

ANIMAL WELFARE (CNVR) PROGRAMME

Name of Project:	Animal Birth Control/ Anti Rabies of Stray Dogs in Shimla and the surrounding villages.
Name of Society:	Stray Dogs Birth Control Society, Shimla Municipal Corporation.
Registration of Society:	3 rd January 2005, vide Registration No. 2/2005 by Registrar of Societies Distt. Shimla.
Objective :	To make Shimla rabies free.
Area of Operation:	1 st phase municipal corporation Shimla and adjoining villages, 2 nd phase District Shimla.
Protocol:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Catching-: Loop and sack method The stray dogs are picked up from the roads and streets of the Shimla town in an ambulance.• Transportation-: They are then transported comfortably to the animal shelter where they are being provided food and rest.• Tranquilization & General Anaesthesia-: Next day in the morning they are tranquilized with <i>Acepromazine hcl</i> & after 15 minutes they are given general anaesthesia with the combination of <i>Xylazine & Ketamine</i>. After it dogs were given anti rabies vaccination.• Procedure-: <u>Ovarohysterectomy</u>- Right flank of the female animal is prepared for surgery after shaving and antiseptic scrubbing. After complete spaying the suture line is dressed up and dogs are housed in separate kennels. <u>Castration</u>- Male dogs less than six months of age are subjected for this procedure. <u>Vasectomy</u>- Adult dogs are Vasectomised• Post-operative care-: Dogs are daily examined for any post operative complication.• Release-: After full recovery they are again released from the area from where they were picked up. Average recovery period is approximately 2.6 days .
Commencement of the Project:	17-10-2006.

Brief History

Shimla was the summer capital of the British Government in the pre independence era & it is still a popular tourist place. People from all over the world visit the hill station all around the year. Shimla is one of the oldest municipalities established in 1851 and later was designated as Municipal Corporation Shimla. The Municipal Corporation Shimla had various duties to perform so as to keep up the popularity graph of this town, but the menace of stray dogs and monkeys were an eyesore. The people of this town were upset with the menace created by the monkeys and stray dogs. Since monkeys fall under the category of wild animals, the Deptt. of Forest, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh has taken up the project of sterilizing monkeys. The municipal Corporation Shimla volunteered to combat the menace of stray dogs.

A society was formed and registered on 3rd January 2005 under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 with the Registrar of Societies, District Shimla in the name of "Stray Dogs Birth Control Society, Shimla Municipal Corporation". Since there were no funds available for this activity with the Municipal Corporation, hence efforts were made to arrange funds from the Government and Non- Government Organization. As no funds could be arranged and time was being wasted, the Municipal Corporation Shimla decided to start the project all by itself. The idea was floated by the then Commissioner, MC Shimla Mr. Shekhar Gupta in August 2006. Initially the activity was started without any capital and later funds started to trickle in. The Veterinary Public Health Officer of the Municipal Corporation Shimla Dr. Arun Sirkeck was made the Nodal Officer of the project and was asked to launch the project by mid October 2006. The Nodal Officer was asked to study the module & the protocol to be followed. Two locations were selected to be visited either Chennai or Jaipur. Since Jaipur was nearer and time was short the nodal officer decided to visit " Help in Suffering" a NGO in Jaipur. The nodal officer was satisfied with the training at Jaipur subject to which a decision was taken to train the whole staff at Jaipur. A work regarding construction of temporary animal shelter having 34 cages, constructing an operation theatre with basic amenities required for ABC

and an office/ store etc was initiated. Moreover during this period one veterinary doctor and eight members of the staff were sent for training to “Help in Suffering” Jaipur for ABC and catching in three batches. The project was launched finally on 17-10-2006.

Today we are a team of two veterinary doctors and seven trained staff. These workers do dog catching, assist in surgery, clean the animal shelter/ operation theatre, feed the indoor dogs and also drive the ambulance along with other associated works. The stray dogs are caught in the morning hours and the surgery (ABC) is performed on the next day. Besides ABC, the dog are vaccinated against rabies and kept for post- operative care. Out of 34 cages, 4 cages have been marked as sick ward for injured & sick dogs.

ACTIVITIES OF 2006-2007 (w.e.f 17th October 2006 to 31st March 2007)

The society was registered with the Animal Welfare Board of India on 14th Feb. 2007, vide registration number HP 025/07.

The Stray Dogs Birth Control Society, Shimla Municipal Corporation entered in to a tripartite agreement with the Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of Himachal Pradesh and the Animal Welfare Board of India on 4th June, 2007 for a period of two years from 1st April, 2007 to 31st March, 2009 for joint execution of this project. The role of department of Animal husbandry will be to supply medicine for ABC/AR and the balance expenditure would be shared equally by Shimla Municipal Corporation and AWBI.

List of Members:

1. **President** Sh. Shekhar Gupta, Commissioner, MC Shimla.
2. **Vice-President** Dr. Roshan Lal, Dy. Director Shimla, Deptt. of A.H.
3. **Treasurer** Dr. Ashwani Sharma, Asstt. Commissioner, MC Shimla.
4. **Member Secy.** Dr. Arun Sirkeck, VPHO, MC Shimla.
5. **Executive Members**
 - Sh. Ajay Sharma, A.D.M. (Law & Order) Shimla.
 - Dr. Bahadur Singh Chauhan, Asstt. Director, Deptt. of A.H.
 - Dr. Sunite A Ganju, Medical Officer, DDU Hospital Shimla.
 - Dr. H.R.Thakur, Corp. Health Officer, MC Shimla.
 - Dr. Hamender Sharma, Vety. Surgeon, Animal Shelter
 - Dr. Sushil Sood, Vety. Officer, Wild-Life, Deptt. of Forest.

Funds Received from Government :

1. The Department of Urban development (HP) Rs.5,00,000/-
2. The Deputy Commissioner Shimla. Rs.2,00,000/-
3. Municipal Corporation Shimla. Rs. 2,00,000/-
4. Animal Welfare Board of India. Rs.1,29,471/-

Funds received from Association, NGO and individuals:

1. Rotary Club Shimla Rs.75,000/-
2. Druggist & Chemist Association Shimla. Rs.11,000/-
3. M/S Maria Brothers, the Mall Shimla. Rs 6,000/-
4. Sh. P.N. Nanda, The Mall Shimla. One Refrigerator
5. M/S Sanjeev & Co., The Mall Shimla. One Vacuum Cleaner
6. M/S Bhasker Surgicals, The Ridge Shimla Two Vasectomy Sets

Expenditure for the years: Rs.6, 96096.46

Month wise detail of ABC/AR programme: 2006-2007

Month	No. of dogs spayed	No of dogs castrated	No. of dogs Vasectomised	Total
October (17 th)	48	07	17	72
November	84	12	45	141
December	74	06	68	148
January	83	02	53	138

February	66	04	43	113
March	129	23	38	190
Total	484	54	264	802

N.B. Eight Pet Dogs were also operated upon in addition to the above mentioned number.

ACTIVITIES OF 2007-2008

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Funds Received from Government:

1. Municipal Corporation Shimla. Rs. 2,50,000/-
2. Animal Welfare Board of India RS.1,85,625/-

Funds received from Association, NGO and individuals:

1. Sh. P.N. Nanda, The Mall Shimla Rs. 8,980/-

Expenditure for the year: Rs. 3, 97,616.00

Month wise detail of ABC/AR programme (2007-08):

Month	No. of dogs spayed	No of dogs castrated	No. of dogs Vasectomised	Total
April	60	14	24	98
May	72	14	19	105
June	105	15	53	173
July	80	18	33	131
August	73	25	38	136
September	73	16	27	116
October	75	15	53	143
November	90	06	35	131
December	46	08	36	90
January	91	22	32	145
February	45	17	24	86
March	93	32	26	151
Total	903	202	400	1505

N.B. Seven Pet Dogs were also operated upon in addition to the above mentioned number.

Out station Camps:

1. Visit to kaza (4-9-2007 to 7-9-2007):

A visit was made to Kaza (Spiti) on the request of The Chairman, Animal Welfare Board of India, to report and tackle about the stray dogs menace. The local NGO "Public welfare Society" was motivated to do the activity. The Member secretary also assured to full co-operation and support to train their staff. But,

the NGO seemed reluctant and wanted the SDBCS, SMC to do this activity. Since the winter was due to set in hence, the activity has been postponed for May/June 2008.

2. Camp at Parwanoo 20-12-2007 to 25-12-2007:

The team was invited to perform sterilization of stray dogs at Parwanoo. The camp was organized by Municipal Council Parwanoo, Deptt. of Animal Husbandry and local NGO's (Ladies Club Parwanoo and PFA Kausali). A total No of 135 stray dogs were sterilized.

ACTIVITIES OF 2008-2009

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- Sh. Rajesh Sharma, DFO (Urban) Shimla.
- Dr. Mudita Gupta, In charge Rabies section,, DDU Hospital Shimla.
- Dr. Sonam G Negi, Corp. Health Officer, MC Shimla.
- Sh. Joginder Chauhan, Law Officer, MC Shimla.
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- Dr. Sandeep Rattan, Vety, Officer, Wildlife, Deptt. of Forest.
- Dr. Hamender Sharma, Vety. Surgeon, Animal Shelter.

6. Other Members:

- Mrs. Trisha Sharma, Member AWBI (North Zone).
- Sh. PK Sood, President, Rotary Club Shimla.
- Mrs. Kanta Sood, 35 The Mall, Shimla.
- Sh. Rajeev Sood, 71 Middle Bazar Shimla.
- Sh. Narender Nanda, 31 The Mall Shimla.

Month wise detail of ABC/AR programme (2008-09):

Month	No. of dogs spayed	No of dogs castrated	No. of dogs Vasectomised	Total
April	63	21	24	108
May	67	10	18	95
June	90	23	31	144
July	96	35	35	166
August	83	30	21	134
September	70	13	31	114
October	66	12	12	90
November	69	23	11	103
December	65	21	17	103
January	67	26	20	113
February	10	14	03	27
March	64	29	15	108

Total	810	257	238	1305
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ACTIVITIES OF 2009-2010

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Month wise detail of ABC/AR programme (2009-10)

Month	No. of dogs Spayed	No of dogs Castrated	No. of dogs Vasectomised	Total
April 2009	56	27	07	90
May 2009	70	24	09	103
June 2009	65	30	10	105
July 2009	30	11	12	53
Aug. 2009	58	19	23	100
Sep. 2009	25	08	14	47
Oct. 2009	55	14	21	90
Nov. 2009	56	06	14	76
Dec. 2009	61	09	05	75
Jan. 2010	27	12	08	47
Feb. 2010	60	13	12	85
March2010	49	13	11	73
Total	612	186	146	944

Month wise detail of ABC/AR programme (2010-11)

Month	No. of dogs Spayed	No of dogs Castrated	No. of dogs Vasectomised	Total
April 2010	32	12	5	49
May 2010	41	9	11	61
June 2010	12	2	0	14
July 2010	56	31	7	94
Aug. 2010	60	14	16	90
Sep. 2010	46	9	21	76
Oct. 2010	45	13	9	67
Nov. 2010	68	30	14	112
Dec. 2010	43	16	11	70
Jan. 2011	65	20	14	99
Feb. 2011	75	20	07	102
March2011	81	16	11	108
Total	624	192	126	942

Month wise detail of ABC/AR programme (2011-12)

Month	No. of dogs Spayed	No of dogs Castrated	No. of dogs Vasectomised	Total
April 2011	69	20	7	96
May 2011				
June 2011				
July 2011				
Aug. 2011				
Sep. 2011				
Oct. 2011				
Nov. 2011				
Dec. 2011				
Jan. 2012				
Feb. 2012				
March2012				
Total	69	20	7	96