



[A newsletter about the activities of Acton for Protection of Wild Animals (APOWA)]

From the APOWA Team:

The Action for Protection of Wild Animals (APOWA) exists to prevent cruelty, alleviate pain, fear and suffering in animals in the coastal parts of Odisha. APOWA is a registered non-profit organization which is dedicated to the protection of all animals. APOWA is composed of a network of committed, compassionate and dedicated volunteers that strengthen us and leads in the promotion of animal welfare, and the protection of wildlife.

It runs an animal shelter and clinic. This volunteer-based organization rehabilitates these animals in distress, until they fully recover. The centre also serves as an animal-welfare information center and free of cost distribution of veterinary medicines to poor villagers for their animals. It attends to an average of 20 calls per day consists of different animal welfare, animal care, animal cruelty concerns .

All our dear animals have been rescued from difficult circumstances. We rely solely on the public's kindness and donations to care for our animals. You can contribute your support to bring them joy and improve the quality of their lives.

Sincerely,

APOWA Team, Odisha, India

Rescue of Animals in Distress

We have been involved in a lot of rescues over the past decade and have saved the lives of so many animals even in just a fraction of a second. We pride ourselves on working with great community volunteers. We have good working relationships with many community volunteers that are appreciative of our assistance in rescuing many of neglected animals in their community.

The team was rescued a lone 4-year-old stray bull, who despite being covered in dreadfully painful wound at Sandhapalli village in the last month. Knowing that the bull was likely frightened, suffering and in desperate need of expert medical attention, our Rescue Team rushed immediately to treat him. When they arrived, the terrified bull was in even worse shape than we imagined, so doctors swiftly started him on medications to manage his pain while devising a more long term care plan.

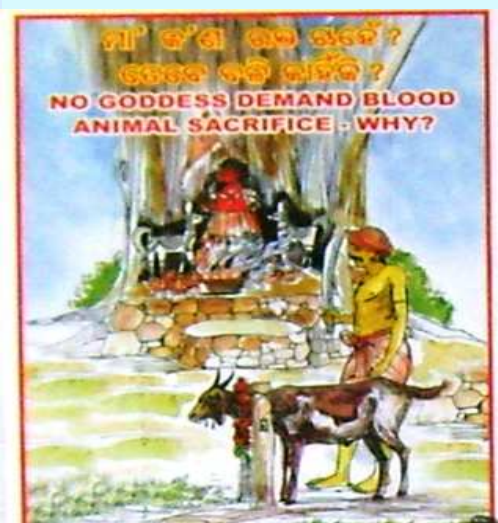
Over the course of the following weeks, he remained at APOWA's care so he could continue on treatments for his injuries and managed every step of the way. Bringing that bull to safety and giving him a chance to be happy after all he has been through is a happiness that goes unmatched. This story has certainly not come to end, but it couldn't have taken a happier turn – all thanks to rescue team members and community volunteers who made everything from his rescue to his treatment possible.



In the month of October-November the APOWA Team attended a total of 127 stray animal cases out of which some animals were given immediate first aid and some were shifted to our rescue centre.

Campaign against the Animal Sacrifices in Temples

Hundreds of heads of different animals have sacrificed every year during Durga Puja at Maa Budhijagulai temple, Osangara and Maa Panchubarahi temple, Satavaya of Kendrapara district. Over the years, Action for Protection of Wild Animals (APOWA) has been campaigning against animal sacrifices during festivals. APOWA has been working with other partners like People For Animals (PFA), Youth clubs to prevent this reckless animal cruelty in this region. The campaign is supported by a growing number of society leaders, school teachers, media persons, intellectuals, animal welfare activists etc. The network has been organized counter-campaign of peaceful meditation, educational classes in schools, meeting with villagers, priest, media persons and administration and in the same time we were petition the government to ban the animal sacrifices in temples.



The animal sacrifices harm society as a whole as it signals and normalizes insensitivity in children. Festivals need to be a harmonizing, enjoyable experience for all members of the community. Introducing alternative, non-violent forms of sacrifice rituals will re-establish festivals as meaningful, fun and positive experiences. We also argue that a vegetarian diet improves people's health and helps to save the planet.

Wildlife Week (2nd Oct-8th Oct, 2010)

This year, APOWA has organized various activities in different parts of the state. This year special emphasis was given on the subject, "wildlife, their habitat and climate change". We have been working sincerely to save endangered species and their habitat and serving as a protecting umbrella. The plight of wild animals, has met with a tremendous outpouring of sympathy and support. The survival of these 'species' has always been a priority for APOWA.

2nd Oct 2010- On the occasion of International Non-violence and Vegetarian day, the organization was organized a rally. Armed with placards and banners, over 100 students participated in the rally and convey the message of non-violence and Ahimsa to the inhabitants. Posters and leaflets were distributed to the public.



3rd Oct 2010- The stakeholder committee, which is part and facilitate by the APOWA, is currently working on the development of strategic partnerships with the aim of involving all relevant actors to create a powerful movement for the animal welfare, conservation of wildlife and their habitat in the coastal part of Orissa. More than 28 participants from different village committees and stakeholders were participated and discussed the challenges and threats face by wildlife, the priorities that they should focus on, as well as the regional vision of the conservation of the threatened species and their habitat. All participants agreed that the current situation in the region is not good, so further efforts are needed to face the loss of biodiversity. The declaration calls, among others, for an active involvement of local governments, private sector, communities, educational institution etc. in the reduction of biodiversity loss and threat to wildlife. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Susanta Kumar Mahapatra, teacher Kundupur M.E. school, Rajnagar. The stakeholder committee meeting was conducted at Sankhpur, Rajnagar.

4th Oct 2010- A wildlife Olympiad contest was held for high school students. There are 120 students from class 8th to 10th from 10 different schools were participated in the day's programme. The participants were given a questionnaire to answer. The questions were based on the wildlife. The top three scorers and top score from each school were awarded with prizes and certificates.

5th Oct 2010- Many dignitaries have also participated in this campaign in the public meeting at Gram Panchayat High school, Kharianta, Pattamundai on 5th October 2010. The chief guest of the programme was Dr Mihir Pattnaik, Forest Range officer, Mahakalpara Forest Range under Rajnagar Mangrove Forest Division. The Director, APOWA, Mr. Bijaya Ku Kabi delivered the welcome and introduction address followed by the talked by Mr. Abhiram Jena, headmaster, G.P. High school, Kharianta. The chief speaker of the programme was Mr. Dibakar Biswal, eminent journalist, Kendrapara. All the resource persons were presented their speech on wildlife, their habitat and climate change in the meeting. The participants were asked for question & answer section on the above subject. A lot of thought questions was raised & were answered by the resource persons. The president of APOWA, Mr. Bijaya Kumar Rout was presided over the meeting.



8th Oct 2010- The conservation through educational program, APOWA organized a lecture and interactive session with school students, wherein a basic intro about the conservation a wide term, how students can help in conservation efforts and diminishing cruelty, etc. Main components of such program's is to making them aware of the nature, need of conserving wildlife, knowing the legislation related to animal rights, importance of plantation, Climate Change and the need for attitudinal and behavioral change and most importantly the helpline numbers for rescue of animals. The 34 students were participated from different schools. This activity was help participants to understanding of the programme was end with a film show on climate change. Growing enthusiasm and excitement were the main outcomes of the Wildlife Week observation.

APOWA's wish List

1. Medicines
2. Wire Mesh
3. Three Wheeler Auto
4. Old Van
5. Laundry Soap
6. Stretchers
7. Bleaching Powder
8. Aluminium Feeding Bowls
9. Towels & Blankets
11. Cotton & Bandages



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animals!
We couldn't do it
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