

## Animal Welfare Organizations in India

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### Introduction

Animal welfare is not just about animals but it is about us; Our living conditions, our children, our earth. Cruelty to animals has a significant and irreversible impact on peaceful societies, human health, the economy, and the environment.

Now a day's most of animal suffering from mental and physical stress. That's why most of countries have passed law related to animal welfare and protection. Animal protection laws were enacted as early as the 1st millennium BCE in India. Several Indian kings-built hospitals for animals, and emperor Ashoka (304–232 BCE) issued orders against hunting and animal slaughter, in line with ahimsa, the doctrine of non-violence. In the 13th century AD, Genghis Khan protected wildlife in Mongolia during the breeding season (March to October).

There are many rules and regulations even though so many people do such atrocious things to animals. To stop this kind of atrocity to animals and far such incidence doesn't occur to animals someone has to take a stand and animal welfare organization is taking the responsibility of this. This paper highlights the non-profitable organisation (government-non government) which work for animal welfare activity as a humanity.

### Animal welfare organizations in India

#### Animal welfare board of India (AWBI)

AWBI was established in the year 1962 under Section 4 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. The headquarter is situated at Ballabgarh, Faridabad in Haryana. The Animal Welfare Board of India is a statutory advisory body on Animal Welfare Laws and promotes animal welfare in the country. From ensuring that animal

welfare laws in the country are diligently followed, to provide grants to Animal Welfare Organizations and advising the Government of India on animal welfare issues. The Board consists of 28 Members. The term of office of Members is for a period of 3 years.

#### People for ethical treatment of animal (PETA) India

It was established in January 2000 and its headquarter located at Mumbai. PETA India, operates under the simple principle that animals are not ours to experiment on, eat, wear, use for entertainment, or abuse in any other way, while also educating policymakers and the public about animal abuse and promoting an understanding of the right of all animals to be treated with respect.

#### Blue cross of India

It was established in 1959, it's headquarter located at Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India. The first in the world to start animal birth control surgeries to manage street dog population & prevent rabies. In 1964, it was called ABC (Animal Birth Control) AR (Anti Rabies). By repeatedly proving that ABC-AR was the most humane way to manage street animal population and prevent rabies.

#### Friendicoes SECA

It was established in 1975, it's headquarter located at Delhi. Friendicoes SECA (Society for the eradication of cruelty to animals) as a Kindness Club run by a group of schoolchildren headed by Founder President Anuradha Aggarwal Modi. Its purpose was to create awareness about homeless pets and street animals in distress. today Friendicoes provides services through hospitals, clinics, animal shelters and mobile clinics and provides dedicated veterinary help and rehabilitation to all animals in distress, large and small.

### **Sanjay Gandhi Animal Care Centre (SGACC)**

It was established in 1980, it's headquarter located at West Delhi. India's oldest and Asia's largest all-animal shelter, the Sanjay Gandhi Animal Care Centre (SGACC) was founded in 1980 from a legacy bequeathed by the late Mrs Ruth Cowell of New South Wales, Australia to Sanjay Gandhi. The hospital-cum-shelter was envisaged as a 24x7 facility that would rescue, home, treat, and rehabilitate animals; serve as a training centre for vets and animal handlers; run an OPD; offer diagnostic services; provide burial facilities; and serve as a holding centre for animals of cruelty cases.

### **Wildlife SOS**

It was established in 1995, it's headquarter located at New Delhi. a group of individuals determined to conserve India's rich natural heritage began operating a rescue centre out of a small garage in New Delhi. Their goal was simple to aid wildlife in distress and expand India's core value of the right to freedom and dignity to the realm of animals. Today, they evolved into an organisation actively protecting India's precious wildlife, conserving habitats, studying biodiversity, conducting research, and creating alternative and sustainable livelihoods for erstwhile poacher communities, or communities dependent on wildlife for sustenance. SOS with their shared enthusiasm, dedicated themselves to the mission of resolving the abusive practice of 'dancing' bears in India completely.

### **Humane Society International (India)**

It was established in October 2012, it's headquarter is located at Borivali(E) Mumbai. Humane Society International/India is a leading force for animal protection, campaigning against factory farming and animal testing, working to protect wildlife and street animals, and helping animals in cruelty situations and in the aftermath of disasters.

### **People for Animals**

It was established in 1992, it's headquarter located at New Delhi. People for Animals (PFA) is India's largest Non-Governmental Animal Welfare Organization founded By Maneka Gandhi. they work to rescue and rehabilitate sick and needy animals. they set up and run shelters, ambulance services, sterilization programs, treatment camps and disaster rescue missions for animals. they conduct education programs in schools, fight cases in court, and lobby on animal issues in parliament.

### **International fund for animal welfare (IFAW) India**

It was established in 1996. The headquarter is located at United State. Our experts are not afraid to get their hands dirty-or, in the case of a right whale necropsy, their entire body. Whether it's rescuing stranded seals or patrolling national parks, they're out on the frontlines of the field. are creating better outcomes for animals, for people, and for the places we call home. In India, they secured and donated the land to create a corridor where elephants could roam between habitats. Now, they are working to secure 101 of those corridors across the country

### **In defence of animal India**

It was established in 31<sup>th</sup> October 1996. It's headquarter located at Mumbai. IDA INDIA is a non-profit grass root level animal protection organisation, dedicated towards establishing and defending the rights of all non - human living creatures. It aims at: Providing infrastructural facilities for shelters, dispensaries, ambulances ect. Lobbying for amendments to existing animal protection laws in India. Rescue of abused animals. Campaigning to secure legal recognition for animal rights nationally and internationally. Promoting vegetarianism. Promoting Animal Birth Control program and discouraging brutal extermination of stray animals.

Creating awareness amongst people: Use of animals in laboratories for experimentation. Vivisection in schools & colleges. Harsh training regimes in circuses and films. Manhandling of slaughter animal and poultry chicken. Cruelty to cows, bullocks, horses, donkeys. Breeding for commercial exploitation.

### **Beauty Without Cruelty (BWC) India**

It was established in 12<sup>th</sup> September 1974. The name BWC denotes that one can look beautiful and have beautiful things without being cruel to animals. The organization first began working for fur bearing animals by promoting the use of simulated furs which were proudly worn sporting a button which declared "Make no Mistake, my Fur is Fake". In fact, BWC was the very first movement that created a worldwide awareness of the intense cruelties inflicted upon animals for the luxury trades not only for fur and skins, but also other products like perfumes, cosmetics, and toilet preparations. Beauty Without Cruelty India was started by Diana Ratnagar. In India, BWC, an educational charitable trust for animal rights began by focusing on commercial exploitation of animals

for vanity. Over the years the organization has within the framework of its aims and objects (BWC's mandate does not include hands-on animal welfare work or the running of a shelter) expanded its scope of work to cover animals subjected to suffering, torture or death in the name of food, science, research, experimentation, dissection, testing, medicine, service, trade, entertainment, training, performance, exhibition, conservation, environment, confinement, genetic engineering, physical alteration, fashion, beauty preparations, toiletries, apparel, accessories, household goods, decorative items, religion, or for any other reason or purpose. This is in keeping with the BWC motto:

*Beauty Without Cruelty is a way of life which causes no creature of land, sea or air terror, torture or death.*

#### **National Institute of Animal Welfare (NIAW)**

It was established in 1999 and headquarter located at Ballabgarh, Haryana. The National Institute of Animal Welfare (NIAW) is a division of the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying in India. A decision to establish the institute was made at a meeting of the Standing Finance Committee held on 16 January 1999. NIAW has been conceptualized as an apex body in the field of animal welfare and its broad mandate covers the need to improve animal welfare through research, education, and public outreach. create an enabling environment for fulfilment of the statutory requirements as laid down in the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. It provides training and education on various subjects related to animal welfare including animal management, behaviour and ethics.

#### **Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations (FIAPO)**

It was established in 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010. FIAPO is the collective voice of the animal protection movement in India. It is a building bridge between activists, organisations and volunteers working together to stand up to liberate all non-human animals to a life free from exploitation and suffering. FIAPO is the catalyst that protects the rights and interests of animals at local and national levels.

It promotes Five Basic Freedoms specifically for animals and generally for all living beings. The five freedoms are viz: Freedom from Hunger and Thirst, Freedom from Discomfort, Freedom from Pain, Injury & Disease, Freedom

from Fear and Distress, Freedom to Express Normal Behaviour.

#### **Brooke India**

It was established in 1992, it's headquarter located at New Delhi. Brooke is a United Kingdom-based international equine charity, which focuses on the welfare and care of donkeys, horses, and mules. India is a middle-Income Country with a population of 544,000 working horses, donkeys, and mules as per the 2019 census. Brooke India (BI) is actively engaged in 36 Equine Welfare Projects (EWPs) across 11 States and Union Territories. These groups play an active role in improving the living conditions of these animals while also creating alternative livelihood opportunities for their owners.

#### **Kavita Radheshyam Animal Movement (KRAM)**

It was established in August 2011. The Kavita Radheshyam Animal Movement (KRAM) is an internet-based animal rights movement started by Bollywood actress and animal activist Kavita Radheshyam. Radheshyam held a naked photo shoot to spotlight cruelty against animals in India, and became the brand ambassador for the International Organization for the Protection of Animals (OIPA), an Italian- based animal rights group. Unsatisfied with the way the organization worked, Kavita left and started KRAM.

#### **Go Vigyan Anusandhan Kendra (GVAK)**

It was established in 2013, it's headquarter located at Nagpur. Go Vigyan Anusandhan Kendra (GVAK) is a Non-Government Organization on a mission to rekindle the age-old bond between humans and cows. Rooted in the rich heritage of Indian agriculture and traditional wisdom, this organization is dedicated to researching and promoting the multifaceted benefits of cows and their five essential products: milk, curds, ghee, urine, and dung collectively known as Panchgavya.

#### **Conclusion**

The FIAPO report cites 20,000 intentional and brutal crimes against animals in the last 10 years in India. That means on an average, five stray animals are killed per day in a violent act. The actual figure could be at least 10 times higher, according to the report, which means 50 animal deaths per day and an average of two animals being senselessly killed every hour in a country.

In recent times, animal welfare organizations is very important because by the time passes people are becoming more and more greedy and they are hurting animals in many ways. People

are using the animals for entertainment purpose, also uses their body parts for money by selling it in markets. That's why animal cruelty is increasing. Some people leave or cast away their animals after animal become less productive or animals that are not beneficial for them anymore. For the sole purpose of saving these animals from death and stopping people from doing this kind of thing animal welfare organizations is very important. The volunteers of these organizations are helping those animals by rescuing them AND giving them a new life without wanting anything in return.

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