Humane World for Animals™

Formerly called Humane Society International India

2024–2025 Annual Report

Achievements for animals

Our mission

Together, we tackle the root causes of animal cruelty and suffering to create permanent change.

Humane World for Animals™

Meet our new logo! It includes species from land, sea and sky, showing the breadth of our mission to protect all animals.

From our Managing Director

This is a special time for us—bittersweet, actually. April 2024 to March 2025 has been a milestone year in our achievements and the strides we have made in bringing about sustainable animal welfare. We have done a deeper dive into understanding experiences from communities and relaying that information to the government while also implementing more relevant strategies. This year has also been special because it is the last year we worked as Humane Society International/India.

Many of you may know that our efforts to help animals are truly global. Our family of organizations has offices across the world, and collectively, our various teams have been doing this work since 1954! In 2012, when India became part of the global organization, it had already been at work for animals for over 50 years! This organization is almost as old as our free nation is. Around the world, compassion for animals has grown. As our organization has made connections with advocates around the world and brought them together to take on the biggest challenges globally and within each country, our ability to protect animals has thrived. We have an ever-expanding capacity to stop animal cruelty and suffering, to educate and mobilize citizens and public opinion, and to engage and inspire policymakers to pass laws that create lasting improvements in animal welfare.

We are so proud of the work we have done here in India, and as a global organization, we can take on the challenges others can't. We can work together on strategy and carry our expertise across borders, wherever animals are suffering. We're working to unite people worldwide around a shared goal: to end animal cruelty. With this powerful and impactful growth of our animal protection work, our global leadership realized we had a challenge to address. We are a leading organization in tackling animal cruelty and increasing animal protection, but that's not always how the public perceives us. In India, people have often confused us with the "human" society (thinking we focus on human welfare) or, at times, the "hanuman" (monkey god) society! And I need not remind my colleagues and many of you who have written to us how many times "HSI" was auto-corrected to "HIS." Rarely have we been recognized instantly for our work to protect animals. With a determination to end animal cruelty and suffering and to address the root causes of animal cruelty, we are now Humane World for Animals globally and, in India, Humane World for Animals India (Foundation).

We are proud to have accomplished so much with our old name, and it is truly bittersweet for me, my colleagues and many of us here to be parting with a name that may have been confusing but had also become part of our identity. To Humane Society International/India, thank you for giving us the wings and the means to make our childhood dream come true! I welcome you to read the very last annual report of Humane Society International/India and the very first one of Humane World for Animals India!

My very best,

Alokparna Sengupta, *Managing Director*

Our senior leadership team and staff in India (assisted by the office dogs!) are carrying our mission forward under our new name.

We are Humane World for Animals

New name. Same mission.

While our look and name are evolving, our mission and values remain the same. You can count on us to continue advocating for stronger animal protection policies and rescuing and caring for animals in need, wherever they are.

Humane World for Animals captures our mission and ambition to create a better world for all species. The name reflects our belief that animal cruelty knows no borders, and neither does our work.

Why change?

Our evolved name allows us to share who we are with greater clarity, impact and depth. By uniting our efforts, we can speak with a stronger, clearer voice and collaborate more effectively across the globe to create permanent change.

Together, as Humane World for Animals, we're taking the next big step to ending animal cruelty everywhere.

As we look to the future, we're uniting our efforts under a new name to better reflect who we are, the bold work we do and the global mission we share.

Our commitments

We drive change with human action

We make real, lasting change for animals. We help people, governments and corporations shift behavior—providing the right support and advocating for policy change to stem the root causes of suffering and cruelty.

We drive change at scale

Animal suffering is rarely constrained to geographies or species. We make bold progress for all animals by working together on the biggest problems—no matter where they are or how deeply entrenched, we focus on where we can make the greatest impact.

We drive change with deep expertise

It takes an extensive toolkit and diverse specialists to tackle the complex root causes of animal suffering. From field responders, scientists and program advocates to litigators and experts in policy change—our teams pull every lever on behalf of animals.

We drive change with compassion

Driven by the belief that we can build a better world for animals, we work to end suffering and cruelty for good by welcoming all supporters, no matter their starting point, to join us in tackling the root causes and creating the solution.

The generosity of our supporters enables us to win life-changing, permanent victories for animals. Thank you!

ON THE COVER: We helped rescue animals at the Indo-Nepal border who were headed for mass slaughter at the Gadhimai festival.

Our top 10 achievements

1 Our street dog program successfully sterilized and vaccinated 24,268 street dogs and 33 cats across our program locations. Our program achieved significant sterilization coverage in key locations Lucknow (84.3%), Dehradun (85%), Mussoorie (92%) and Nainital (99%). With the successful completion of our goals in Nainital, the program there has now been formally concluded.
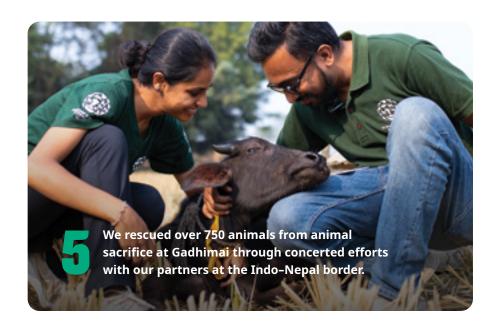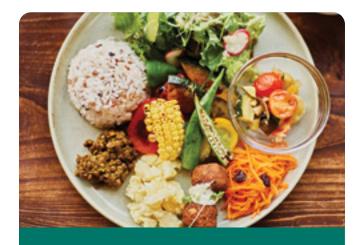
2 After Humane World India's complaint, hair oil made using rabbit blood worth 2,80,000 INR was seized.

3 We signed a memorandum of understanding with WWF India, NCF, A Rocha and the Karnataka Forest Department to enable human-elephant coexistence across three key districts of Karnataka. This is the first time in Asia that, instead of relying on localized efforts, multiple organizations have come together with a government partner to run the same interventions across an entire landscape. accessing and sharing lifesaving information.

4 We responded to three disasters last year, including the Wayanad landslides in Kerala in July and August 2024 and floods in Assam in July 2024 and in West Bengal in September 2024. We supported over 12,000 animals and delivered 36,500 kilograms of feed in just three months.

5 **We rescued over 750 animals from animal sacrifice at Gadhimai through concerted efforts with our partners at the Indo–Nepal border.**

7 Humane World India and our partners at The Liana Trust launched India's first WhatsApp-based chatbot, enabling us to deliver information on snakebite prevention and management right into people's phones. In the year since its launch in June 2024, the chatbot has nearly 4,300 active users accessing and sharing lifesaving information.

6 We trained 338 chefs through our plant-based culinary training and procured commitments from eight institutions, including educational and hospitality facilities, to replace 1,34,000 animal-based meals per annum, including 12,240 litres of milk per annum, 850 litres of dairy products, 4,200 kilograms of meat and 36,000 eggs per annum.

8 We worked with the hospitality sector and egg producers to get over 1.3 million eggs to be procured from cage-free sources annually.

9 We conducted over 72 capacity-building sessions for law enforcement agencies across three states (Karnataka, West Bengal and Telangana) and sensitized over 7,500 officials on animal protection laws, procedures and case studies.

10 Following the intervention of Humane World for Animals India and others for several years, the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) waived off the Target Animal Batch Safety Test (TABST) for vaccines, effective July 1, 2024. This obsolete test involved injecting high doses of vaccines into animals. With this decision, India, already the world's largest vaccine supplier, joins global leaders such as the U.S., EU, Canada, Japan and Brazil in adopting non-animal quality control standards, provided manufacturers meet established international benchmarks.

Farm Animal Protection

Our Farm Animal Protection program is dedicated to ending the suffering of farmed animals through both the promotion of plant-based diets and the improvement of animal welfare standards. By collaborating with schools, universities, workplaces and hospitals, the program encourages the adoption of plant-based meals. We offer guidance, chef training and support for early-stage startups. These efforts aim to create sustainable and appealing food choices that benefit health, the environment and animal welfare while also building a resilient supply chain for plant-based foods.

Simultaneously, the program works to advance higher welfare practices for animal-sourced foods, with a particular focus on promoting cage-free egg procurement. By supporting producers in transitioning to better systems and connecting them with committed buyers, the initiative strengthens the supply chain and encourages ethical sourcing. Through education, advocacy and close collaboration with interested participants, the Farm Animal Protection program aims to establish long-term demand and supply for humane and sustainable food systems across India.

Key highlights

Our Humane Entrepreneurship program hosted boot camps for early-stage startups in Bangalore, Mumbai and Delhi, working with 23 entrepreneurs, and conducted a monthlong mentorship program and pitching event for seven startups.

We replaced 134,000 new meals in 2024-2025.

We worked with two cage-free producers to get them certified and eight hotels to help them replace 1.3 million eggs from caged sources with cage-free sources.

We never planned to do vegan food... but here's why we do. I've always believed that food should be about flavor, culture and connection. So when people ask why we serve so much plant-based food, the truth is...we never really planned to. It just happened naturally. In India, where vegetarian food is already a huge part of daily life, going vegan can feel like an extra step. I get it. And honestly, I don't think food choices should ever feel like a rule book or a test of moral purity. That's not what we're about. Eating plant-based isn't a lifelong contract. It's not an 'all-or-nothing' thing. You don't have to label yourself or commit forever. Kindness should be effortless. No guilt, no shame, just eat what feels right for you. That's enough.

"I've seen a lot of passionate animal lovers become anti-human in the process. Activism can get so caught up in fighting that it forgets about balance. But if we want real change, we need solutions that work for both humans and animals. That's why working with HSI/India felt so right. They don't push extreme agendas or force impossible choices. Instead, they open up real conversations, ones that are kind, thoughtful and focused on progress, not perfection. Meeting Raven and the team was a reminder that activism can be both compassionate and inclusive."
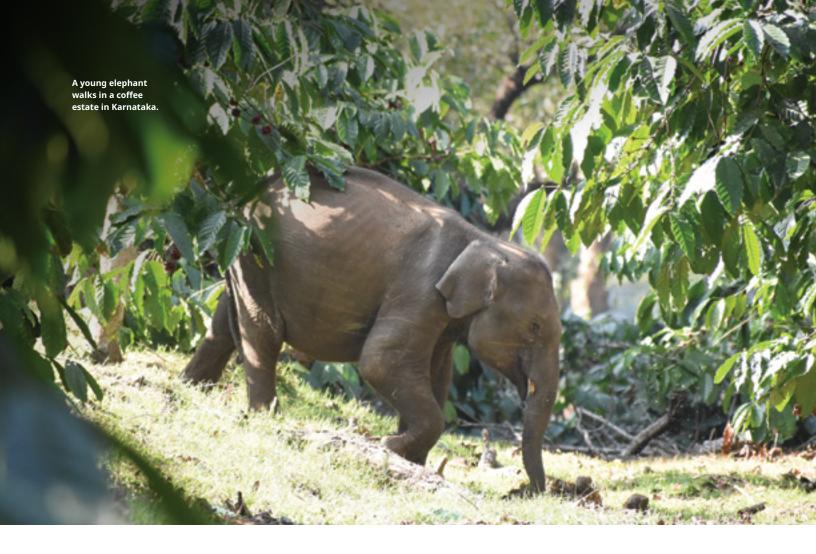
Chef Sunny, BubblePop Cafe

"At Team Ecoventures, sustainability has always been at the heart of our hospitality experiences in Kerala. Partnering with Humane World for Animals India has allowed us to take this commitment one step further by integrating animal welfare and conscious food choices into our operations. Together, we hope to set an example in Kerala's tourism sector—where sustainability is not just about the planet, but also about the animals who share it with us."

Praveen Muraleedharan, Managing Director, Team Ecoventures, Kerala

A young elephant walks in a coffee estate in Karnataka.

Wildlife protection

Our efforts to advance human-elephant coexistence achieved notable progress this year. By deploying trail cameras, gathering government and community data, and analysing GPS and incident records, we mapped elephant movements and identified conflict hot spots. To aid communities, we produced an animated film and practical materials on coexistence strategies. We formalized a long-term partnership with WWF India, NCF, A Rocha and the Karnataka Forest Department, launching an integrated initiative in Kodagu-Hassan-Chikkamagalur to combine ecological research, sociological studies, capacity building and technology for scalable solutions. As knowledge partners for Karnataka's first International Conference on Human-Elephant Conflict Management—with over 2,000 attendees—we contributed to the Bangalore Charter, a regional commitment to coordinated response and monitoring. Our policy work continued with us focusing on crop insurance and government schemes such as PMFBY to support affected farmers. Notably, we joined the Coffee Board's technical committee on conflict and expanded the project to Odisha, India's most impacted state, where we're establishing crucial community baselines.

Our work on human-snake conflicts and snakebite mitigation expanded with a pioneering WhatsApp chatbot, delivering prevention and first-aid information in regional languages to over 4,000 users. Partnering with Karnataka's Department of Agriculture, we reached at-risk farmers. Ongoing field studies and policy advocacy advanced snakebite as a notifiable disease in several states. Karnataka set a national precedent as the first state to officially classify snakebite as a notifiable disease. Encouraged by Karnataka's lead, other states followed suit, including Tamil Nadu, Meghalaya and Tripura. Further, in Karnataka, we helped initiate the first interdepartmental meeting and contributed to a State Action Plan now under review. Nationally, we supported the rollout of the National Action Plan for Snakebite Envenoming, advocating for improved antivenom standards and high-welfare venom production units.

> *The chatbot is very easy to use, readily available on WhatsApp and gives very important information. Having this information has made me less afraid of snakes and snakebite today."*

Indramma, a local businesswoman and snakebite survivor (featured in the above photo)

Key highlights

Served as Knowledge Partner to the Karnataka Forest Department for the first International Conference on Human-Elephant Conflict Management, which had over 2,200 domestic and international attendees.

Trained over 900 individuals across government departments, students and wildlife activists.

Collaborated with Rainmatter Foundation and The Liana Trust to run a short-term public education campaign on sharing space with snakes that reached over 2 million accounts across various social media platforms.
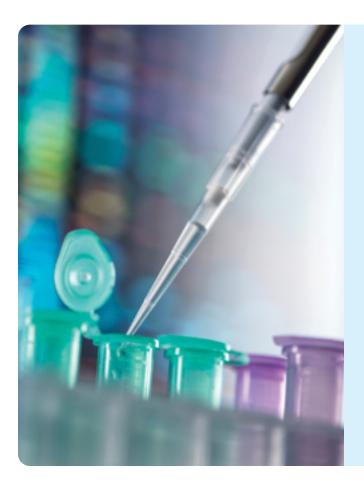
Ending animal testing

Our Research and Toxicology program is driving the transition from obsolete animal tests to modern, human-relevant, non-animal technologies across biomedical research, drug development, vaccines and chemical safety testing.

India made significant strides in advancing humane scientific practices with the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission's 2024 decision to eliminate the Target Animal Batch Safety Test (TABST) for vaccines, aligning the country with other global leaders in adopting non-animal quality control standards. Humane World for Animals India played a key role by uniting interested parties, developing implementation plans and organizing India's first workshop to accelerate funding and innovation for non-animal research methods. Collaborative efforts involved major organizations such as BIRAC, the Department of Biotechnology and the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser, focusing on building industrywide momentum for adopting modern, human-relevant testing technologies.

The Centre for Predictive Human Model Systems (CPHMS), established by Humane World for Animals India, trained dozens of researchers in advanced in vitro methods and led multidisciplinary workshops to help develop regulatory guidelines for innovative, non-animal scientific approaches. Continued dialogue with the Indian Council of Medical Research also resulted in the recognition of two research groups as Centres of Excellence on Non-Animal Methods, marking substantial progress for animal welfare and scientific innovation in India.

Key highlights

First national workshop on funding for NAMs: Organised India's first in-person workshop with BIRAC, DBT and the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to develop a funding road map for non-animal methods in drug discovery and biomedical research.

rFC webinar with USP India: Co-hosted a national webinar with United States Pharmacopeia India on replacing horseshoe crab blood in endotoxin testing with recombinant Factor C (rFC), attended by over 170 participants from CROs, pharma and academia.

Thought leadership: Co-authored a global publication on how CIVMs are advancing rare disease research.

National survey on peer review bias: In partnership with IndiaBioscience and CPHMS, a national survey explored peer review bias against non-animal methods in biomedical research. Key findings were presented at the Young Investigators' Meeting 2025, organized by IndiaBioscience.

At an adoption event, potential adopters meet dogs who were rescued from illegal breeders and put up for adoption.

Companion animals and engagement

Street dog program: We expanded our street dog program or Animal Birth Control (ABC) initiatives across eight locations, introducing new coverage in Muni Ki Reti and Rudrapur, with a dedicated team deployed in Rudrapur. Of the total 24,268 community dogs sterilized and vaccinated, an impressive 29% were reached through community engagement. The team addressed more than 9,210 complaints and requests related to street dog welfare, underscoring its responsiveness and community-driven approach. Additionally, 751 street dogs and three cats were vaccinated with community sponsorship in Dehradun and Lucknow.

Community engagement: Our street dog program is integrated with community engagement to promote coexistence and reduce human-dog conflict. In the past year, the community engagement program has made significant progress toward humane and community-owned actions for street dogs. Through direct collaboration with local communities, the program has focused on promoting Animal Birth Control (ABC) and Anti-Rabies Vaccination (ARV), alongside educating the communities and encouraging participation for sustainable and humane dog population management.

Over the past year, we conducted 842 meetings that reached more than 5,212 community members, focusing on topics such as managing human-dog conflicts, proper waste disposal and the establishment of feeding and watering spots. In addition, 320 dog behaviour workshops attended by over 6,577 participants were organized to further mitigate human-dog conflicts. To strengthen volunteer participation and capacity building, 31 workshops and meetings were held for more than 393 volunteers and community caregivers, covering essential topics including dog behaviour, ABC/ARV procedures, cruelty response, seasonal care, festival awareness and primary first aid.

Veterinary Training and Capacity Building: We launched the Veterinary Training and Capacity Building (VTCB) program in April 2024, aiming to elevate the quality and humane standards of Animal Birth Control operations by enhancing the skills of veterinarians and support staff. This year, we trained 12 vets and 60 para-veterinarians and animal handlers in four Indian animal welfare organizations on implementing high-quality, protocol-driven ABC programs in their respective regions.

Our trainers were also invited to Viet Nam to conduct a training for 31 government veterinarians, supporting regional efforts in humane dog population management.

The Mobile Animal Clinic (MAC) in Hubli/Dharwad responded to 1,270 calls, mainly for stray animals, and provided field treatment to hundreds of animals. MAC provided sterilization surgeries, special procedures and rabies vaccinations, emphasizing both routine care and targeted vaccination campaigns. Educational workshops, such as First Aid for Animals, increased public engagement and awareness.

The Monitoring Evaluation and Impact Assessment (MEIA) team made significant strides this year. In Mumbai, we completed and finalized a comprehensive Free Roaming Dog Population Survey, presenting a 10-year monitoring report that compared the 2024 survey data with our baseline from 2014. In Rajkot, a similar dog population survey was conducted in October 2024, with the final analysis concluded in January 2025. The findings revealed an average dog density of 5.66 dogs per square kilometre—lower than in many Indian cities—highlighting the effectiveness of Rajkot's robust sterilization programme. Notably, sterilization rates were high at 84.6% overall, with 85.2% of female dogs and 84.2% of male dogs sterilized, and these high rates were consistent across all wards. The dog population remained stable, evidenced by a low proportion of lactating females (2.1%) and puppies (1.8%). Baseline surveys in Rudrapur (2024) and Kashipur (2025) showed zero sterilization among dogs before the launch of the Animal Birth Control (ABC) programme in those areas. Additionally, we collaborated with the Dehradun District Panchayat to conduct a joint manual dog count in selected rural villages, providing a comprehensive report as requested.

Cruelty response: Our efforts to address animal cruelty continued, with support provided to over 12 individuals pursuing legal action for animal cruelty cases. A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) was filed in the High Court of Telangana concerning unregistered pet shops in Hyderabad, resulting in a court order for the GHMC to submit information on more than 60 establishments—an ongoing matter. On the ground, a 10-day campaign was launched to prevent animals from being illegally transported to Nepal for the Gadhimai festival, successfully rescuing over 750 animals. Further initiatives included a campaign against the illegal capture and display of palapittas (Indian blue roller) during festival season, conducted in partnership with a local organization and the Telangana Forest Department. Additionally, a comprehensive strategy was finalized for the dog meat trade campaign, and collaborative work with partners in Nagaland and Assam has commenced. An appeal regarding the ongoing ban on the dog meat trade remains active in the Kohima High Court in Nagaland.

Key highlights

We sterilised and vaccinated 24,268 street dogs, including 29% through community support and engagement.

We conducted a survey on dog meat consumption and practices. After the survey, we commenced our campaign on ending dog meat, which includes partnerships in Nagaland and Assam.

We developed a life-sized game of Slides & Ladders around the theme of human-dog interactions, and this was implemented with 50 aanganwadis in Vadodara, with over 1,500 children.
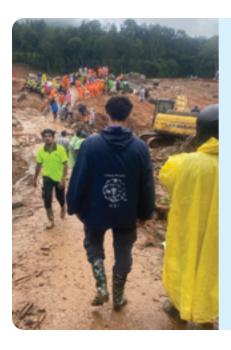
Disaster Preparedness, Response and Relief

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In 2021, Humane World came to Wayanad with several capacity-building program proposals for animals. Since then, their intervention has been very useful for the vulnerable agrarian community. They have also intervened in various disaster responses here. Also, within this short span of time, they have prepared and disseminated thousands of IEC materials, and because of [that], people are getting educated about their and their animals' vulnerability. I think this is a really good initiative."

Arun Peter, Hazard Analyst, Wayanad District Disaster Management Authority

In a year marked by unrelenting extreme weather, our Disaster Preparedness, Response and Relief (DPRR) team at Humane World continued to break new ground to ensure animals are not left behind during disasters. We supported over 12,000 animals across Kerala, West Bengal and Assam, delivering 36,500 kilograms of feed in challenging, often inaccessible areas. In Wayanad, our team became the first responders for animals during the deadly landslides in Chooralmala and Maundakkai. We were also invited to contribute to Telangana's Post Disaster Needs Assessment, becoming the first animal welfare organisation to be part of such an institutional process.

This year also saw the release of a government order to jointly construct India's first permanent Emergency Animal Evacuation Shelter in Wayanad, a landmark move on DRR for animals in the country.

Our Monsoon Preparedness Program expanded to six panchayats in Wayanad, training Kudumbashree women's groups in animal first aid, evacuation planning, temporary shelter and hazard mapping, etc. We reached over 600,000 people through community radio and trained 200 students as a part of our School Disaster Management training. From hosting India's first Animal Welfare and DRR conference in Odisha, to representing our work at the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on DRR in the Philippines, the DPRR team is driving a new standard for inclusive disaster management.

Key highlights

We conducted the third Monsoon Preparedness Training in Wayanad during May 2024, expanding to six panchayats and collaborating with Kudumbashree women's self-help groups.

We trained over 200 students in November 2024 through the Activity-Based School Disaster Management Training Program, nurturing compassionate and aware future responders.

We reached 600,000 people via community radio in Wayanad on May 2024, with our message translated into tribal languages, increasing disaster preparedness awareness for animals.

We were commissioned by the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority to study animal vulnerability, a foundational step for data-driven disaster planning.

We helped a variety of animals, including cats, in response to the flooding and landslides in Wayanad, Kerala.

> *Being from the Kunnathaikkunnu area in the 8th ward of Kottathara Panchayat, our home is near the river and floods every monsoon. For several days, we are completely cut off. For those of us who raise animals, the biggest challenge during floods is finding enough grass and feed. Most people here don't have the means to cut and store grass early.*
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> *"The most impactful part of the last major flood was not knowing where to take our animals. That's when we realized we need to be prepared. Before the 2018 floods, we never thought about such situations. That flood taught us an important lesson, that both we and our animals must be prepared and alert. We learned that we should always have a relocation plan for them.*
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> *"From the training class, we gained a clear understanding, not just for now but also for the future, of what to do during a disaster, how to act and how to prepare for our animals. All the farmers learned something valuable. The session with the doctor was especially helpful; it was explained in a way we could all understand. The other staff members also provided good guidance on how to prepare ourselves for disasters. We hope more such training and support will continue in the future."*

Stella, Community Development Society Executive Member, Kudumbashree

Model District Programs

In 2024–25, we marked a pivotal shift as our efforts translated into systemic change and deeper institutional integration across Karnataka. Through 37 capacity-building workshops, we trained 3,351 participants—including police, forest and animal husbandry officials, judiciary, railway staff, panchayat leaders and citizens—in the practical application of animal protection laws, earning recognition from the Karnataka Judicial Academy and Forest Department. We operationalized fully compliant SPCAs in Dharwad, Gadag, Belagavi and Uttara Kannada, and facilitated the successful launch of the ABC program in Gadag, establishing robust, district-level frameworks for animal care and cruelty prevention. Our conservation work contributed to three acclaimed publications on Bhadra, which were formally recognized by the State Environment Minister. Our appointment to the National Rabies Control Programme's regional committee ensured that grassroots insights from Karnataka informed national-level policy.

Building on this momentum, we deepened our impact across West Bengal and Assam by advancing policy implementation, institutional capacity and local accountability in animal welfare. Through 25 targeted training sessions, we sensitized over 650 veterinary professionals, 250 police officials and 300 forest officers, significantly strengthening enforcement mechanisms on the ground. Our empanelment as guest faculty for the Animal Husbandry Department's mid-career training program reinforced our technical credibility and contributed to a threefold increase in the department's animal welfare budget. We facilitated the activation of several District SPCAs and prompted a state-level directive allocating ₹20 lakhs per district to establish shelter infrastructure. A major municipality launched a comprehensive Animal Birth Control (ABC) program and created a dedicated human–animal conflict mitigation wing, with similar proposals emerging in other municipalities. In Kolkata, we laid the groundwork for a 24/7 animal health centre.

In Telangana, we made meaningful strides in advancing animal welfare through sustained collaboration with key government agencies. We conducted 10 capacity-building workshops, training over 1,514 officers, including 1,275 from the police, 98 from the veterinary department, 83 forest officers and 58 members of the judiciary, thereby strengthening enforcement of animal protection laws across the state. Our outreach spanned eight districts, where we engaged senior officials to advocate for regular in-service training. These efforts also led to our inclusion in a state-level committee on human–dog conflict management. Additionally, we worked closely with the Telangana Animal Husbandry Department, advocating for the reconstitution of the Telangana State Animal Welfare Board.

Before this training, I was unaware of the specific provisions under the PCA Act and the Wildlife Protection Act. The session was eye-opening and helped me understand how to file strong cases and recognize animal-related crimes in our jurisdiction."

Inspector Satish, Udupi District Police Department, Karnataka State Police, Karkala

"The team from Humane World for Animals India came to our centre and gave us very useful trainings. They taught us about the Wildlife Protection Act, illegal wildlife trade, and how to identify snakes, animal signs and tracks. They explained everything clearly and even took us into the field to show us real examples. It really helped us learn things we didn't know before, and we're truly thankful to their whole team."

Sagar Chouvan, Forest Trainee, Karnataka Forest Department, Chakra, Shivamogga

380 publications

Press coverage from April 24 to March 25

Top English publications:

Times Of India

Hindu

Indian Express

Deccan Herald

Hindustan Times

The Wire

The Print

Top regional publications:

Dainik Jagran

Amar Ujala

BBC Hindi

Matrubhumi

Manorama

Udhyavani

Asianet

Kannada Prabha

Star of Mysore

Best-performing social media campaigns:

#NoMore50:
190K views

Wayanad Disaster Response Relief:
325K views

Gadhimai:
700K views

CNN

A mass animal sacrifice festival is underway in Nepal. Activists say it needs to stop

Volunteers have been working with communities on the ground to discourage them from the practice: sensitizing children in schools, holding community meetings, carrying out awareness drives, and speaking to temple authorities.

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Assam's flood-stricken pastoralists save their animals first

During the floods in 2024, the disaster response team at Humane Society International/India was deployed to the river islands to provide urgent animal relief. It quickly became evident that the residents' first priority was not their homes or belongings, but their animals. One community member said, "Our animals are everything to us. Our daily ration depends on them. When the floods come, we save them first because without them there is no future for our families."

FRONTLINE

Snakebites kill more Indians than all other wildlife combined

Karnataka's groundbreaking move to track snakebites reveals the true scale of a crisis that has been slithering under the radar for decades.

Bar and Bench

The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Bill, 2022: A long-awaited reform

Despite widespread support and the completion of the necessary processes for the amendment, the Bill has yet to be tabled in Parliament.

Non-profit organisations have been at the forefront of the campaign for amending the Act. No More 50, a campaign launched by Humane Society International/India and People for Animals in 2016, has since garnered massive support.

Vox

Turkey's plan to remove stray dogs is inhumane. There's a better way.

For many in the United States, the idea of a dog without an owner and on the streets invokes a sense of sadness and neglect.

But that's not the case everywhere. In some countries, stray dogs are an everyday part of life. They roam streets and towns and live alongside their human neighbors, who leave out food and water for their furry friends. But even in places where stray dogs are common, a tension can still exist between these ownerless dogs and humans. Dog bites can lead to illnesses, like rabies, and can cause severe injury or death. Life on the streets isn't necessarily ideal for these animals either: stray dogs can be at risk for hunger, untreated injuries, and abuse from humans.

THE HINDU

The blurry lines between wildlife 'capture' and 'rescue'

The subject is a nuanced challenge in India given the escalating frequency of human-wildlife interactions

WION

Over 100 animals being cared for in Wayanad after devastating landslides

While the obvious focus of the multi-agency rescue operation has remained on rescuing victims and recovering the mortal remains of those who haven't made it, there is a lesser-known effort that's underway — caring for the animals that have been affected by this immeasurable tragedy.

The Telegraph online

An uneasy truce

While tensions are high in areas experiencing human-elephant conflict, reduced tolerance towards elephants in those communities is predictable

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DECCAN HERALD

First of its kind of animal disaster rescue shelter to be set up as a model in Wayanad

In the 2024 Wayanad landslides, at least 200 domestic animals were killed. Most of those were cattle which were a source of income for many families.

For financial year ending March 31, 2025

Summary of income

Income from other grants	₹20,05,48,500
Other income	₹17,25,760
Total income	**₹20,22,74,260**

Summary of expenditures

Employee benefit expenses	₹12,96,60,200
Expenditure toward programs	₹7,39,51,650
Depreciation and amortization expense	₹53,56,310
Other expenses	₹1,23,20,420
Total expenses	**₹22,12,88,580**
Deficit for the year	₹1,90,14,330

Our mission

Together, we tackle the root causes of animal cruelty and suffering to create permanent change.

Humane World for Animals

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