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## VCARE



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### VCARE: WORKING TOWARDS HELPING STRAY ANIMALS AND BIRDS

#### VCARE BIRD RESCUE CAMP



VCARE organized a bird rescue and treatment camp on January 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 during the Kite Flying festival, Uttarayan. We set up a base at the Bird Circle, Race Course, Vadodara and tried to treat and save birds who had become victims of the deadly 'Manjha' (glass coated string used for flying kites). The 'Manjha' had cut through wings and other parts of many birds, incapacitating them and putting them to severe distress.

Our ambulance helped bring injured birds from different locations around the city to our Veterinary team as soon as possible so that they could get immediate treatment. A few birds were injured beyond help but many others got a new lease on life thanks to the timely treatment at the camp and after recuperating at our shelter at Lakdikui could be released back into the skies.

We would like to thank all our donors and well wishers especially Mr. Tushar Dayal of TML Industries for helping us out with volunteers and medicines, without which we would not have been able to help the distressed birds.

Bird camp organized at the VCARE Shelter on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> January 2011



Camp Summary

Animal	Total
Pigeon	30
Kite	2
Dove	5
Sparrow	4
Total	41



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# VCARE ACTIVITIES



Rescued stray puppies enjoying food and stay at the VCARE puppy enclosure at our shelter in Lakdikui in the outskirts of Vadodara.



A calf with a fractured leg after treatment at the VCARE shelter



A cow injured in a road accident being treated by our Vet



Injured and abandoned mother and baby donkey at the VCARE Donkey shelter



Injured and abandoned donkeys at the VCARE donkey Shelter.



Nandita Amin, Managing Trustee, VCARE giving a big hug to a baby donkey

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The latest addition at our Lakdikui shelter is a Cat house with innovative outside areas, cubby holes and climbing trees. Our aim is to find good homes for these cats and to provide a permanent home at our shelter to the ones which are not lucky enough to find a home.



This Barn Owl entangled in kite thread and dangling from a tree was rescued from Dr. Virendra J patel's home. After recuperating at the VCARE shelter it was set free.



During treatment at the shelter.



It's wings being checked by our attendant Mr Lalit and Vet, Dr Govind Prajapati before being released.



Almost seemed to look back at us in gratitude as it perched on a tree after being released.



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**Eco Park**

A beautiful eco park has been developed inside a green belt area of 13,000 Square Meters surrounded by a pond. The depth of water in the pond varies from 6 to 12 ft with an average depth of 8 ft.

A bridge built out of waste steel transports visitors to an island in the middle of the pond. An open log hut constructed on the island provides the visitor an expansive view of the refinery. There are Rahu & Katla fish in the pond and ducks roam at leisure on the banks. There are 4 surface aerators in the pond to oxygenate the water and support the aquatic life.

A nursery with rose saplings is also a part of the Eco- Park and several species of migratory birds have also found a place for themselves here. There is a newly constructed ethnic style, 180 Square Meter log hut, Chaupal which is used for official meetings.

Treated effluent is being used for filling up the pond as well as for watering the trees of the Eco-Park. We have a rain harvesting-cum production well in the green belt, which is also used to top up the eco pond.

**From Managing Trustee's Desk**

On behalf of our board, staff, volunteers, and residents, I thank you for your continued support, which has nearly single handedly allowed the organization to thrive as it has. This year also, has continued its participation in the stray dog control and management programme of Vadodara Mahanagar Seva Sadan (VMSS) by conducting Animal Birth Control operations/Anti Rabies Vaccination of stray dogs in Vadodara with a lot of constraints in getting funds for the programme on time.

One of the welcome additions at the VCARE Aashiyana shelter has been the cat house and the over 25 kitty's there seem to be having a happy

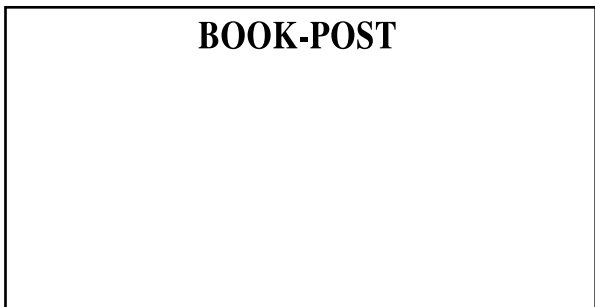


time. We also have learnt to look out for and hand rear ducklings of Combed Ducks and Whistling Teals in August which we save from unfinished apartment buildings in the city.

Another great boon has been the generous donation of a compound wall all around our shelter by Kemrock Industries. I thank all our Members, Donors, Companies, Volunteers and the Public at large, for their wholehearted help and cooperation in implementing the programmes of VCARE.

*Nandita Amin*

Nandita Amin, Managing Trustee



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## ABC (Animal Birth Control) Programme



Sterilization of a female dog being carried out by Dr. Sachin Parmar.



Dogs in the dog run for post operative care.



A new larger animal ambulance, thanks to the efforts of our Trustees.

The purpose of the VCARE ABC (Animal Birth Control) programme is to create a friendly, stable, rabies-free street dog population.

About 60 Vadodara street dogs per week are humanely caught, vaccinated, spayed, identified with ear mark and after full recovery, returned to the location from where they were caught. To date over 3150 dogs have been covered under the ABC programme.

### Cases attended from April-2010 to March-2011

Animals	Treatment	Vaccination		Sterilization	Total
		ARV	7in1		
Dogs	563	1360	12	1328	3263
Cats	27	-	-	-	27
Buffaloes	2	-	-	-	2
Cattle	172	-	-	-	172
Donkeys	63	-	-	-	63
Birds	87	-	-	-	87
Squirrels	4	-	-	-	4
Owl	3	-	-	-	3
Rabbit	1	-	-	-	1
	922	1360	12	1328	3622



Col. Khanna with Dr. Pratibha Panchal, Administrator, VCARE during her visit to The Bombay Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BSPCA), Mumbai in May 2010.



An injured puppy being treated at a camp.

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This Abandoned pet Rabbit is enjoying its stay at the VCARE Shelter, Lakdikui.



An injured baby squirrel recuperating at the shelter.



A sparrow has made its home in a specially designed sparrow house by a naturalist in Nasik with the hope of saving these rapidly disappearing birds as its natural habitat is being destroyed.



These Nakta ducklings were rescued from an un finished, semi open 9th floor apartment in Lotus Court, behind Landmark building, Race Course Circle. They were hand reared at our shelter for about 8 months and then successfully released into the wild.

### KENNEL

VCARE'S 'Aashiyana' is a 8 kennel facility and each kennel measures 5X5 feet and has a trap door leading out to a small outdoor space which is enclosed. The kennel has a small pantry attached to it so that food is cooked for the pets according to the owner's instruction as well as a small clinic to take care of minor health problems.



VCARE'S 'Aashiyana', Boarding Kennel for dogs at Lakdikui.