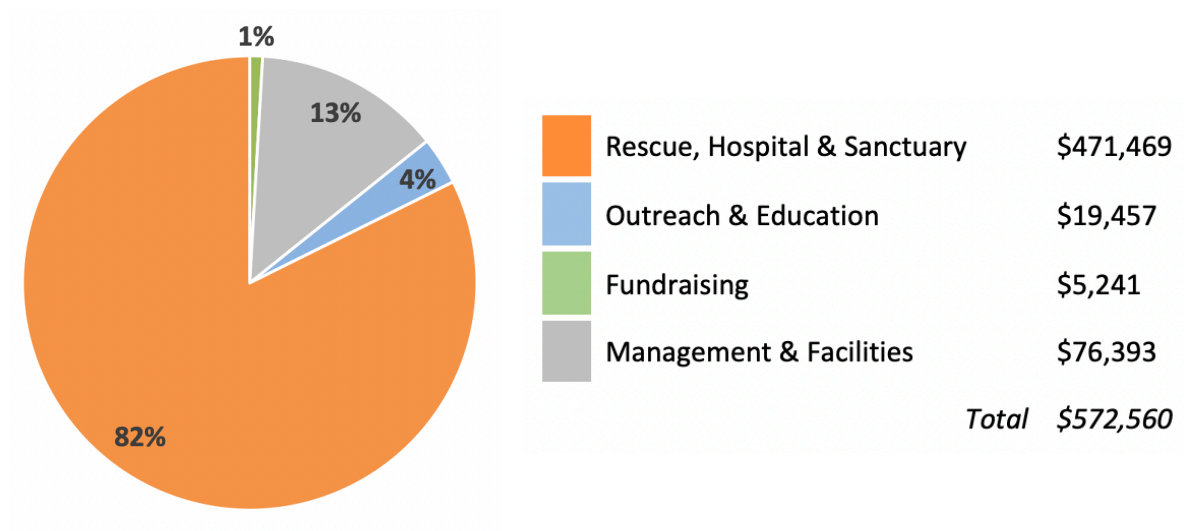


## Rescue, Hospital & Sanctuary expenditure breakdown – AAU & AACT

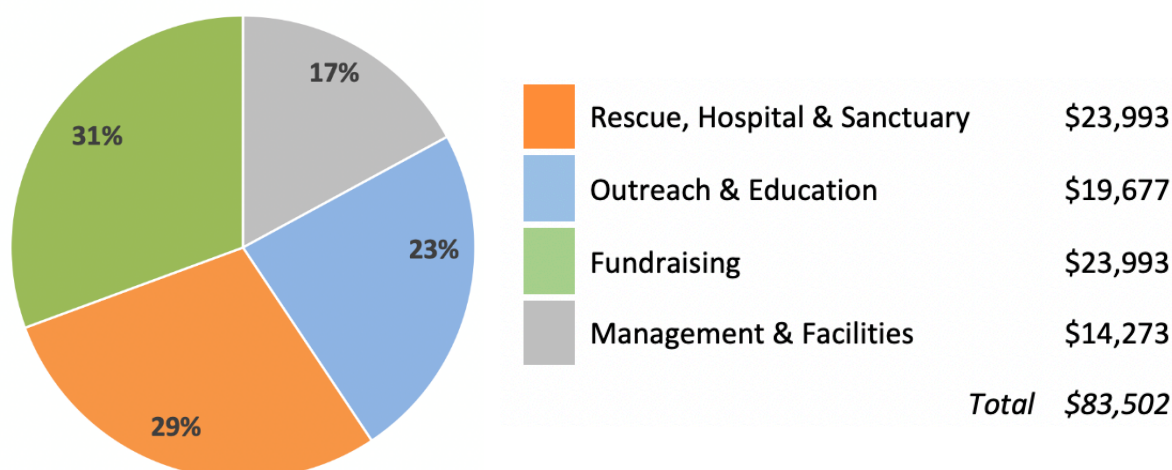




### Expenditure overview – AACT



### Expenditure overview – AAU (direct contributions)



This chart represents expenditures for AAU and direct contributions to AACT operations. AAU granted \$1,575,000 to AACT (95% of AAU total expenditure).

### Income overview

\$2,729,309 total raised in 2018-2019.

90% raised by donors outside India.

10% raised by Indian donors.

0 % from government.

## Animal Aid in the future

### Permanent hospital and sanctuary

Since Animal Aid's inception, we have operated on rented land. We could only secure leases up to a few years, so twice in the last 15 years we have had to move our entire hospital and sanctuary to a new site. This has meant we have only been able to build **limited structures**. Currently we are housed on a 5 bigha (2 acres) leased property, which also has significant building restrictions.

We have been **searching for land** to buy since 2015. We are looking for land of suitable size to build an optimal **hospital** to treat 400 animal patients, **housing** for our 300 sanctuary animals and facilities to strengthen our **outreach and awareness** programs. This land must be within **close range of the city** (30 minutes from the Udaipur city center) in order to rescue animals from the city. Unfortunately, in this area it is rare to find more than 1 acre with a single owner, and **land costs are disproportionately high**.

At this time, one bigha costs around USD 86,000 (Rs 60,00,000): hence, to purchase 25 bighas will cost about USD 2 Million. The projected cost of the new facilities will be USD 6-10 Million.

### Increase in services and operations

In June 2019 we created a strategic planning document detailing the current status of programmes and staffing in Animal Aid and our plans for expansions in the next 5 years. Key areas of expansion are planned in **outreach, emergency response** and **street treatment**. This document will be reviewed and updated every year to reflect progress and changes in strategy and focus. Our Strategic Development Plan is available upon request.



## How to donate

### Donate online

The easiest way to donate in all currencies (including INR) is online via our website:

[www.animalaidunlimited.org/donate.html](http://www.animalaidunlimited.org/donate.html)

### Within the US

#### Bank transfer

Bank: Key Bank of Washington

Branch: West Seattle

Key Bank Code: 4731

Account Name: Animal Aid Unlimited

Account Number: #471751008494

Swift Code: KEYB US 33

The routing number (branch number) is: 125000574

#### Cheque

Payable to: Animal Aid Unlimited

Mail to: 6900 37<sup>th</sup> Ave SW  
Seattle, WA 98126, USA

### Within India

#### Bank transfer

##### **HDFC Bank**

Account Name: Animal Aid Charitable Trust

Account Number: 50100215696419

Type: Savings

IFSC: HDFC0000119

Bank Address: HDFC, Ground Floor, Chetak Complex, Near Chetak Circle, Post Office Rd., Udaipur, 313001, Rajasthan, India

#### Cheque

Payable to: Animal Aid Charitable Trust

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