

**ANNUAL REPORT 2020 - 2021** 

## A CHALLENING YEAR

Dear Supporters and Friends,

More animals than ever before flourished in Udaipur. Even during the pandemic. Team-building, determination, mutual support—these have been the hallmarks of the Animal Aid team throughout the pandemic, as we learned how to express ourselves despite masks, worked despite illness in the family, and took pride in conducting an "essential service" to the city so that those carrying the Animal Aid badge were hard at work even during the most strict lockdowns.

Once the pandemic hit, we sadly had to close the shelter to visitors and volunteers, and suspend our First Aid Training program, to prioritize the safety of our staff. We immediately realized how hard the lockdown impacted the street animals, who found themselves without food sources from one day to the other, and we quickly launched a city-wide feeding campaign. We could count on the support of the community: many in town started to notice and feed the animals living in their neighbourhood, and we experienced a steady rise in the number of people calling to request emergency help for street animals.

We're also thrilled to report the acquisition of 25 bigas (about 12.8 acres) of wonderful land about 10 km from our current hospital. Finding and coordinating this purchase was the work of over a decade and it will eventually be Animal Aid's permanent shelter and hospital site. Developing the property will be a demanding and complex undertaking, which we hope to commence in 2024.

We want to pay tribute to our staff, who enabled Animal Aid to keep our doors open to injured and ill street animals every day of the year during stressful periods with many on sick leave, very limited recruitment possibilities and widespread fear of the virus.

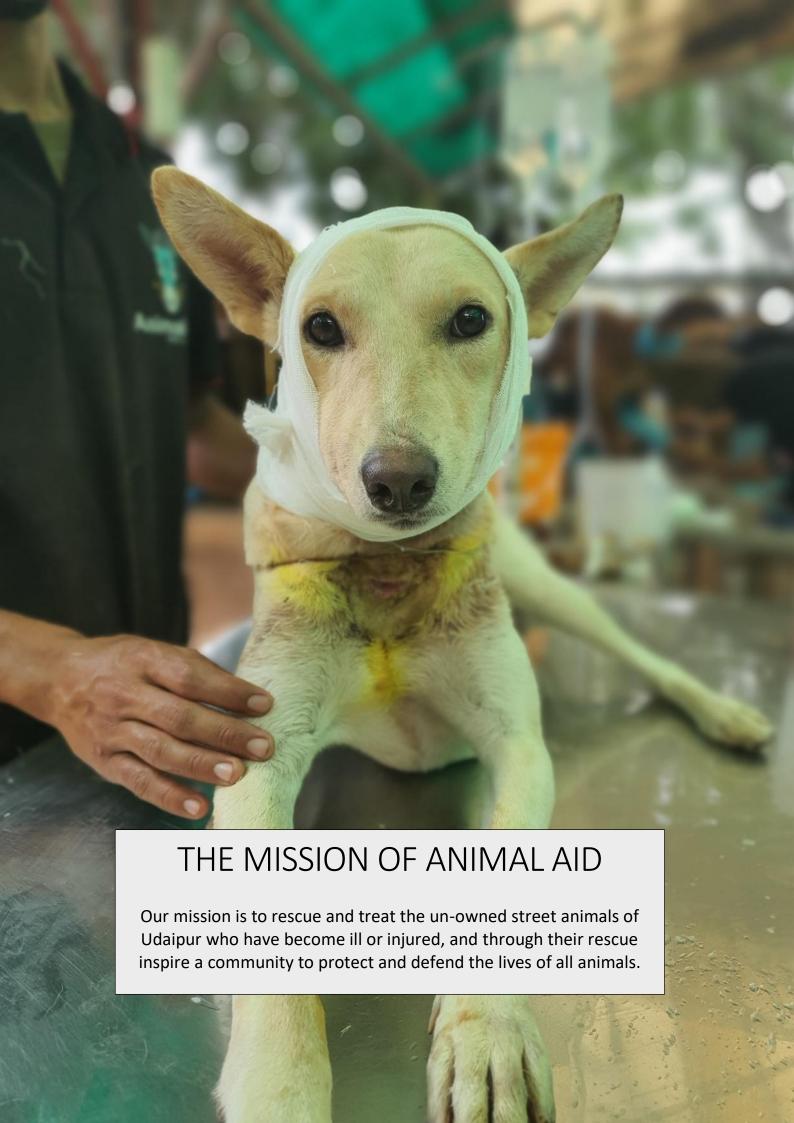
This Annual Report is dedicated to the power of love, which once again seemed to drive the impossible into the possible.

Erika Abrams

President, Animal Aid Unlimited

Neha Banyal Secretary, Animal Aid Charitable Trust





### ANIMAL AID THROUGH THE YEARS

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 small hospital in the small village of Hawala, just outside Udaipur.

The first Animal Aid facility included an operating theatre, a small food preparation area, a medicine room, about 40 kennels for dogs and had small paddocks for larger animals on a piece of rented property. We



employed veterinary surgeons, nurses and a small staff of caregivers, including our dear Kamla, who is still part of our team, 20 years on.



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. When the lease could not be renewed, we relocated nearby to our present site on a long-term lease.

In addition to our main site, Animal Aid has a second site, purchased in 2013, on which we built 85 dog kennels and a small donkey

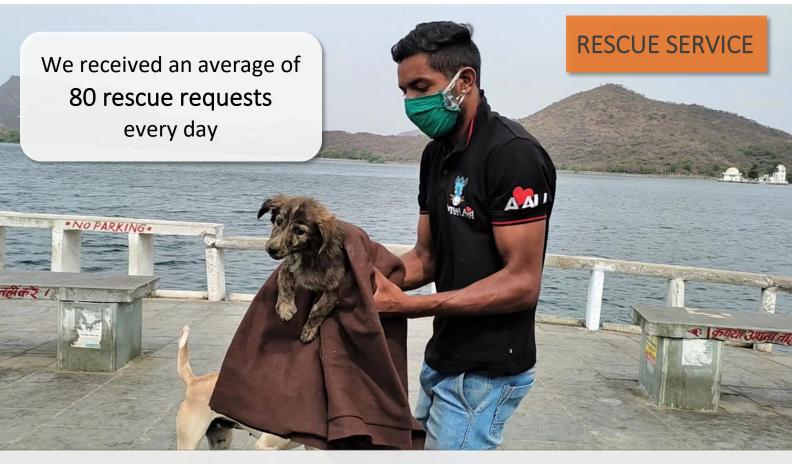
paddock for female donkeys. This is our Animal Birth Control (ABC) Center for street dog sterilization.

Today, Animal Aid employees more than 120 staff and cares for over 680 everchanging in our shelter each day.

In February 2021, after years of searching over hundreds of kilometres, we purchased a large piece of land — about five times the size of the current shelter — where we will build our permanent site.

Animal Aid remains an active participant in the Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations (FIAPO), which we co-founded in 2006; and through its auspices remain informed about and involved in animal protection across the country.

# 2020 - 2021 IN NUMBERS



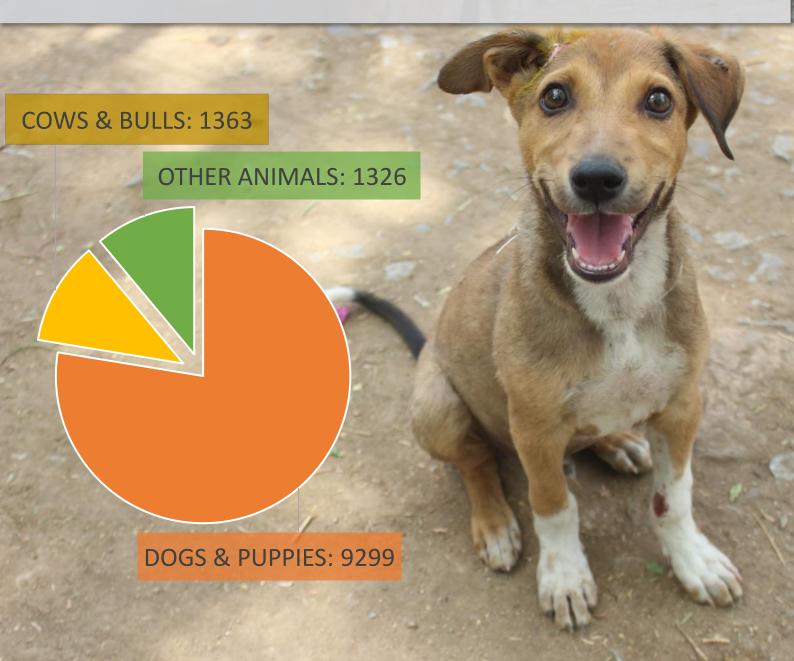
We rescued 16,168 ownerless animals

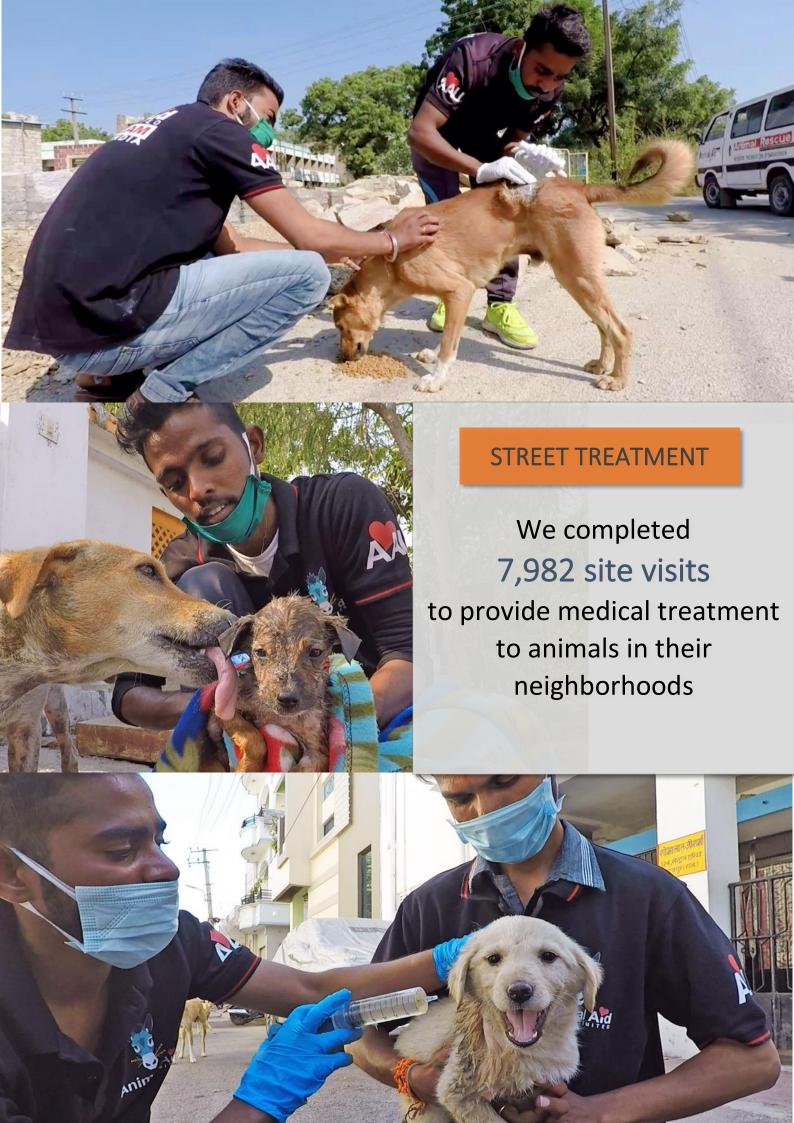
from Udaipur and nearby villages





We admitted 11,988 animals in our hospital







We spayed and neutered 1,415 dogs







We are the forever home for hundreds of animals!



## THE IMPACT OF COVID-19

The impact of COVID-19 on Animal Aid was the most significant hurdle we faced in the year. Similarly to the rest of the world, we were suddenly faced with uncertainty, fear of the unknown, and a dramatic change to our programmes and activities, almost from one day to the next.

When COVID hit India, a total lockdown was imposed without warning, leaving many of our staff unable to reach our shelter and ambulances unable to enter many areas of the city. We worked hastily to get passes for our staff to allow them to travel to work, and we limited all of our activities to those that were essential. At this time we made the difficult decision to suspend our stray dog birth control programme and we closed our Animal Birth Control (ABC) Center indefinitely. Additionally, we postponed our First Aid Training programme and Humane Education program.

We stockpiled as much food and medicine for the animals as we could, with information spreading that extreme shortages were around the corner, however luckily that was not the case and we never faced any shortage. When the lockdown shut down every restaurant, chai stall, and market place, this meant that thousands of animals relying on food scraps and leftovers suddenly were without food. We started a street animal feeding program within the first 2 weeks that we continued for many months, wherein we sent a van loaded with dry dog food, rice, lentils and chapati around the city, often with the assistance of local animal lovers who accompanied us. We targeted areas that we knew were affected especially harshly, particularly business and industrial areas that had no residences nearby. We partnered with the organisations Animals Australia and FIAPO to purchase food in several other cities in India and support local animal lovers to feed street animals affected by the lockdown.



Animal Aid has always been a center for visitors and volunteers, where just a month before the lockdown we were frequently giving tours to up to 40 and 50 people from around the world each day, and had dozens of volunteers on a daily basis providing essential love and care for our animals, particularly our sanctuary animals. For the safety of our staff, we made another difficult decision to close the shelter to all visitors and

volunteers. For the rest of the year we did not have any visitors and volunteers, which was hard for both the animals who missed the attention and love, and our team who missed the feeling of community and connection that has been a motivation and energizing factor. However, we bonded even closer with our team, worked harder than ever, and focused on getting through one day at a time.



As incredibly difficult as this year was, we are extremely proud of our team who adapted at lightning speed to the unthinkable change of life as we knew it.

We adopted new systems, worked more efficiently and succeeded in keeping Animal Aid's emergency services and hospital open every single day of the year with no major changes in core services.

## 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.

**RUNNING COSTS** - AAU & AACT combined 983,055 USD | 7,27,46,070 INR (74 INR = 1 USD)

### RESCUE, HOSPITAL & SANCTUARY

62%

607,864 USD | 4,49,81,936 INR

### **FUNDRAISING**

2% 19,335 USD | 14,30,790 INR

### MANAGEMENT

13% 128,580 USD | 95,14,920 INR

### **OUTREACH & EDUCATION**

8% 81,163 USD | 60,06,062 INR

### **FACILITIES**

15% 146,113 USD | 1,08,12,362 INR

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE** - Running costs + land acquisition 1,997,099 USD | 14,77,85,326 INR

### **NEW LAND ACQUISITION**

1,014,044 USD | 7,50,39,256 INR

### AACT RUNNING COSTS: 6,52,83,963 INR

[882,216 USD (74 INR = 1 USD)]

RESCUE, HOSPITAL & SANCTUARY	4,28,63,086	66%
FACILITIES	1,08,12,343	17%
MANAGEMENT	78,76,431	12%
EDUCATION & OUTREACH	33,71,875	5%
FUNDRAISING	3,60,228	1%

All amounts are in INR

### STAND-ALONE PROJECTS

Stray Animal Feeding program with Animal Australia: 13,14,448 INR Movement Building & Mobilisation with FIAPO and Animal Charity Evaluators: 44,17,684 INR

### AAU RUNNING COSTS: \$100,839

[8,82,216 INR (74rs = 1USD)]

EDUCATION & OUTREACH	35,597	35%
RESCUE, HOSPITAL & SANCTUARY	28,634	28%
MANAGEMENT	22,142	22%
FUNDRAISING	14,467	14%

All amounts are in USD

This table presents the expenditures of AAU and the direct contributions to AACT operations. AAU granted 400,000 USD to AACT.

**TOTAL INCOME** - AAU & AACT combined 3,339,452 USD | 24,71,19,448 INR

AAU: 3,012,379 USD

AACT: 2,42,03,398 INR

## **HOW TO DONATE**

### Donate online

The easiest way to donate is online via our website (USD and INR): <a href="http://www.animalaidunlimited.org/donate">http://www.animalaidunlimited.org/donate</a>

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

### 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

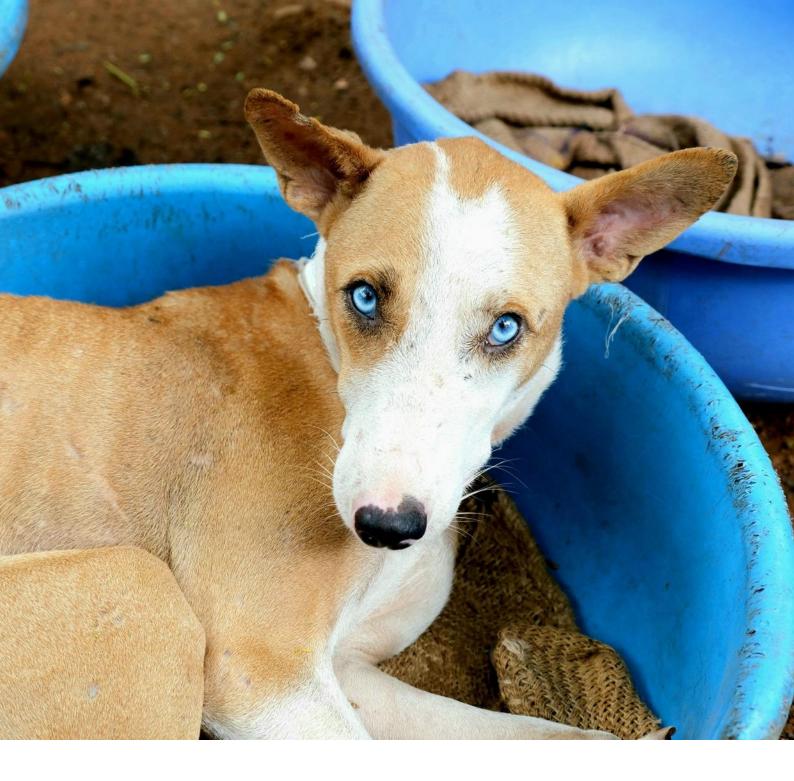
### Cheque

Payable to: Animal Aid Charitable Trust

Mail to: Animal Aid Hospital,

Attn: Neha Banyal, Secretary to the Trust Liyo Ka Gurha, Near TB Hospital, Badi Village

Udaipur 313011 Rajasthan, India



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### **Animal Aid Charitable Trust**

Registered as 35Dev Udai 2007;

Tax Exempt under 80 G AA/UDAI/Nyyayik/948

AACT PAN: AACTA2192H

Near Badi TB Hospital, Village Badi Udaipur, Rajasthan 313011

Member, Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations

Member, Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) Recipient, 20<sup>th</sup> Bhagwan Mahaveer Award

Recipient, AWBI Jeev Daya award for Animal Welfare and

Protection 2021