Annual Report 2019-2020

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Dear Supporters and Friends,

Thank you for your tremendous help for the animals throughout the year.

The animal situation in India is harrowing and complex. Here at Animal Aid we see first-hand the physical impact of such horrors in the animals we rescue. But we also have the extraordinary chance to see first hand the rise in compassionate action.

Every day through 2019 we saw the steady rise in phone calls requesting emergency help for street animals. We saw a steady rise in the number of visitors, and the continued flowering of our volunteer program which is a life-changing phenomenon that has ignited animal protection actions among so many. Our videos on Youtube, Facebook, Instagram—all pulsed with millions of new viewers. The shelter saw many facilities improvements including a renovated isolation and puppy area, the installation of a generator.

2019 also saw hardship. The Municipal Corporation in Udaipur granted a spay-neuter contract to an NGO who began violating animal protection laws and treating the dogs in such a barbaric manner as to result in many deaths. Animal Aid rallied the support of animal lovers in Udaipur and succeeded in getting the contract cancelled, showing just how far Udaipur’s community of animal protectors has come over the years.

As we embark on the coming year with its many unknowns we hope to infuse it with the spirit of love and kindness which gave this past year profound joy, healings, and meaning.

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, in 2002 to help animals in India. Animal Aid Charitable Trust (AACT) was founded in Udaipur in 2007, India, to make that possible.

Prior to our registration as a trust, our founders Erika, Jim and their daughter Claire Abrams Myers began helping street animals in 2002 and built a hospital in the small village of Hawala just outside Udaipur. The first Animal Aid facility included 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. We employed veterinary surgeons, nurses and a small staff of caregivers.

Over the next few years our work expanded and we were rescuing more animals than we could house in that property, so we shifted our shelter to our second site where we operated for 5 years from 2009-2013. The lease was not renewed and we relocated nearby to our present site, situated on 5 bigas on a long-term lease.

In 2013 AACT was given the opportunity to purchase 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 dog kennels and a small donkey paddock for female donkeys. This is our Animal Birth Control Center for street dog sterilization.

Today, AACT employs more than 100 staff and cares for 680 ever-changing animals in our shelter each day.

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 2019-2020 ACHIEVEMENTS

Our work is divided in 6 main programmes:

- Rescue and Medical Care
- Spay & Neuter and Rabies Prevention
- Sanctuary
- First Aid Training
- Outreach & Education
- Cruelty Response.

Rescue & Medical Care

Animal Aid is the region’s only hospital and rescue center for street animals. Our helpline receives calls reporting injured and ill animals from Udaipur city and nearby villages.

Our helpline received **25,081** calls for rescue requests, an average of **69 calls per day**.
We rescued **13,775** ownerless animals from Udaipur and nearby villages.
We admitted **11,182** animals into our hospital for treatment:

- **8,400** were dogs,
- **1,493** were cows and bulls and,
- **1,289** were donkeys, cats and other animals

We **vaccinated every animal** admitted **against rabies** and other common diseases.
We completed **1,255 on site visits** to provide medical treatment to animals in their neighbourhoods.
Many shelter improvements were made this year, the biggest being a complete renovation of our Isolation kennels and Puppy Kennels, as well the installation of a generator to keep the electricity going during frequent power outages. We also had the entire electric work renovated throughout the shelter for better lighting at night and increased safety for monsoons.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISOLATION WARD**

The role of isolation kennels in any shelter is of utmost importance as unvaccinated dogs and puppies rescued from the streets with wounds and illnesses can spread distemper, parvo and other deadly viruses to each other. Our new and improved isolation kennels ensure that dogs and puppies showing any clinical signs of a viral infection can be shifted away from healthier animals to help stop the spread of disease.

All animals receive core vaccines upon arrival but unfortunately because the protection is not immediate they are still at risk, hence we take all precautionary measures we can.

**PUPPYTOWN: THE PERFECT PLACE TO HEAL**

With a capacity to hold 80 puppies with fractures, wounds and illnesses, our new puppy area now has a bright, warm-in-winter, cool-in-summer area where they are treated and comfortably housed in double-decker kennels suitable for three to five puppies together, on easy-to-clean tiles.
Spay & Neuter and Rabies Prevention

Animal birth control (ABC) is the humane method of surgical sterilization to reduce the population, prevent the death of puppies from starvation and road accidents, improve animal health, reduce fighting and injuries between males, and in doing all of these things improve the treatment of animals by the community.
This year we spayed and neutered 1,562 dogs.

We inoculated 2,119 dogs during rabies prevention drives.

Rabies is 100% preventable through vaccinations.
First Aid Training Program

This year we continued our successful First Aid Training program, which we launched in 2018. The program consists of an intensive week-long training in first aid for street animals, both theoretical and practical.

In 2019-2020, 31 participants joined our training course from all over India, from Patiala to Chennai.
SPOTLIGHT on training programs:

Strengthening shelter capacities across India

A special and intensive training was held for a dedicated group of animal rescuers from Kolkata, coming from Animal People Alliance. They came for a month of training—not only learning animal treatment techniques but also the purpose of protocols, documentation, patient assessment, and new animal handling skills.

Sanctuary

Animal Aid is the permanent home for more than 150 animals of all species!
Community Outreach & Education

Visitors and Volunteers

Visitors and volunteers come to Animal Aid to meet our rescued animals and participate in our shelter tour where we explain the problems facing animals in India.

We welcomed 3,422 visitors and volunteers from all over the world.

Many of our visitors spend time with cows, goats and other animals they have never interacted with before, and countless have shared life-style changes as a result of bonding with these animals such as turning vegan.
FIAPO – Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations

Animal Aid is a founding and active member of the FIAPO, a national umbrella organization with 150 member organizations.

In July 2019, Claire Abrams Myers lead a session during the FIAPO Bootcamp held in Ahmedabad on social media for animals attended by activists from around India.

Inspiring change through social media

Our rescue videos were watched by over 580 million people from around the world, with 100 million of those views coming from India itself.
Cruelty Prevention

In 2019-20 our Cruelty Response Officer responded to **114 cases of cruelty to animals**, reporting to the police and conducting cruelty prevention education.

**SPOTLIGHT on Cruelty Prevention:**

Animal Aid and animal lovers come together to stop disaster for street dogs

In 2019 the Udaipur Municipal Corporation gave a contract for street dog sterilisation to an NGO not local to Udaipur who began operating in total violation of cruelty prevention laws. We found that they were dumping dogs in incorrect locations, operating with a total lack of hygiene, not providing water and food, and dogs were dying from infected surgeries.

With the help of Udaipur’s growing community of animal protectors, we began immediately documenting and reporting the abuse and violations, held protests to create awareness and hasten action, and succeeded in getting the rogue-NGO’s contract stopped by the end of December 2019.
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**

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Expenditure overview – AAU (direct contributions)

This chart represents expenditures for AAU and direct contributions to AACT operations. AAU granted $1,000,000 to AACT (93% of AAU total expenditure).

Income overview

$2,541,117 total raised in 2019-2020.
85% raised outside India.
15% raised within Indian.
0 % from government.
How to donate

Donate online
The easiest way to donate is online via our website:
http://www.animalaidunlimited.org/donate

On our website you can make a single or recurring donation, you can sponsor one of the animals living in our sanctuary or you can memorialize your beloved pet.

For all queries about donations, email us at donations@animalaidunlimited.org

Payment options for USD donations:
- PayPal, Credit or debit card, Apple / Google Pay

Payment options for INR donations:
- Net Banking, Wallet, UPI (GooglePay), PayTM, Credit or debit card

Other ways to donate (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

Check
Payable to: Animal Aid Unlimited
Mail to: PO BOX 20042
Seattle, WA 98102

Other ways to donate (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

Mail to: Animal Aid Hospital,
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