

# Annual Report 2019-20



Our mission: Rescue, Heal, Release



**At the Fund Raising Event held on 25th February 2020, IDA India honored two stalwarts for their dedicated service**



Savior of Animals  
(Veterinary) 2019  
**Dr. Makarand Chavan**



Savior of Animals  
(Individual) 2019  
**Mrs. Vivienne Choudhury**



**Sagun Bhatjiwale**  
gave a brief of  
IDA Indievets  
initiatives

**Out of the 42 kennels we repaired 4 kennels during the year. In the current year we have taken up 3 more. Pictures of the repaired kennels are below:**



## **My dear Patrons, Friends and Well-wishers,**

It is my sixth year as President when my tenure ends, though I will continue to serve the organization as a Trustee. As I look back, it has been an eventful tenure, full of ups and downs, disappointments and successes, which makes me realize that nothing was more difficult than these last few months when the dreaded Covid-19 Pandemic started spreading its tentacles menacingly not only here but all over the world.

**IDA India** family, and that includes all of you, has always been strongest in adversity, and the way we faced the Pandemic has brought out this quality in full force. When the news of lockdown hit us on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020, we all feared the worst. What would happen to the hundreds of animals in our care? Would we be forced to close the hospitals with no staff?

Then a miracle happened! Without missing a beat, our **Centre Manager Mr. Krishna Shenoy** at Deonar Centre made preparations on a war-footing. He arranged for some Ward Assistants to stay at the Hospital itself, arranged for their lodging and boarding, and ensured that work was carried out in full swing with very little disturbance to the usual routine. Unfortunately all our Drivers were missing so the ambulances could not ply. To our surprise, as soon as essential services were allowed, caretakers and volunteers flocked in with the animals themselves, in whatever transport was available. Many of you reached out to help us by sending in much needed vital medicines / food supplies for animals and staff.

All through this time, our Manager stood tall and held the fort. Our **Chief Surgeon Dr. H. G. Ghanwat** too kept to his very busy schedule of visiting all our three Centers for surgeries and help with Management issues. We are extremely grateful to our Manager, Surgeons, Vets, and our staff for the hard work they put in during these difficult times. We are so proud of our young enthusiastic team, the **IDA IndieVets** who were busy helping street animals even during the pandemic.

But there is yet another test that we all at Deonar Centre have had to go through. In October 2019, we were informed by the MCGM that the much needed Crematorium for animals would be built on our premises. We were asked to empty the chosen enclosures within a week, which we swiftly did and in the process lost two very important wards, viz. Isolation Ward and ICU. MCGM were quick to demolish them and promised new replacement wards at the back. It has

been over a year now, but not a brick has been laid to provide us these wards. We are suffering terribly without the critical Isolation Ward.

We suffered another terrible blow and our blind dogs suffered too. MCGM decided to acquire larger area for the Crematorium. They quickly erected a fence that cut off our Blind Dogs from entering their beloved garden. It is heartrending to say the least as these elderly, sightless animals have been deprived of all the enrichment we had provided. The fence effectively cuts off all ventilation from that side. Now they cannot get the aroma of greenery, flower and wet earth. They cannot go out into the garden to walk around for exercise and feel the sun on their backs. This has been simply heartbreaking and intolerable, and to date, there is no sign of any Crematorium being built.

To make up for all this, we have good people like you who give us so much support and hope for the future. Many of our enclosures have been completely renovated with tiled walls and new open windows for ventilation and light. A supporter had our entire Blind Ward redone and made it so comfortable for these most vulnerable animals. It is because of the immense support and encouragement we get from the people like you that we can face the future with optimism and courage.

As I say goodbye as President, I would like to specially thank our Founder, **Sudnya Patkar** and all our Trustees for the strong support they have rendered at all times.

I have kept the best for the last.... I will be handing over this position to our dear **Fizzah Shah** who is one of the strongest advocates by far for the cause of animal welfare. This will be her second time as President and I wish her all the very best. **IDA India** will now be in her very capable hands. Our youngest Trustee, **Priya Grover** will be helping her as Vice President. **Priya** is our Fund Raiser par excellence and also excels at Public Relations which is so essential in this field. I wish both of them every success for the future. I am sure under their able leadership **IDA India** will achieve greater heights and reach out to more and more animals.

**Yours truly,**  
**Vivienne Choudhury**  
**President**

**Our Mission : Rescue, Heal, Release**

## Animals that received help during the year 2019-20 at four IDA India Centres

Sr. No.	Centres	Spay / Neuter dogs	Spay / Neuter cats	Other surgeries	Treated at centres	Treated by Mobile Clinics	*OPD Cases	Total animals Helped
1	Deonar	4502	1571	1144	2731	3128	3078	<b>13076</b>
2	Turbhe	2057	0	479	1441	2690	321	<b>6667</b>
3	New Panvel	1282	0	100	58	6	0	<b>1446</b>
4	Lonavala	262	9	1	20	0	0	<b>292</b>
<b>Total animals Helped in 2019-20</b>		<b>8103</b>	<b>1580</b>	<b>1724</b>	<b>4250</b>	<b>5824</b>	3399	<b>21481</b>

\*Out Patient Department

It is extremely gratifying when animals brought in for spay/neuter or treatment recover fully and return back to their habitats. Our motto '**Rescue, Heal, Release**' is then fulfilled. Sadly some of them come to us in a very bad shape and despite our best efforts, they don't make it. But yes, we ensure to make their last days peaceful and comfortable, and they pass on in comfort, being loved and cared for.

You are well versed with our work with spay/neuter of dogs & cats, treatment and so on. So this time we would like to first touch upon some important aspects of animal work that need attention.

### **Allotment of work to NGOs through tendering needs to be done away with:**

Municipal bodies invite tenders for roads, pipelines, etc. and grant tender to the lowest bidder. They follow the same procedure for sterilization of stray dogs, which is most improper. Animals are living creatures and their fate cannot be left to the lowest bidder who may quote ridiculously low rates just to get the contracts. Dog sterilization program cannot be equated to other civil contracts, but should be based on capabilities of NGOs, their track record and experience. The method suggested by us is simple. Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) always determines the cost of sterilizing a stray dog / cat, that includes catching,

surgery, surgeon's fees, sutures, antibiotics and other medicines, 5 days post-operative care, food, staff expenses and so on, until final release of the dog / cat. Municipal Bodies should invite animal NGOs to participate in the program without having to quote their price. They should then allocate work to the most reliable, capable and experienced NGO and reimburse costs as determined by AWBI. The Dog (Animal Birth Control) Rules of 2001 specify that the Municipal bodies should reimburse costs to the NGOs, but do not specify that the selection of NGO should not be by tendering. This shift in approach to animal work vis-à-vis other contracts is essential.

### **Vaccine 5-in-1 to protect dogs from Canine Distemper:**

Cases of dogs that come for spay/neuter dying of Canine Distemper after release is very much upsetting. After all the efforts taken to bring dogs for spay/neuter, performing surgery, giving good post-operative care and then release after full recovery, when healthy dogs succumb to this very dangerous virus it is extremely sad.

Canine Distemper afflicts the nervous system of the dogs, and the survival rate is extremely poor. Those who survive live with a condition called correa, due to which their limbs and heads keep shaking. To save dogs from this virus, we have started vaccinating all dogs coming to our Deonar centre with 5-in-1 vaccine along with the rabies vaccine. Ideally this vaccine should be given 3 weeks before surgery, but it is not practical with stray dogs, so we vaccinate them on admission. The price of 5-in-1 is very high at Rs. 750 per dose, but we get a special rate of Rs. 350/- per dose. Our monthly cost has gone up by around Rs. 3 lakhs, but the amount is well spent if it gives the dogs protection from this deadly virus.

### **Animal Crematorium:**

In October 2019 MCGM decided to construct a gas based crematorium for animals, something the metro desperately needs. We ourselves had lobbied for years for this much needed respectful final journey for our animal friends. However, our joy was short lived when we heard that it would be built within our Deonar center! Looking at the desperate need we agreed to let go nearly 30% of our center space including the ICU, Isolation Ward and several kennels. MCGM immediately destroyed the kennels but a year later, there is still no sign of the Crematorium.

Now MCGM wants to acquire further kennels from our center. With this, we will effectively lose 50% of our centre. Ours is the largest center presently working for stray dogs / cats in this megacity of Mumbai and we are their last and only hope. We used to have 450 dogs and 125 cats admitted at any point of time, but now we stare at the sobering thought of having to say 'no' to large number of strays that will need veterinary help but we will not be able to provide. Besides, with demolition of our Isolation Ward, we have no place to isolate dogs with deadly infections like Distemper and Rabies. This is a dangerous situation.

22 years ago, Hon'ble Bombay High Court directed MCGM to hand over land at Deonar with a dilapidated structure and 10 kennels to start the Dog Sterilization Program. Over the years, we developed this barren land into a lovely Sterilization & Rescue Centre for street dogs and cats. Brick by brick we built 42 dog wards, 4 cat wards, a Blind dogs ward, a Puppy Pen, a Kitten Ward, an Operation Theatre, a Recovery room, an Intensive Care Ward, Isolation Ward. We brought it to life by planting trees and developing a beautiful garden for the blind dogs. 20% of this is already demolished and another 30% will go away soon.

MCGM has been promising to compensate by building new kennels at the back on urgent basis, but we neither have any commitment nor has any work started. In short, we will be left with fewer kennels and our capacity to admit stray dogs will be drastically cut. We do not know what the future holds for us and the animals. We are trying to stay positive with the thought that when all else fails, the future still remains. Hopefully!

**First Picture shows kennels demolished by MCGM and second picture shows kennels from the camera till the blue shutters that will be demolished soon.**



## Creating a compassionate Legacy in your Estate Plan:

Friends in our last annual report we had touched upon this subject of creating a compassionate legacy in your Estate Plan. A few of you responded positively and promised to streamline the Estate Planning to include **In Defense of Animals, India** as one of the beneficiaries. Estate Planning and creating a legacy are sensitive subjects, but it is important to plan properly, so that the animals you love so much get your protection now and also in future. In recent times there have been instances of few of our supporters who had orally informed us that they had included **IDA India** in their Will, but after them, we neither heard from their Executors nor their advocates whether we were indeed remembered by the dear departed person.

If you have already decided to leave a legacy of love and support to our organization, please do send us the details of the Executor of your Will, his/her contact numbers, contacts of your advocate/solicitor, who will help with the execution of your Will. If we are aware that you have included us in your Will, we can approach them for receiving the bequest. The enclosed form with all the details will remain on our file in complete confidentiality. If however you have not yet given a thought, then please do consider including **In Defense of Animals, India** in your estate planning. Such a legacy will ensure that your good work continues well into the future, and leave a beautiful lasting impression of your dedication to animals and support this compassionate cause for all times to come.

If you need any assistance in this regard, we can help you. Please contact us by email to [info@idaindia.org](mailto:info@idaindia.org) or send a WhatsApp message to 09833700017. We do not have our own legal department but we have arrangements with an agency that specializes in Estate Planning. It will be our responsibility to help you coordinate with this agency so that your desire to leave behind a Compassionate Legacy is fulfilled.

## ABC (Animal Birth Control) Program:

This year we spayed/neutered **8,103 street dogs & 1580 street cats**, thus preventing multiple puppies & kittens from coming into this world, to be born on the streets amidst heavy traffic, with no protection from rain & sun and usually failing to make it. The sterilized dogs and cats go back and 'live happily ever after' on the streets, under the watchful eyes of their caretakers residing in that area. Males are saved from injuries as there is no more fighting over females, and females are saved from torturous cycle of heat, being chased and mated repeatedly during that fortnight, pregnancy, delivery and thereafter her struggle to save her babies.



Humans too benefit from this program, as healthy sterilized, vaccinated dogs, are safe to have around - in fact they are an asset to the community, because of their basic instincts to protect their guardians from antisocial elements and other dangers. More importantly they do not allow new dogs to enter their territories, so human-animal conflict is avoided. Children who befriend neighborhood dogs & cats grow up to become caring adults. Our endeavor is to help housing societies to create such warm environment, for co-existence of humans and animals.

### **Cat ABC (Animal Birth Control) Program:**

We were excited when MCGM initiated the Cat ABC program from end August 2019. Their tender mentioned that they would reimburse to us only Rs. 600 per male and Rs. 800 per female cat. Despite knowing that the cost of sterilizing a cat, male or female, comes to minimum Rs. 2,000, we filled the tender hoping to cover the shortfall by asking for donations. Now MCGM has written to us that we cannot accept donations for cat sterilization and should manage within the amounts given by them. With this unreasonable diktat of MCGM, our cat ABC program could be in jeopardy, as it is impossible to manage cat surgeries in this paltry amount.

### **Unpaid bills by MCGM:**

MCGM pays us a paltry sum for dogs as well. Rs. 600 per dog brought by MCGM vans and Rs. 900 per dog brought by **IDA India**. Even these bills are not paid for months together. At the time of writing this report MCGM has not paid our bills since December 2019 for dog sterilization and since August 2019 for cat sterilization. Total outstanding till 30th November 2020 is **Rs. 46.97 lakhs**, which an NGO like us running on charity cannot sustain.

### **Clinical surgeries:**

Animals suffering from hernia, haematoma, gangrene, infected eye, tooth or digit; prolapse of organs; venereal growth, tumour, cancer of penis, etc. need urgent surgeries. These are complicated surgeries and need special post-operative care. A major part of our work is performing such life-saving surgeries. This year we rescued **1724 dogs & cats** suffering from such ailments, and released them after full recovery, after being sterilized & vaccinated.

### **Out Patient Department:**

Our OPD is a huge boon to pets living with people with limited means as they get treatment at nominal rates. Of late the number of animals coming to OPD have

increased so much that we have had to increase OPD timings from 11 a.m./2 p.m. to 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is gratifying that people bring in their pets for treatment & vaccinations and don't neglect their condition. During the year **3400 patients** received treatment from our qualified staff at nominal rates.

## **Panvel / CIDCO Centre:**

We started work with CIDCO in December 2012 and committed to sterilize dogs at a measly amount of Rs. 550/- per dog for 5 years i.e. until December 2017. We agreed to all their terms including bearing costs of water and electricity, as we wanted to penetrate into this area to save the dogs in this vast region as they were in a pathetic condition. In these five years we were deeply stressed for funds as against our cost which was Rs. 1,600 per dog those days. Even after the expiry of contract, we worked for 2 more years at the same rate, as stopping work would have meant that our hard work of 5 years would come to zero. In the interim CIDCO handed over Panvel to the newly formed Panvel Municipal Corporation (PMC), and our center too went to PMC. Due to problems between CIDCO and PMC in the transfer process, dog sterilization came to a halt for 6 months between 1st June and 17th December 2019.

Now CIDCO has joined the fray too, especially at Ulwe where hundreds of villages were demolished to make way for the new international airport, dogs were left without food and water. Sterilizing them was a priority, but work was delayed due to tendering process. Ultimately with the kind intervention of **Mrs. Maneka Gandhi**, CIDCO gave us permission to work for 60 days on the same terms as PMC. Thus now our tiny Panvel center is shared by two huge Corporations PMC and CIDCO.

## **Lonavala Center Tender -**

We have been helping distressed animals in Lonavala & Khandala region for last 11 years since 2009. Initially we held a camp from a bungalow lent to us by **Renuka Kotak**, but with efforts made by our Trustee **Bakul Khatau**, Lonavala Municipal Council (LMC) finally constructed a small centre for us and we moved there on 8th March 2013. However unlike other Municipalities, LMC does not reimburse any costs of spay/neuter surgeries or treatment. We managed this centre with donations. LMC finally floated a tender for sterilization & vaccination of the stray dogs in the region, but since no NGO

other than **IDA India** applied, the tender got cancelled. So we are back to square one! Pictures of Lonavala centre below;



## **New Ambulance for Lonavala:**

At Lonavala we were using ambulance belonging to **Bakul Khatau** for spay/neuter catching and rescue of ill / injured animals. With extensive and rough usage over the years, it collapsed, so we decided to buy our own ambulance for Lonavala. **Bakul** helped us to find a sponsor. **Mr. Khaleel Sulaiman** donated towards a new ambulance in memory of his late parents **Mr. Siddick & Mrs. Shabanu Sulaiman**. It was commissioned in February 2020.



## **Repairs to kennels:**

The heavy monsoon of 2019 in Mumbai took a major toll on our Deonar Centre. Several roofs collapsed, grills got rusted and broken, water destroyed the walls and the plaster - the damage was enormous. We had to restore these kennels on an urgent basis, but repairs to 40 plus kennels would have entailed a huge expenditure. More importantly, repair work and rescue work had to be done side by side. We always aim to keep the animals in our care safe from elements and disease and see that they enjoy a certain quality of life that they are entitled to. Thus we decided to repair the enclosures one by one. Several supporters immediately came forward to help and during the year we could restore four large kennels, and repair the roof over one cluster of kennels. Pictures of the repaired kennels are on inside cover.

### **Fund Raising event -**

A wonderful evening of world music by Mr. Omkar Dhumal and his vivacious team of musicians was held on 25th February 2020 at the Royal Opera House. The Annual Fundraiser was organized by **Dr. Sangeeta Vengsarkar Shah, Dr. Nimish Shah** and their son **Ahan**.

The Guest of Honor **Mr. Akshaye Khanna** presented the '**Savior of Animals (Individual) 2019**' Award to **Vivienne Choudhury**, for her immense contribution in helping stray animals for past several decades. The '**Savior of Animals (Veterinarian) 2019**' Award was presented to **Dr. Makarand Chavan**, eminent Veterinarian. Congratulations to **Vivienne** and **Makarand** on becoming recipients of these well-deserved awards.

The performance included soulful as well as peppy music. Artist Anjali Joshi brought the crowd to their feet with her strong voice blending beautifully with the percussion instruments that gave her matching rhythm. The combo of Saxophone and Shehnai was outstanding, but the highlight of the evening was the 600 year old Balkans song, which was out of the world.

**IDA IndieVets** (Veterinary Students who volunteer for **IDA India**) led by **Sagun Bhatjiwale** were present at this event and in their element, roaring and clapping to the rhythmic music. A clip showing their work was much appreciated. Brand Ambassadors of **IDA India Ms. Raveena Tandon** and **Mr. Boman Irani**, who could not be present, sent their bytes wishing the **IDA IndieVets** all success in their endeavors to make a difference to the lives of homeless animals. (Read more about IDA IndieVets later in the report)

**Dr. Nimish Shah**, himself a much esteemed radiologist, was the Master of Ceremonies. He was his usual self..very articulate in his presentation. Our **Trustee Fizzah Shah** was the official photographer for the evening. A wonderful evening well spent with all like minded people, amidst a great performance. Sponsors, donors and supporters, without your support the Fund Raising event wouldn't have been so successful. Thank you very much everyone who made this evening so beautiful.(Pictures on the inside cover)

**Valentine's Day Program for Pets : EuroSchool Airoli** On Valentine's Day 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020, **Vivienne Choudhury & Goodicia Vaidya** were invited as Chief Guests at Euro School Airoli, to meet and interact with the students and a

variety of their pets who accompanied them to school that day. It was a charming program called 'Pawssion 4 Fashion'. **Vivienne & Goodicia** had to judge the competition and select the winners.

All the kids in the packed hall were fond of animals and the audience was most enthusiastic as each competitor made his or her appearance. Participants included 9 dogs, 4 cats, 1 turtle and 1 tortoise, all well beloved and very well taken care of by their young Guardians. The dogs were surprisingly well behaved and under control at all times.

Both ladies spoke to the children about how important it was to love and respect animals. They congratulated the youngsters on their pets' performances and appearances. They had a wonderful time interacting with them. But the "Show-stealer" was Goodicia's charming little dog **Zoya** who too attended the function and proved to be most popular with all, right from the Principal to all the children without exception.

It was a memorable day for both of **Vivienne & Goodicia**. They were so happy to meet so many children who were so very fond of animals. The concept had been thought of by the Principal herself, also an animal lover. We really wish other schools would follow her example and encourage all their students to always remember and be considerate towards animals.

## **Donors' Daawat:**

In November 2018 we had our first Donors' Daawat as a small gesture of appreciation for our donors, who have stood by us through thick and thin over the years. The initiative was to present our work through audio-visual, apprise them of our projects and thank them for being a part of Team **IDA India**. The event was sponsored by our long-time supporter who prefers to remain anonymous. However this year we did not hold this **Donors' Daawat**, as the sponsor felt that his funds could be better used for repairs to the kennels that were in dire need of restoration. All our donors supported this suggestion and seconded the proposal of our sponsor to donate towards the kennel repairs. In 2020 also the Donors' Daawat does not seem feasible with the sword of Covid 19 hanging over us. So supporters, hopefully we will meet in November 2021 to catch up!

## IDA Indievets:

**IDA IndieVets** (Veterinary Students who volunteer for **IDA India**) led by **Sagun Bhatjiwale** was formed a year ago under the guidance of **Dr. Sangeeta Vengsarkar Shah**. She is the driving force behind this enthusiastic young group. In 2019-20, **IDA Indievets** continued to work hard to improve the lives of street animals. They treated multiple cases from maggot wounds and lacerations in stray dogs to skin infections, rescued and released wounded pigeons, parrots, and dehydrated kites with broken wings. Despite the Covid-19 lockdown, several students selflessly stepped out to feed the strays in their neighborhood. Their social media team created posters and raised awareness on managing pets during the pandemic and protecting strays during the Nisarga Cyclone. They also spread the word about adopting Indies and found loving homes for several fostered animals. Moreover, they could work at the Deonar center before the lockdown, bathing dogs with skin infections and gaining insights on first-aid treatment.

**IDA Indievets** also achieved the milestone on being felicitated for their virtuous work by celebrity and philanthropist **Mr. Akshaye Khanna** on stage at the glorious IDA Annual Fundraiser 2020. They got the opportunity to present the group to senior vets in the fraternity at the annual day function of Pet Practitioners Association of Mumbai (PPAM) where the budding vets were invited. Pictures of **IDA Indievets** in action below:



## Expenditure incurred by IDA India per month

For treatment, food, bringing the animals and releasing them, and maintaining their kennels and cages, we incur a huge expenditure of almost Rs. 34 lakhs per month i.e. Rs. 4 crores per annum. Major expenditure is on medicines, food for animals, ambulance diesel / CNG and staff salaries. The costs (based on figures of 2019-20) are as under:

	Total in lakhs
Medicines	27.42
Food for animals	24.37
Diesel / CNG	7.50
Electricity, Telephone & Cooking gas	4.60
Staff salaries	235.16
Staff P.F.	20.19
Staff welfare & uniforms	4.22
Surgeons' Fee	36.17
Cleaning material	3.07
Pathology	2.48
Ambulance repairs & Insurance	5.35
Repairs to kennels	31.51
Bio waste disposal	1.28
Establishment expenses	6.61
Other expenses	2.50
Total	412.43

### Current year:

Current year started off with the national shut down clamped by the Government from 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020 due to Covid-19. All our centers - be it Deonar in Mumbai, Turbhe in Navi Mumbai, Panvel and Lonavala - worked

throughout this period without a break. This was very challenging, as our staff on leave could not return from their villages, staff in Mumbai could not reach the centre. Due to great efforts of our **Manager, Mr. Krishna Shenoy**, our Deonar Centre worked throughout the lockdown. He made arrangements to have some staff members stay at the centre, arranged for their meals and lodging. Staff living close by were picked up and dropped. Turbhe, Panvel & Lonavala centers also worked with complete dedication and commitment throughout this period.

We could continue with our work during this challenging period to help alleviate the pain of ill / injured street living dogs & cats, because of our dedicated staff members, who came to work without any fear of Covid-19 infection, despite being amidst the hotspots. They truly are Corona Warriors! Our ambulance service in Mumbai was affected rather it still is, because our ambulance drivers, who were on leave when lockdown was announced, could not return. However the flow of animals was endless. Our OPD was ever so busy with people bringing in animals for treatment. Despite restricting admissions to very serious cases, the number of new admissions went up, and on 1st August we had 590 animals admitted (432 dogs & 158 cats) at Deonar.

A big salute to our donors & supporters living in our vicinity! They stood by us during all this time, sent food for animals, food for staff and even cash donations for procuring essentials.

These are challenging times and we do not know when normalcy will return. Our funding has been affected, due to uncertainty of salary cuts, loss of employment and so on. We know that those of you, who can support us despite these odds, will continue to do so. Please do help us with our work for the voiceless. Click on to our donation link  
<http://www.idaindia.org/donation.htm>

### **Techfest IIT Bombay**

With active support of **Dr. Nimisha Verma & Vivienne Choudhury**, **In Defense of Animals India** participated in the We Care Initiative, conducted by TechFest, IIT Bombay. This initiative was taken to raise awareness about Animal Welfare among the youth of our country.

**IDA India** conducted online workshops in ten schools in the following states:



Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Jaipur, Maharashtra and Kerala between 19th & 25th October 2020. **IDA India** was able to reach out to more than 200 students who were educated about the Five Freedoms of animals and Animal Welfare Laws in India through these workshops.

The sessions also shed light on the role of animal welfare organizations and students, in the upliftment of animal lives. Participants were engaged through a well-organized presentation of content, pictures, and videos. Students were encouraged to be interactive. Additionally, each session was followed by a Question and Answer round which never seemed to end. This educational outreach program received delightful feedback and the event was a grand success.

Besides the workshops, **IDA India** supported and helped IIT Bombay to publish a petition regarding amendments to make laws much more stringent and punishments more severe in the case of cruelty to animals.

“Thank you for helping Techfest in making this initiative what it has turned out to be. With your help, we were also able to formulate a strongly worded and detailed petition urging the Government to further strengthen the laws and increase penalties for acts of animal cruelty. We are hoping for the collection of 1 lakh signatures, and hope that you would continue supporting us in this endeavor!”, said Aditya Agarwal (Lead, WeCare Initiative, Techfest, IIT Bombay).

**IDA India** is proud to be part of this great initiative and hopes it was able to make a difference and increase the kindness quotient of the youth in India.



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**Animal Birth Control & Rescue Centres:**

- (1) Municipal Dog Kennels, near Deonar Colony, off Mankhurd Link Road, Bainganwadi, Deonar, Mumbai - 400 043. Helpline: 9320056581
- (2) Shwan Niyantaran Kendra, opposite Pfizer Gate, near Sanjivani Construction Crusher, near Lubrizol, Turbhe Naka, Navi Mumbai. Helpline: 9320056585
- (3) Dog Sterilization Centre, Plot 54, Sector 15, near crematorium, New Panvel: Helpline: 9320056589
- (4) Lonavala Centre: Frichley Hill, near Fariyas Hotel, Lonavala.

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## Program Animators:

Program	Voluntary Animators
Deonar Centre	Vivienne Choudhury, Goodicia Vaidya & Priya Grover
Turbhe & CIDCO Centres	Dr. H. G. Ghanawat
Lonavala Centre	Bakul Khatau
Website Design & Maintenance	Miracleworx / Ron & Sonali Billimoria
Social Media & Outreach	Dr. Naina Athale, Tejas Indulkar, Priyasha Corrie & Ridhi Kaushal
Finance & Administration	Sudnya Patkar
Compassionate Childrens' Club	Vivienne Choudhury & Priyasha Corrie
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## In Defense of Animals, India is:

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**Registered with the Charity Commissioner,** Greater Bombay.Registration No. F 18786 (Mumbai) dated 18th January 1997.

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**Donations are exempted** from Income Tax under section 80-G of the Income Tax Act 1961, as per certificate No. AN (C) MN /80-G / 1593 / 2007/2008-09 dated 5th May 2008.

**Registered under Foreign Contributions Regulation Act (FCRA).** Number allotted by Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India is 083780752, vide letter No.II/21022/68(127)/2000-FCRA-III dated 13th December 2000, renewed by letter No. 0300039022016 dated 24th October 2016 for 5 years from 1st November 2016.

For all details pertaining to donations, volunteering and IDA India, please visit our website [www.idaindia.org](http://www.idaindia.org) which is update with extensive information, which due to space constraint could not be included here.

## Important milestones:

- Deonar Centre started from 1st February 2000
- Vashi Centre started from 26th July 2006 but closed on 1st September 2010. It was restarted at Turbhe from 18th May 2011, after a gap of 9 months.
- Neral Centre for horses started from 28th August 2006 but closed from 1st July 2011.
- Mobile Clinics started in May 2005.
- Project for large animals in Mumbai started in April 2007 but stopped in April 2011.
- CIDCO Centre at New Panvel started from 21st December 2012
- Lonavala Centre started from 8th March 2013.

## Our current projects:

IDA India is committed to enhancing the quality of lives of street dogs and cats, with special emphasis on spay / neuter program. Our major projects:

- ❖ **Four Rescue Centres with OPD facilities** at (i) Deonar in Mumbai, (ii) Turbhe in Navi Mumbai, (iii) New Panvel and CIDCO regions and (iv) Lonavala-Khandala.
- ❖ **Animal Birth Control (ABC) program** (monthly 1100 dogs & 150 cats) in collaboration with Municipal Authorities of respective regions.
- ❖ **Major life saving surgeries with special post-op care. Approx. 150 per month** like hernia, haematoma, VG, amputation of limbs, extraction of infected eyes/teeth, tumour, prolapsed organs, pyometra, wound suturing, etc.
- ❖ **Treatment by admission of serious cases at centres and spot treatment of minor ailments (around 800 per month).**
- ❖ **Nearly 2000 dogs & cats** are helped every month in all centres together. Patients treated in our OPD are not included in this figure.

- ❖ **Ambulance Service: 12 ambulances** (4 large and 8 small vans)
- ❖ **Shelter to around 40 blind dogs, and 30 old / handicapped dogs and cats**, that cannot survive on our streets due to the risk of being run over by heavy traffic. The **blind dogs** are housed in an exclusive ward opening into a beautiful garden.
- ❖ Fostering & adoption of abandoned animals / orphaned puppies & kittens.

### **Team IDA India:**

Dedicated staff of **101 persons** works selflessly to reach out to distressed animals. Our endeavour is to see that they are well compensated and themselves have better lives. Animal care depends entirely upon human care so our effort is to see that our staff is happy as they bestow love and attention to the animals in their care.

**Management by Trustees is on honorary basis.**



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## The Truth about being a rescuer:

- By **Sharmila Shroff & Usha Shroff**

You will see so many things you never thought you'd see, and no amount of reasoning will ever help you understand why. You will witness levels of cruelty and depravity that you will never get over. Feeling overwhelmed, alone and helpless will become the norm.

You will be forced to look at abuse so horrific that it physically pains you just to see the images. Forever more those images will haunt you. Your job will be to try to pick up the pieces – so very, very many pieces of damage you didn't do. You will do everything in your power to make it right, but it will never be even close to enough. And through everything, you will always know that you'll never reach them all.

You will do your best to stay strong, but for the most part you will feel weak. You will build walls to protect your heart, and put barriers round your soul – but they never keep you safe from the suffering.

It doesn't matter how strong or how sane you are, the neglect will change you. The abuse will harden you. The ignorance will frustrate you. The indifference will anger you. The injustice will infuriate you. The suffering will break you, destroying you one helpless victim at a time.

Each day your faith will be tested. Your heart will be wounded. Your soul will be permanently altered. You will routinely fall down. And you will get yourself back up and go on.

You will regularly question yourself. You will question your strength. You will question even your God. You will look back and see the faces, so very, very many faces...the eyes of all the ones you couldn't save and you will learn to mourn, learn to grieve, learn to sob from your very core.

You WILL learn who you are. What you stand for. And why that matters.

Rescue does have its shining moments – those moments with the animals, when you look into their eyes and see their journeys. You alone will know how far they've come, and how much it took for them to get there. You will remember when they didn't know you, the day you met, when they didn't trust you, when they had given up any remnants of hope. You will remember how you held them, helped to heal them, how you loved them and how they loved and healed you, too! Because in that instant in each of your hearts, you are sharing the very same thought: "Every bit of pain was worth it...for this moment here with you." And honestly, no matter what else happens, those moments hold all the strength you need to keep going.

That's the honest truth about rescue. Thank you so much for all you do!

## Report of an auditor relating to accounts audited under sub-section (2) of section 33 & 34 and rule 19 of the Bombay Public Trusts Act.

Registration No. **F - 18786 - Mumbai**

Name of the Public Trust **IN DEFENCE OF ANIMALS**

For the year ending **31st March, 2020**

a) Whether accounts are maintained regularly and in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules;	Yes
b) Whether receipts and disbursements are properly and correctly shown in the accounts;	Yes
c) Whether the cash balance and vouchers in the custody of the manager or trustee on the date of audit were in agreement with the accounts;	Yes
d) Whether all books, deeds, accounts, vouchers or other documents or records required by the auditors were produced before him;	Yes
e) Whether register of movable and immovable properties is properly maintained, the changes there in are communicated from time to time to the regional office, and the defects and inaccuracies mentioned in the previous audit report have been duly complied with;	Not updated
f) Whether the manager or trustee or any other person required by the auditor to appear before him did so and furnished the necessary information required by him;	Yes
g) Whether any property or funds of the Trust were applied for any object or purpose other than the object or purpose of the Trust;	None Noticed
h) The amounts of outstanding for more than one year and the amounts written off, if any;	Nil
i) Whether tenders were invited for repairs or construction involving expenditure exceeding Rs.5000/-;	No
j) Whether any money of the public trust has been invested contrary to the provisions of Section 35;	No
k) Alienations, if any, of the immovable property contrary to the provisions of Section 36 which have come to the notice of the auditor;	None Noticed
l) All cases of irregular, illegal or improper expenditure, or failure or omission to recover monies or other property belonging to the public trust or of loss or waste of money or other property thereof, and whether such expenditure, failure, omission, loss or waste was caused in consequence of breach of trust or misapplication or any other misconduct on the part of the trustees or any other person while in the management of the trust;	No
m) Whether the budget has been filed in the form provided by rule 16A;	No
n) Whether the maximum and minimum number of the trustees is maintained;	Yes
o) Whether the meetings are held regularly as provided in such instrument;	Yes
p) Whether the minute books of the proceedings of the meeting is maintained;	Yes
q) Whether any of the trustees has any interest in the investment of the trust;	No
r) Whether any of the trustees is a debtor or creditor of the trust;	No
s) Whether the irregularities pointed out by the auditors in the accounts of the previous year have been duly complied with by the trustees during the period of audit;	N. A.
t) Any special matter which the auditor may think fit or necessary to bring to the notice of the Deputy or Assistant Charity Commissioner.	No

Dated : November 12, 2020



For Samir Bhagat & Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
Firm Regn. No. 13669W

**Samir Bhagat**  
Proprietor (M.No. 104981)

**SCHEDULE VIII**  
[Vide Rule 17 (1)]

Registration No : F - 18786 - MUMBAI

Name of the Public Trust : IN DEFENCE OF ANIMALS  
Balance Sheet As At 31st March, 2020

FUNDS & LIABILITIES		Rs.	Rs.	PROPERTY AND ASSETS		Rs.	Rs.
<b>Trusts Funds or Corpus :</b>				<b>Immovable Properties : (At Cost)</b>			
Balance as per last Balance Sheet		61,26,868.00		Balance as per last Balance Sheet			
Additions during the year		23,76,000.00	85,02,868.00	Additions during the year (Refer Schedule 'B')			-
<b>Other Earmarked Funds :</b>				Less : Sales during the year			
(Created under the provisions of the trust deed or scheme or out of the Income)				Depreciation up to date			
Depreciation Fund		-	-	<b>Investments : (Schedule 'A')</b>			20,00,000.00
Sinking Fund		-	-	Note : The market value of the above investments is Rs. —			
Reserve Fund		-	-	<b>Furniture &amp; Fixtures : (Refer Schedule 'B')</b>			37,18,037.00
Any other Fund		-	-	Balance as per last Balance Sheet			
Staff Children Education Fund		2,00,000.00	2,00,000.00	Additions during the year			
<b>Loans (Secured or Unsecured) :</b>				Less : Sales during the year			
From Trustees		-	-	Depreciation up to date.			
				<b>Loans (Secured or Unsecured) : Good/doubtful</b>			-
				Loans Scholarships			
				Other Loans			
<b>Liabilities :</b>				<b>Advances :</b>			
Creditors for Expenses (Schedule 'A')		73,29,324.00		To Trustees		2,35,977.00	
Provision for Expenses (Schedule 'A')		45,06,190.00		To Employees			
Provident Fund Payable		1,99,088.00		To Contractors			
Profession Tax		17,450.00		To Others			
Tax Deducted at source		3,54,800.00	1,24,06,852.00	Deposits (Schedule 'A')		17,00,524.00	
<b>Income and Expenditure Account :</b>				Prepaid Expenses		93,602.00	
Balance as per last Balance Sheet		38,02,520.72		Receivables/ Advances		10,00,483.00	
Less : Appropriation, if any		-		Tax Deducted at Source (Previous years)		10,22,278.00	
Add: Surplus (as per Income and Expenditure Account)		53,35,074.54		Tax Deducted at source (A. Y. 2020-2021)		6,08,361.00	46,61,225.00
Less: Deficit (as per Income and Expenditure Account)		-		<b>Income Outstanding :</b>			
				Rent		-	
				Interest		-	
				Grants		-	
				<b>Cash and Bank Balance :</b>			
				(a) In Current Account with....		-	
				In Fixed Deposit Account with....		1,85,12,649.00	
				(b) In Savings Account with.... (Schedule 'A')		13,19,884.01	
				(c) With the Trustee ....		-	
				(c) With the managers .... (Cash on hand)		35,520.25	1,98,68,053.26
<b>Total Rs.....</b>	<b>Total Rs.....</b>	<b>3,02,47,315.26</b>	<b>3,02,47,315.26</b>	<b>Total Rs.....</b>	<b>Total Rs.....</b>	<b>3,02,47,315.26</b>	<b>3,02,47,315.26</b>

Significant Accounting Policies &amp; Notes to Accounts

As per our report of even date

For **Samir Bhagat & Co.**

Chartered Accountants

Firm Regn. No. 136669W

Date:  
Mumbai**Samir Bhagat**  
Proprietor  
M. No. 104981

The above Balance Sheet to the best of my/our belief contains a true account of the Funds and Liabilities and of the Property and Assets of the Trust.

Schedule 'E'  
**Income Outstanding :**  
(If accounts are kept on cash basis)

Rent

Interest

Other Income

TOTAL Rs.

N.A.

Date:

- TRUSTEES



Name of the Public Trust : IN DEFENCE OF ANIMALS  
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st March, 2020

Registration No : F - 18786 - MUMBAI

EXPENDITURE	Rs.	Rs.	INCOME	Rs.	Rs.
<b>To Expenditure in respect of properties :</b>					
Rates, Taxes, Cesses			By Rent accrued/realised		
Repairs and maintenance			By Interest accrued/realised		
Salaries			On Securities	19,381.00	
Insurance			On Loans	50,828.00	
Depreciation (by way of adjustments)			On Bank Account (Savings Bank)	7,37,878.00	8,08,087.00
Other expenses			On Fixed Deposit Receipt		
Loss in Sale of Assets ( Ambulance )			By Dividend		
<b>To Establishment Expenses (Schedule 'D')</b>		15,24,568.69	By Donations in Cash or Kind (Schedule 'C')		2,02,84,561.92
<b>To Remuneration to Trustees</b>			By Received for Main objects of the Trust (Schedule 'C')		2,66,97,680.00
<b>To Remuneration</b> (in the case of a math) to the head of the math, including his household expenditure, if any ...			By Miscellaneous Receipts		10,161.00
<b>To Legal Fees</b>			By Interest on Income Tax Refund		48,996.00
<b>To Audit Fees</b> ... ..		35,400.00	By Gain on Sale of Refrigerator		630.00
<b>To Contribution and Fees</b> ... ..			By Gain in Mutual Fund		75,232.00
<b>To Amount written off</b> ... ..					
<b>To Miscellaneous Expenses</b>		52,003.00			
<b>To Depreciation</b>		6,24,526.00			
<b>To Amount transferred to Reserve or Specific Funds</b>					
<b>To Expenditure on Objects of the Trust (Schedule 'D')</b>					
(a) Animal Birth Control Project	3,84,32,808.69				
(b) Ambulance / Mobile Clinic Expenses	12,85,500.00				
(d) Other Charitable Objects	3,97,18,308.69				
Awareness Programme Expenses	90,364.00				
Foster Care	29,141.00				
Fund Raising Programme	4,46,732.00				
Water Bowl Project	66,300.00				
Hospitalisation Charges	2,930.00				
<b>To Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		4,03,53,775.69	<b>By Excess of Expenditure over Income</b>		
<b>Total Rs....</b>		<b>4,79,25,347.92</b>	<b>Total Rs....</b>		<b>4,79,25,347.92</b>

Significant Accounting Policies &amp; Notes to Accounts

Schedule 'E'

As per our report of even date  
For **Samir Bhagat & Co.**  
Chartered Accountants  
Firm Regn. No. 136669WDate:  
Mumbai**Samir Bhagat**  
Proprietor  
M. No. 104981

TRUSTEE

Date:

Name of the Public Trust : IN DEFENCE OF ANIMALS  
Schedule to the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st March, 2020

Schedule 'D'

Schedule of Expenditure on Objects of the Trust

	Animal Birth Control Project (ABC)						Total	
	Deonar 1	Turbhe 2	Lonwala 3	Panvel 4	Total ABC 5 = (1 to 4)	Ambulance 6		Estbl. Exp. 7
Advertising Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,100.00	
Bank Charges	87,362.00	40,330.00			1,27,692.00		42,696.06	
Bio-Waste Disposal	28,277.00	3,100.00	33,930.00	7,445.00	72,752.00		-	
Conveyance	23,558.00	9,000.00			32,558.00		11,948.00	
Cotton, Thread, Token, Blades, etc.							69,600.00	
Donation Given	17,580.00	20,000.00			49,580.00		69,600.00	
Education Help to Staff Children				12,000.00				
Electricity Charges	21,84,872.00	1,41,747.00	67,200.00	1,11,590.00	1,11,590.00		1,11,590.00	
Food Expenses (Animals)	1,52,831.00	81,099.00	13,500.00	16,100.00	2,63,530.00		24,37,392.00	
Fuel Expenses							2,63,530.00	
Grasper							-	
Interest on Late Payment PT							1,000.00	
Internet Charges	4,777.00				4,777.00		26,435.00	
Maintenance - Computer & Printers	9,905.00	2,360.00			12,265.00		12,170.00	
Medicine Expenses	20,94,244.00	4,72,872.00	3,584.00	1,39,474.00	27,10,174.00		27,10,174.00	
Meeting Expenses							1,769.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	27,520.00	43,505.00	1,675.00	10,642.00	83,342.00		83,342.00	
Net.Banking Transaction Service Charges							1,23,472.33	
Rent to Pay TM							13,452.00	
Pathology Testing Charges	2,29,700.00	18,135.00			2,47,835.00		2,47,835.00	
Petrol/Diesel/LPG	18,560.53	1,17,099.00	1,107.41	1,609.90	1,38,376.84		7,49,825.00	
PF Administration Charges	3,40,276.00	14,44,822.00	20,501.00	41,622.00	18,47,221.00		1,852.16	
P F Contribution	1,99,844.00	86,634.00	1,421.00	19,061.00	3,06,960.00		31,947.00	
Phenyl & Other Cleaning Material	135.00				135.00		18,79,168.00	
Postage & Courier	23,962.00	12,655.00	90.00	19,595.00	56,302.00		28,130.00	
Printing & Stationery	7,838.00			9,592.00	17,430.00		44,688.00	
Professional Fees							2,21,860.00	
Property Tax							-	
Registration Fees							-	
Rent							-	
Repairs & Maintenance	25,57,564.00	1,53,677.00	42,966.00	16,662.00	27,70,869.00	3,80,372.00	31,51,241.00	
Salaries & Wages	80,77,928.00	1,32,76,592.00	3,62,172.00	9,69,532.00	2,26,86,224.00		8,30,334.00	
Gratuity	3,51,382.00	(797.00)	24,554.00	23,395.00	3,98,534.00		3,98,534.00	
Staff Uniform	1,91,491.00	51,150.00			51,150.00		51,150.00	
Staff Welfare	22,48,150.00	1,09,690.00	950.00	20,395.00	3,22,526.00		3,22,526.00	
Surgeons' Fees	34,256.80	9,39,700.00	57,600.00	3,71,500.00	36,16,950.00		36,16,950.00	
Telephone Charges		19,777.63	1,243.00	7,617.42	62,894.85		23,522.14	
Tender Fees			1,205.00	(956.00)	249.00		86,416.99	
Insurance							249.00	
Vehicle Registration Fees							1,92,896.00	
Vehicle Tax							-	
Water Charges				3,500.00	3,500.00		-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,89,12,013.33</b>	<b>1,70,43,147.63</b>	<b>6,33,698.41</b>	<b>18,43,949.32</b>	<b>3,84,32,808.69</b>	<b>12,85,500.00</b>	<b>15,24,568.69</b>	<b>4,12,42,877.38</b>

Date:  
Mumbai

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The logo features the letters 'IDAI' in a large, stylized font. The letters are composed of multiple overlapping, brush-stroke-like layers in shades of light blue and pink. A white silhouette of a cat is perched on the top of the 'I', and a white silhouette of a dog is perched on the top of the 'A'. Below the 'IDAI' logo, the word 'India' is written in a simple, orange, sans-serif font.

# India



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