



KATHMANDU ANIMAL TREATMENT CENTRE

Estd: 2004

“Humane Management of Street Dogs for Community Benefits”

Project Title: Post Earthquake Emergency Response to Animals

Type of Project: Rescue, Treatment and Rehabilitation of Street Animals

Project Proponent/s: Greater.Good

Area of Project Implementation: Earthquake Affected Areas near to Kathmandu, Nepal

Total Expenditures: (including organization’s own resources/ grants Received from other sources)

Amount of Donation Received from Indiegogo: 10000.00 USD

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Nepal suffered a magnitude of 7.8 and 7.6 devastating earthquakes respectively on 25th April and 12th May, 2015 leaving numerous animals suffer. There were many animals that were in desperate situation and Kathmandu Animal Treatment Centre (KAT Centre) was on the ground immediately following the first big earthquake happened to rescue and help the animals. The KAT Centre Rescue team realizes that there was a huge need for life saving veterinary work for street animals, companion and livestock.

The two teams of KAT Centre comprised of local and international volunteers and led by experienced and skilled veterinarians moved to the different parts of the collapsed city to expedite the rescue work within the Kathmandu Valley and outlying areas. The Centre's team was quite busy with rescue and treatment of animals for two months. The animal rescue was carried out by following ways:

- a) Rescue and Relief
- b) Medical Treatment
- c) Rehabilitation
- d) Food supply
- e) Vaccination

So far 350 street dogs were rescued and treated at the Centre and 291 strays were treated on site over the 60 days amidst of post earthquake shocks.

Moreover, Staff members of KAT rescue team were also able to help other

International rescue team members to help the treatment of more than 300 livestock in rural areas for several weeks.

2 Background Information:

The KAT Centre is an animal welfare organization established in 2004 in Kathmandu, Nepal by Jan Salter, MBE with an aim to stabilize the street dog population by using humane method of sterilization and rabies control. Besides, the Centre is also dedicated to rescue and provide medical care to the needy strays.

Amidst of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that hit Nepal and numerous aftershocks caused wide spread destruction of human and animal lives. Despite the damage happened to KAT's premises and basic facilities, the KAT team got prepared itself to deliver its best service to the suffering animals on the street victimized by earthquake. The regular work of sterilization, vaccination, rescue/ treatment, adoption drive and public awareness all were temporarily halted to carry on the much needed rescue and relief work for street animals & livestock in outlying areas of the city.

The Centre received the rescue team from various international organizations i.e. World Veterinary Service, UK (WVS, UK), Soi Dog Foundation, Thailand, and International Animal Welfare Fund (IFAW). These organizations and members helped KAT Centre in rebuilding and fixing the basic facilities that were destroyed by the earthquake as well as rescue & relief work.

The Greater Good, USA was the first and foremost International organization which offered the biggest financial support to KAT to carry out the rescue and relief work and followed by the individual donors on Indiegogo ran by our generous supporter and fund raiser Gabriele Goetz.

3 Objectives of the Project

- Rescue and Medical Treatment
- Food Supply
- Vaccination
- Rehabilitation

4. Accomplishment of objectives / KAT Strategy:

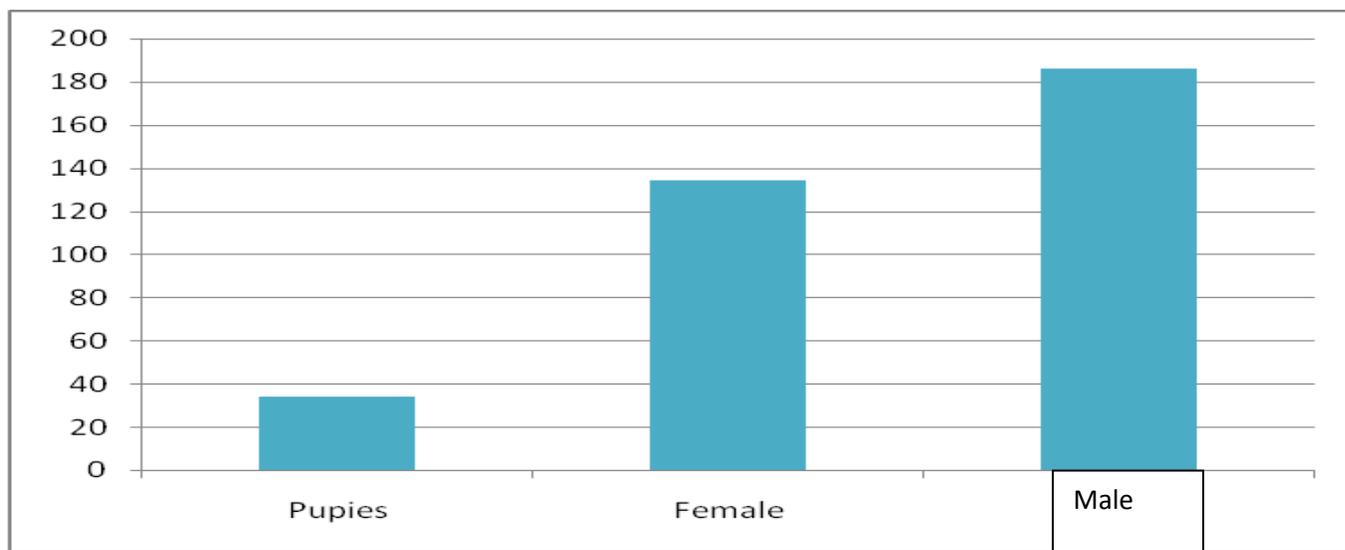
4.1 Rescue and Medical Treatment:

KAT Centre formed to two teams with local and international volunteers led by its vets and started its rescue and relief work in various parts of the Kathmandu City. The rescue work was based on report made by community members via phone calls to us and the Centre's own social network. The rescue team found numerous of injuries on animals caused by devastating earthquakes. Altogether 350 cases of earth quake animal victims were treated at the Centre's medical facility (table I) whereas 291 dogs & 17 cats were treated on site. In addition to above, KAT's vet and non vet staff members joined other rescue teams at outlying rural areas (Annex-II) where most of the large animals were reported to be injured severely.

Table I: Rescue and Treatment at the Centre

S.N.	Type of Illness	Numbers	Recovered	Euthanized	Died
1	Simple Fracture	16	16		
2	Complicated Fracture	23	19	4	4
3	Multiple deep Wounds	53	47	6	6
4	Superficial wounds	73	73	-	-
5	Malnutrition and dehydration	68	59	-	9
6	Infectious conditions	83	76	-	7
7	Unknown etiology	34	31	-	3
	Grand Total	350	311	10	29

Figure 1: Number of different age and sex groups rescued (total of 350)



4.2 Food Supply:

The Centre’s rescue team observed that the dogs were striving hard to find the food in their territory because the people and community members who had been taking care of street animals on the streets were affected by the earthquakes and not able to provide food. Another important factor that the team noticed was common place and sources where the dogs used to get their food i.e. restaurants, slaughter houses were closed and there were no chances of getting any left- over or scraps on which the strays usually live on. The Centre distributed food to the most vulnerable population wherever it was possible for the entire time of crisis of 90 days (See photographs- Annex-II).

4.3 Vaccination Campaign:

The Centre organized vaccination camps against rabies and infectious diseases (distemper/ parvo) in various places to protect stray animals from severe diseases. Altogether 1100 dogs and cats were vaccinated during the rescue phase (Annex-3 showing the places in the map).

4.4 Rehabilitation:

This part of the rescue and relief work is the most difficult part of Centre's mission. There were several pets abandoned by the owners because of emergency. Most of the families shifted to other safer parts of the country leaving their pets behind on the street. There were over 100 abandoned cases. The Centre rescued and kept them either in the Centre's facility or found a foster family for the abandoned pets. The pets were either re-home or reunited with their owners. (Annex 4).

5. FINANCIAL ASPECT/ BUDGET UTILIZATION

Table II Summary of the Budget:

Line Items	Spent (in Nrs)	Spent (in USD)
Medicines	400,000.00	4000.00
Disinfectants and Vaccines	150,000.00	1500.00
Fuel	150,000.00	1500.00
Food Items (Rice and Pedigree)	150,000.00	1500.00
Staff Wages	150,000.00	1500.00
Grand Total	1000,000.00	10000.00

6. Monitoring and Evaluation:

In order to support the earthquake response for the stray animals, The KAT established an overall results-based monitoring and reporting system, including a mechanism for communicating with local community groups which have been

supported by the Centre for the welfare of stray animals. This was meant to improve responsiveness and adjust strategies as per the needs identified by the communities and the Centre. In addition, review meetings with community partners were held regularly to review progress, challenges, lessons learned and to develop an exit strategy in the transition phase. An impact evaluation is planned for the end of 2015.

7. Donors and Partners

Aside from the generous contributions of Greater Good, KAT mobilized internal support through its own resources, individual donations through crowd funding page Indiegogo and also other organizations i.e. SPCA International, IFAW, WVS, HSI, and Dogs Trust UK helped the Centre.

8. Conclusion

The KAT Centre is always busy with rescue calls from the community but it was overwhelmed during the earthquake and we tried to accommodate every request despite the Centre's limited physical facilities. However, there are still a large number of stray dogs that need help. The Centre is still striving hard to handle the abandoned dogs, infectious causes and malnutrition issues in the stray animals, few of above mentioned conditions are attributable to earthquake. The Centre will need continuous support from its well wishers and generous donors to continue its mission.

8. ANNEXES

Annex-1 Rescue and Treatment:



Dog trapped in the rubble before it was rescued (arrow)



Injured animals are being transported to KAT for treatment



Sick dogs are being treated at site and at the Centre as well



Annex-2: Food Supply and feeding the animals in the street



Annex-3 KAT Vaccination Drive with local communities



Annex-IV Rehabilitation



Pets abandoned on the streets (few of many)



Snow flake ((paralyzed)) on a wheel chair ((right)) and with her new owner ((below))



Kalu looks happy with her new owner

