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**HUMANE SOCIETY
INTERNATIONAL**
INDIA

About us

Humane Society International/India is proud to be part of the world's largest and most effective family of animal protection organizations.

HSI/India is a not-for-profit Section 8 company registered under the Companies Act 2013 (formerly Section 25 under Companies Act, 1956). We work to protect all animals through fieldwork, policy changes, direct care and services, awareness and education.

Our mission is to protect ALL animals: farmed animals, animals in laboratories, companion animals, wildlife and those found in disaster or cruelty situations.

From our managing director



HUMANE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL/INDIA ACHIEVED A MAJOR MILESTONE

IN 2022: We completed 10 years of being in the country as an Indian animal protection organization. In the past 10 years, we have grown from having a handful of staff and programs to now being a strong organization with 120 staff members. We have programs across 10 states of the country and formidable partnerships with government agencies both central and state, universities, research institutions and other not-for-profit organizations. It brings me great joy to also inform all our readers that this year, our organization undertook a strategic restructure across the India office to make our programs more effective by aligning them with the human resources we need. In the years to come, I am hopeful that the work we've initiated with this restructuring will reap tremendous rewards for the organization, the movement and ultimately the animals.

This year, we also took a closer look at our internal processes by completing our first sensitizing program on gender and caste. This was an organizationwide training program broken into cohorts for training and learning. We are now looking at the strategy we're pursuing to make sure we're achieving the maximum impact on animals while protecting our most valuable asset: our employees. Unfortunately, this year we also suffered another loss of an employee. Lallu, our team member in Lucknow, lost his life to a chronic illness, leaving behind his family and leaving our staff in shock. We mourn this loss and wish strength to his family to help cope with his passing.

Despite that unfortunate loss, all in all we had a year that featured some important learning and new initiatives. As we deal with what life has to offer us, we continue striving to make the lives of animals better. We would not be here without the support of our donors and those who continue to have faith in us, despite what COVID-19 may have done to them. We are grateful and know that the past decade has been just the start. What lies ahead in the next 10 years is going to be historic for animals.

Thank you.

Alokparna Sengupta, Managing Director



HSI India member of staff with Kawi, the 50,000th dog to be sterilized in Lucknow in February, 2023.

OUR TOP ACHIEVEMENTS THIS YEAR



WE TRAINED OVER 350 CULINARY STUDENTS and replaced over **1,00,000 ANIMAL-BASED MEALS** with plant-based meals.



THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT PASSED A LAW allowing for non-animal methodologies to be used during drug discovery.



OUR MODEL DISTRICT PROGRAM in West Bengal saw HSI/India being inducted as member of the State Animal Welfare Board and our staff as members in the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals across districts.



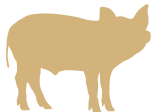
THE FIRST SWARNALI ROY VEGAN ADVOCACY AWARDS were announced, and three vegan champions were awarded prizes amounting to 1,00,000 INR.



WE SUCCESSFULLY STERILIZED AND VACCINATED 86% of the street dogs in Vadodara as part of the animal birth control program and handed the program back to the Vadodara Municipal Corporation.



WE PROVIDED RELIEF to over **2,000 ANIMALS** in floods in Kerala and Assam, and we distributed materials to help over **60,000 ANIMALS** in flood preparedness programs in Kerala and Odisha.



Animal husbandry departments of **8 STATE GOVERNMENT** issues orders reiterating the **PROHIBITION ON GESTATION AND FARROWING CRATES**, potentially **IMPACTING OVER 950,000 PIGS** across these states.



Government of Karnataka released India's **FIRST OPERATION MANUAL ON HUMAN - SNAKE CONFLICT MANAGEMENT** for Karnataka, which was **CO-AUTHORED BY HSI INDIA**.

Farm animal protection

OUR FARM ANIMAL PROTECTION department works to end the suffering of farmed animals by asking for an end to intensive confinement and promoting delicious plant-based food. We work with the hospitality industry, food service providers, educational institutions and state and central governments. This year we reached out to over 20,000 students, speaking to them about the conditions of animals on farms. We also partnered with the National Service Scheme in Kerala, getting two of its annual seven-day camps to go plant-based. We trained over 350 culinary students on plant-based cooking and received commitments from several homemakers and restaurants to replace over 100,000 animal-based meals in their businesses with plant-based ones.

We undertook a study of the negative impact of battery cages in India and submitted our reports to the Haryana State Pollution Control Board, which then issued closure notices to 18 poultry units in the state. In addition, we initiated work to ensure that gestation crates are discouraged and not put into practice by conducting several studies on their usage in India. Eight states reiterated the ban on gestation and farrowing crates, both of which are intensive confinements for pregnant and mother sows.



1,00,000 animal-based meals were replaced

Through our **vegan outreach work**, we **reached out** to around **20,000 people** through **120 programs nationwide**

18 battery-cage facilities were sent **notices to for pollution** by the Haryana State Pollution Board







Ending animal testing

OUR RESEARCH AND TOXICOLOGY DEPARTMENT

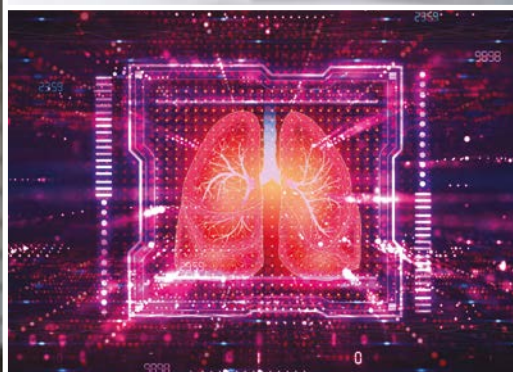
aims to replace obsolete animal tests with modern, non-animal methodologies while promoting the development of new methodologies and their use in testing and research. This year, we worked closely with the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission to replace the Bacterial Endotoxin test, which replaced the Rabbit Pyrogenicity Test. The BET uses horseshoe crab blood, and that usage of blood as an ingredient is making the species endangered. Through our collaborations with industry, we are closer than ever to bringing in new technologies, now being approved around the world, to India. Additionally, we are working with the Centre for Predictive Human Model Systems—co-established by us at the Atal Incubation Centre-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology—to create awareness of such advanced technologies among members of academia, industry, research funding agencies and the government.

The government of India, through its Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, this year published a new regulation permitting the use of non-animal methodologies (including cell culture, computational models and microphysiological models) in preclinical trials. Before this notification became law, such tests involved only animals.

Government of India brought in a law allowing **non animal methodologies** to be used in **pre-clinical trials** for drugs, **a first ever in India**

Co-organized 2 roundtables along with Centre for Predictive Human Model Systems for industry and government stakeholders on **promoting non animal methodologies**

Published a chapter on **lung-on-a-chip** in **'Microfluidics and Multi-organs on Chip'** published by Springer



Wildlife protection

THE WORK IN OUR WILDLIFE PROTECTION DEPARTMENT continued to focus on coexistence and human-wildlife conflict mitigation. In collaboration with a state forest department, we co-authored and released India's first humane human-snake conflict management operation manual. We also partnered with the Department of Agriculture in Mysore district, where we work on human-snake conflict mitigation, to disseminate snakebite prevention and management material to government facilities, farmer training institutes and exhibitions for farmers (the most common victims of snakebites). Our educational materials reached over 200,000 people across the districts, while our snakebite prevention kits were distributed to over 400 people, taking our reach to 1,200 people from 2021-22. We also engaged students and the youths of districts, using innovative methods to create awareness and bust myths surrounding snakebites. Until March, 2023, a maze was created on a 32-foot wall painting across four locations.

In our work to mitigate human-elephant conflicts, we collared a total of eight elephants, increasing to 21 the total of radio-collared elephants in the district of Coorg. Data from all the collars is being tracked, recorded and monitored to serve as early-warning indicators for conflict as well as for movement ecology. We presented outcomes from both our programs to government agencies and conducted six capacity-building programs and participated in conferences and roundtable discussions. We also participated in the G20 panel meeting and are currently developing a policy brief on wildlife protection and conservation issues under the theme "One World, One Family and One Future," to be submitted to the government of India.

Our work on olive ridley turtle conservation through our partner organization saw 26,978 olive ridley hatchlings being released back to the ocean after their vulnerable nests were relocated to hatcheries and incubated.

Around **27,000 Olive Ridley Turtle hatchlings** were **released** back into the ocean as part of our **Olive Ridley Conservation program**

Reached out to over 200,000 people creating **awareness on human-snake conflict** mitigation through QR codes, fairs and IEC materials

Distributed 400 snakebite prevention kits to farmers, with total number of **beneficiaries now reaching 1200**

Collared 8 elephants taking the number of radio - collared elephants in Coorg district to 21







Companion animals and engagement

OUR COMPANION ANIMAL AND ENGAGEMENT

DEPARTMENT FOCUSES ON STREET DOG ISSUES, including population and conflict. We work with local authorities, municipal corporations and state animal welfare boards to implement animal birth control programs and integrate community engagement to improve the lives of street dogs and communities. Our street dog program includes two teams. Our dog management team consists of our veterinarians (who perform surgeries) and animal care officers (who pick up dogs, conduct pre-op and post-op checks, and release the dogs back to where they were found). Our community engagement team works with communities to create awareness about the animal birth control program and to resolve conflicts.

In 2022, we achieved an 86% sterilization rate for street dogs in Vadodara, the highest percentage ever achieved in an Indian city, and we celebrated the closure of the animal birth control program in the city. We continue to work with the community to promote coexistence between humans and dogs in the city. In Lucknow, one of our biggest companion animal programs, we reached a rate of 57% sterilization in December 2022. We also celebrated the sterilization of 50,000 dogs in the city. We are striving to achieve 80% in the next year through continued engagement with the public to resolve any conflicts that arise. In Uttarakhand, we are implementing the animal birth control program in several cities. We completed over 8,000 surgeries across Dehradun, Nainital, Mussoorie, Rishikesh and other, smaller wards where we work.

86% sterilization and vaccination rate achieved in Vadodara

A total of **30,215 street dogs were sterilized and vaccinated** this year across 3 projects

167 dogs behaviour workshops were held with over **3,400 participants** across 3 cities

40 dogs were rescued from a hoarder and rehomed in Lucknow



Model District Program

OUR GOAL IS TO CREATE MODEL DISTRICTS FOR ANIMAL WELFARE IN TWO STATES: Karnataka and West Bengal. We are working in the districts of Hubli-Dharwad and Gadag in Karnataka, while our focus in West Bengal is Kolkata, North 24 Parganas and Darjeeling. In all these districts, we are trying to develop and implement the infrastructure and systems that are mandated by law but not implemented. Our hope is that other organizations and state governments will scale up such programs to make their districts more efficient, something that we already see happening.

This was a stellar year for both our projects: We reached out to over 1,100 government officers across the two states, including police officials, animal husbandry officers and forest department officials. We trained over 500 animal welfare advocates on animal law and responding to cruelty situations. Our Mobile Animal Clinic in Hubli-Dharwad reached its 1,000th case in 2023, a milestone for a city that size. This year also saw us form partnerships with both Karnataka State Animal Welfare Board and the West Bengal State Animal Welfare Board to conduct awareness and education programs for various government officers and the public.



This year, the **Mobile Animal Clinic treated its 1000th patient** and expanded our frequency from **3 days a week to 5 days a week**

Over 1000 government officers were trained including police officers, veterinary doctors and forest department officials **across Karnataka and West Bengal**

HSI India staff were invited to be part of key monitoring committees such as Slaughterhouse Committee and Animal Birth Control monitoring committee



Disaster response and relief

IN RECENT YEARS, THE FREQUENCY OF DISASTERS HAS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, and there is a desperate need for professional and trained responses to animals in need. This year, we restarted our effort to build the team to respond to disasters by training 15 people, including our own staff and those of partner organizations. Our monsoon preparedness programs against floods, landslides and cyclones in both these states reached out to 450 families and over 30,000 animals. We also developed and disseminated information on heat waves, droughts and earthquakes in English, Malayalam and Oriya. Given our long-term focus and commitment to making Kerala a disaster-resilient state following the 2018 flash floods, we have been invited by the District Disaster Management Authority of Wayanad to build India's first model shelter for disaster-affected animals in the district of Wayanad. In addition to these states, we partnered with local organizations in Assam and Uttarakhand to conduct vaccination camps and evacuate animals from Joshimath, respectively.

Reached out to over 800 people through **training and consultation programs** on disaster risk reduction

Over 6000 IEC materials were printed and distributed among the local community in **Kerala and Odisha**

Provided relief to over 12,000 animals in Kerala, Odisha and Assam **during floods**







Financial brief

For Financial Year ending March 31, 2023

SUMMARY OF INCOME

Income from grants and voluntary contributions 13,53,88,680₹

Other income 20,13,400₹

Total income 13,74,02,080₹

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Employee benefit expenses 9,01,87,110₹

Expenditure towards programs 5,07,53,120₹

Depreciation and amortization expense 28,34,960₹

Other expenses 84,19,200₹

Total expenses 15, 21,94,390₹

Surplus for the year (1,47,92, 310₹)

Our mission



HSI/India is part of Humane Society International. Advancing the welfare of animals in more than 50 countries, HSI works globally, and HSI/India nationally, to promote the human-animal bond, rescue and protect dogs and cats, improve farm animal welfare, protect wildlife, promote animal-free testing and research, respond to disasters and confront cruelty to animals in all its forms.



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