

## Editor's VOICE

### Blood Bath on Dassehra Festival

The upcoming festival of nine days – Dassehra, Navrathri or Navami, Durga puja celebrated all over India to appease goddess Kali to overpower demons and bring us health, wealth and victory—this is a festival of the triumph of good over evil, but also a festival of blood-letting as thousand upon thousands of goats, sheep, buffaloes, chicken and ducks are handled cruelly and slaughtered.

A goat's skin is rubbed with chillies and salt. The spectators cheer as they see the goat in agony and finally they bite the goat's skin until its entrails spill out. Then it is dragged off to be killed at the temple. Pigs are also skinned alive, the chest opened, the still-beating heart yanked out and offered to the temple amidst loud music. Buffaloes are hammered on the head and slaughtered. The side walks and gutters of the street run red with blood of thousands of animals.

ARE THESE HUMANS??? Are our temples a place of sanctity or a war field with bloodshed and screams of innocent animals? Animal sacrifice is cruel, disgusting and primitive. Bloody sacrifices brutalize the viewer, confusing the distinction between right and wrong.

We must defeat and overcome these superstitions by being more humane and caring, by showing civilized behavior. Even if man wants to indulge in the act of sacrifice, then let him follow it in a symbolic manner. In Karnataka, a slit is made in a big gourd and vermilion is sprinkled on it, then the gourd is crushed and the red extract is sprinkled on all vehicles as a symbol of sacrificed blood. Such symbolic sacrifice in this age is preferable to causing harm to other living beings.

The act of animal sacrifice nullifies the symbolism of victory of good over evil, because man is evil when he slaughters innocent, mute, helpless animals. Saint Madh-wacharya fought hard in the 13th century to eradicate animal sacrifices. If myths could be reality, then the divine force or mother nature herself will destroy the evil man to bring peace to her innocent creations. Nature has her own way of balancing resources. Awaken the humane in you. Follow vegetarianism and veganism. It is the best way to protect our world and ourselves.

*Dilip Bafna*

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### 3-legged abandoned Labrador dog Angie has been adopted

Angie, who was featured in our last 2 newsletters, has been adopted by Aparna Bhatt. Thank-you, Aparna. Aparna has 5 other dogs in her house. Here is Angie playing with his new girl-friends in Aparna's home.

Aparna has started a new Animal Rights NGO KARMA (Kulture for Animal Rehabilitation and Mass Awareness) in Bangalore. ARF wishes her much success with her animal rights work.

KARMA phone: 97423 22280.

### Highlights of Work done by ARF in August 2009

2528 Dogs CNVR (Catch, Neuter, Vaccinate, Release),  
 10 Dogs treated and released,  
 1 cow treated,  
 1 pigeon treated and released,  
 43 Camels rescued; victory in court case for camels Cr. No. 379/2009 dated 3/9/09—camels now banned in Karnataka.

# Intense Cruelty towards Animals in Meat, Egg and Milk Industry in India



**Male calf of milk-producing cow is taken for slaughter.**

The Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organizations (FIAPO) and Humane Society International (HSI) conducted a workshop in Bangalore in August on the welfare of animals used as food and fiber in India. The workshop had around 30 participants from all over India, many from various NGOs, with more than 20 people being vegan.

In meat, egg and milk industry in India, billions of animals endure intense cruelty every year. In animal factories, hens, pigs, goats, cows etc are raised for meat by confining them in cages/sheds that are just as big as their body size. Growth antibiotics are administered daily to make them grow fast for slaughter. Workers handle the animals/birds mercilessly, leading to dislocated bones as well as internal bleeding. During their journey to the slaughterhouse, they aren't given any food, water, or protection from extreme temperatures, often for days. The animals/birds are still conscious as they are hung upside down and their throats are slit.

Male chicks are considered byproducts as they're unable to lay eggs, so male chicks are crushed in a grinder. Female chicks are used for meat and the young female chicks' parts that cannot be eaten (eg. beak, tongue, wings) are cut off so that many chicks can be stocked close to each other. The chicks are mutilated when young in this manner, and allowed to grow to adult size for their meat. Hens are given less space than the area of a letter-sized sheet of paper in which to eat, sleep, lay eggs, and defecate.

Most beef cattle are castrated, de-horned, and branded, painful procedures performed without any anesthesia. Cattle raised for meat are intensively confined and tethered by the neck in individual stalls



**Broiler hens spend their entire life in cages so small that they cannot even spread their wings.**

so small they can't turn around during their entire 16- to 18-week lives before slaughter. Cows and sows (female pigs) suffer through rapid cycles of impregnation, giving birth, and nursing, all while intensively confined. They are pumped with hormones and antibiotics to sustain unnatural cycles. Dairy cows endure annual cycles of artificial insemination, mechanized milking for 10 out of 12 months every year (including 7 months of their 9-month pregnancies), and giving birth. The cows are routinely given hormones and drugs to get the highest milk yield possible. This rigorous cycle overburdens the cows, which are considered "productive" for only two years and are slaughtered when four years old. Male dairy calves are of no value to the dairy farmer, so within their first few days of life, the calves are taken from their mothers and slaughtered.

When deep sea fish are quickly brought to the surface, some may experience decompression and their organs can burst before they suffocate on the boat's deck.

## What can you do to stop this intense cruelty?

Become vegan. Don't eat or use animal products such as meat, eggs, leather, silk, milk products etc.

Animal activists throughout India have launched an advocacy project to raise awareness amongst people against cruelty towards farm animals. If you are interested in working on this project, then write to [sanach1911@yahoo.co.in](mailto:sanach1911@yahoo.co.in)

# Camels now banned in Karnataka State

Consistent directed self-motivated effort will produce result. Since 1997, ARF Trustee Dilip Bafna has been working towards camel welfare, and now a milestone victory in camel welfare has finally been achieved. ARF's efforts have resulted in the High Court of Karnataka banning camels in Karnataka state (W.P. No. 14438/2008).

Camels are built to live in the desert. Forcing camels to live in Karnataka is akin to forcing an athlete to sprint with their spikes on tar roads. The climate of Bangalore does not suit them. Moreover, making them walk on the road, using them for joyride, improper feeding and no timely medicine are all cruelty to camels.

AKPDS (Akhil Karnataka Prani Daya Sangha) and ARF have managed to rescue 43 camels in Bangalore (many with skin diseases and injuries). Although owners of the seized camels claim that they had brought them for entertainment, it is suspected they were intended for slaughter.

With ARF's intervention, a letter was sent by Animal Welfare Board of India to the Chief Secretary of Government of Karnataka to issue an order to all police stations and also the AHD (Animal Husbandry Department) to implement the court order promptly.

However, the Animal Husbandry Department (AHD) delayed implementing the High Court order, thereby passing the advantage to camel owners/abusers. With ARF's intervention, the Chief Secretary of Government of Karnataka issued an order to all police stations and also the AHD to implement the order promptly, directing the AHD to bear the costs of transporting the camels back to Rajasthan.

**Truly a morale boosting victory!**



**Vegan Potluck Party on Saturday 26/09/2009 at 6 PM at ARF office. Call Sandesh on 94495 59767 for details.**

**Sthitaprajna** is an International Vegan Centre for Yoga, Meditation, Relaxation and Rejuvenation located at Byndoor, Udupi District in Karnataka. They have a 5 day vegan event from Oct 30 to Nov 3, 2009, with stay at vegetarian non-alcoholic beach resort Sai Vishram. Phone: 93411 28767 Email: indianvegansociety@rediffmail.com



1. Oyster Farming for Pearls. 2. Oysters used as meat'

## Don't use Pearls

All pearls available in the market as natural pearls are actually cultured pearls. Naturally grown pearls are very rare and too expensive. For cultured pearls, the growth of the pearl is initiated by MAN by inserting seeds into oysters. Pearls, whether natural or cultured, are produced by oysters (ocean animal) within their body with their nacre.

Process of Culturing is as follows:

The oysters are removed from the ocean (They can survive for a few hours without water). A mantle tissue (part of the oyster itself) with the seed is inserted into them to initiate growth of pearl. The mantle tissue is obtained by killing a few oysters and then removing it from their body. Till this process is reached, 20% of the oysters die, either due to lack of water or killed by man to obtain the mantle tissue. In the next step these oysters are tied in a net and these nets are again left in the sea for around 6 months. After 6 months these are removed and the oysters are killed and the pearl grown inside it is removed. All the oysters are killed in this way and their flesh is used as meat and sold in the market. The main thing is that, 1 Oyster can only produce 3-4 pearls in a span of 6 months. Billions of oysters are killed in a culture pearl producing unit.

**I want to spread awareness amongst people that the pearl they are wearing is obtained by killing one large sea animal and they have killed more than 10 if they are wearing a string of it as FASHION JEWELLERY.**

*Courtesy: Sanjay Dungarwal, Gemologist*

# Rehabilitating Paralyzed Animals

About 7 months ago, a brown colored pup with lovely light grey-green eyes (hence named Aishwarya) was picked up by Dr. Chitra, a veterinarian in Bangalore. Aishwarya was about 3 months old and was paralyzed from hip downwards – thanks to some callous driver who had hit her and heartlessly sped off. Nine out of ten doctors would have opted for euthanasia as the solution. But Dr. Chitra thought otherwise. She took up the daunting task of trying and bringing back some life into the paralyzed limbs. She gave the pup a daily massage, put her out in the sun and put her on a course of Neurobion injections. Aishu was also given a course of homeopathic medicines in consultation with a kindly homeopathic physician. The results were truly encouraging. Aishu, who initially could scarcely move, now began to drag herself around with astounding agility. Her sparkling eyes reflected her will to survive against all odds. Encouraged by these developments, Dr. Chitra decided to go one step further. She got in touch with the doctors at the Veterinary Institute at Hebbal, Bangalore to get Aishu a small aluminium frame with wheels attached. The cost came up to about Rs. 2000. Today, Aishu is a happy dog. For an hour every day, she is strapped onto her vehicle and she happily races around like any other animal, exploring this corner and that and slyly eating some forbidden tidbits. But like any other handicapped child, Aishu too needs special care. She has to be cleaned often else she is prone to develop sores. The story of Sonu is not very different either. This one-month old Pomeranian pup was found by Dr. Chitra on the road in a pathetic condition. He was paralyzed waist downwards - a victim of the action of



some heartless driver – and had been dumped on the road by his equally heartless owners. Worse still, he had had a prolapse of the rectum (meaning that the rectum was hanging out) and was in need of immediate medical attention. Again, Dr. Chitra's care and medication gave a new lease of life to Sonu. Next month Aishu will be about a year old, so Dr. Chitra plans to have a small celebration. Truly, Aishu and Sonu are lucky dogs. But the question remains: how many paralyzed animals are lucky enough to find a caring soul such as Dr. Chitra?

**ARF Note:** Thank-you, Dr. Chitra, for showing paralyzed animals can be re-habilitated. Thank-you, Poornima Desai, for writing this informative Book Post article. ARF highly appreciates the selfless work that Dr. Chitra and Poornima Desai do for animals. Dr. Chitra can be contacted on 92416 64335 if you want more information on how to care for a paralyzed animal.

## Heart-felt Gratitude for your Donations

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I am not shy about admitting that this is a critical time for donations we hope to – and must – receive. ARF needs your support to ensure animals are treated with regard and compassion. With your help, we will continue to strive to ensure that animals are not forgotten or ignored.

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