

ACTIVITY REPORT 2016-17

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People for Animals, Bangalore

People for Animals, Bangalore (PFA), is a non-profit conservation organisation working towards the rescue and rehabilitation of urban wildlife. People for Animals, Bangalore was formed in 1996, by Namrata Dugar, Alpana Bhartia, Gauri Maini and Arushi Poddar, who were the pioneers.

People for Animals, Bangalore (PFA) works towards promoting harmony between humankind and nature. PFA recognises that like us, humans, animals too have the ability to experience pain, and as such, deserve certain basic rights protecting them from pain caused by humans.

In the phase of the massive environmental problems that beset our country viz. shrinking habitat, animal sacrifices, cruelty to animals, extinction of wild species of flora and fauna, one could either despair or act to halt and reverse them. PFA has chosen to act. We at PFA believe that animals should not be subjected to suffering and exploitation by humans because alternatives exist for nearly every traditional "usage" of animals. The natural habitats and food sources for the native fauna are constantly being eroded, and these animals are being exposed to increasing risks from predators and 'unnatural' dangers. Human cruelty accounts for many of the casualties brought in for care, attention and rehabilitation. The protection of nature and our physical environment from degradation is our primary necessity and responsibility if we and other life forms on this planet are to survive in the future. PFA is therefore committed to protecting and saving the already degrading and threatened natural heritage of the country. The organisation is dedicated to the urgent action of conservation of the urban wildlife in the city of Bangalore. PFA, Bangalore has rescued 21,607 animals as of March 31st, 2017

PFA 's principal concerns are crisis management and the provision of quick, efficient aid to those animals that require it the most.

OUR MISSION, VISION & VALUES

Mission:

"People for Animals, Bangalore" to be a Centre of Excellence and each injured or orphaned wildlife to be given a chance to become healthy and each citizen to be sensitive to animal welfare and actively prevent acts of cruelty and aid animals in distress. To strive for values that promote ecological harmony.

Vision:

To provide quick, efficient aid to urban wildlife that requires it the most, to educate and support an active citizenry that prevents environmental degradation and animal cruelty.

Values:

- Promote honesty and integrity in all our work
- Commitment to have dynamic and motivated staff
- Dedication to animal and environmental welfare
- Innovate to provide cost effective solutions

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Rescue Statistics of 2016-17

Total Rescues:		
Mammals	-	378
Aves	-	805
Reptiles	-	695

Rescue and Release Highlights

2016-17 saw the rescue and releases of few animals that are rare visitors to PfA. Below is the list for the same.

- A Black Naped hare (*Lepus nigricollis*) leveret that was rescued from Bangalore University campus in February was released in the same area in April after successful treatment and rehabilitation.
- An Indian Scops owl (*Otus bakkamoena*) was rescued with a fracture in its wing. An external skeletal fixation and intra medullary pinning was done post which the wing was immobilized by bandaging it to the body
- An informer rescued a Jerdon's nightjar (*Caprimulgus atripennis*) which was lying still on the road and not attempting to fly even when approached. The bird was found around the forest limits when the informer was travelling back to Bangalore. The bird was released into its habitat in April.
- A male Jungle Cat (*Felis chaus*) was trapped in a gutter of a farm located in Yelahanka New Town. He was rescued and released.
- A Plum Headed parakeet (*Psittacula cyanocephala*) was handed over to us voluntarily by a pet shop owner after he was informed that it was illegal under the WPA 1973 to trade in wildlife.
- A displaced Slender Loris (*Loris lydekkerianus*) was rescued from a security room at Palace Grounds and released a few days later.
- Two hatchlings of Green Keelback (*Macropisthodon plumbicolor*) were rescued from inside a laboratory of BGS Medical College on separate occasions and released.
- A Saw Scaled viper (*Echis carinatus*) was rescued from a residential premise Kariyanapalya.
- A Spotted Deer (*Axis axis*) rescued from CRPF campus was brought in with dog bite injuries. The deer did not survive. Another spotted deer, also attacked by stray dogs was rescued and brought to PfA by students of SJBIT College.
- Chicks/nestlings rescued in 2016-17:
 - Oriental White Eye (*Zoetroops palpebrosus*)
 - Sunbird (*Leptocoma sp.*)

- Great Tit (*Parus major*)
 - Munia (8 Nos)(*Lonchura sp*)
 - Yellow Wattled Lapwing (*Vanellus malabaricus*)
 - Indian Scops Owl (*Otus bakkamoena*)
 - Southern Coucal (2 Nos) (*Centropus parrotii*)
 - Red Vented Bulbul (*Pycnonotus cafer*)
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- An orphaned and injured Slender Loris (*Loris lydekkerianus*) was rescued from the Indian Institute of Science campus. This juvenile Loris had abrasions below his right eye. It was clear from his fumbling with food and movement that he was still dependant on his parents. He was on hand fed till he learnt to eat his own food. He is also being treated for calcium deficiency with supplements. Regular physiotherapy and exercise is aiding in his recovery.
 - Another adult Slender Loris (*Loris lydekkerianus*) was rescued from Magadi industrial area. He was found to be displaced from its natural habitat, weak and dehydrated due to starvation and is now responding to treatment and well on his way to recovery.
 - About 12 lizard eggs were found while cleaning an empty plot next to a residence. The informer brought the eggs to our Wildlife Hospital and was incubated artificially. These were Garden Lizard (*Calotes versicolor*) eggs which we realized after 9 of them hatched. The hatchlings were kept under observation for a couple of days and then released into a natural habitat
 - A hand raised Indian Jackal (*Canis aureus*) was rescued from Byramangala village in Bidadi where he was a family pet. They handed it over to us when the jackal attacked their cow and killed a calf. She was released after a successful rehabilitation in a natural habitat.
 - A really rare rescue at PfA was a Black Forest Scorpion (*Heterometrus sp.*) which was rescued by an informer that was displaced at BGS laboratory.
 - A Jungle Cat (*Felis chaus*)kitten was rescued from Nelamangala. The informers had got two kittens that were wandering in their layout. With the view of saving them, they took both the kittens home and started taking care of them. Unfortunately one of them died after two days after which they handed over the other kitten to PfA. He is growing well and right now under rehabilitation.
 - A Koi Karp fish with nose rings was confiscated from a pet shop. The nose ring was removed and the fish was given to a responsible volunteer who was willing to look after it well.
 - A displaced juvenile Asian Palm Civet (*Paradoxurus hermaphroditus*) was rescued from a residence in Mahadevpura. He was hand raised and currently under rehabilitation awaiting release.
 - 7 lizard eggs were found by a volunteer while cleaning an empty plot. Assuming those eggs to be either of *Psammophilus dorsalis* or *Calotes versicolor* they were incubated artificially. When 5 of them hatched it was confirmed to be Rock Agamas (*Psammophilus dorsalis*) which were released after two days.
 - A Blyth's Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus dumetorum*) was found on the road side in a state of shock which recovered with treatment and was released the same evening.
 - A sub adult Bonnet Macaque (*Macaca radiata*) used for selfies was confiscated from M. G road. Since she was a sub adult, the chances of rehabilitation are higher and she is currently with a group of macaques.
 - An Indian Rock Python (*Python morulus morulus*) was brought to the RFO's office, Kaggalipura by a local resident. The snake was handed over to PfA for assessing its

health condition and to check if it had any injuries. The snake was kept under observation and later released.

- A Spectacled Cobra (*Naja naja*) was rescued from Chikkalur, Doddaaaladamara. The snake was stuck in a 15 feet septic tank for 2 days. The rescuer climbed down the drain to safely bring the snake out. It was also released back into the wild after its health condition was assessed.
- An apartment in Chikkallasandra, intolerant towards the menace caused by macaques, had installed a cage and kept an adult male Bonnet Macaque (*Macaca radiata*) in captivity. The members of the colony sought PfA's help in rescuing the macaque. Keerthan, one of our rescuers and Vinay, an active volunteer of PfA reached the site. The locals who complained were made aware of the reasons for such conflict, like feeding, garbage and so on. They were also made aware about importance of wildlife and problems faced by animals if they are relocated or displaced from their original habitat and educated about not keeping them in captivity. The two of them convinced the crowd and released the monkey safely back at the same place.
- A Sunbird (*Leptocoma sp.*) nestling was rescued from RR Nagar and was hand raised at PfA. The little bird was hand-fed on a formula substituting its insect and nectar requirement. Eventually the bird was taught to drink nectar from different flowers to which a syringe filled with sugar syrup was attached. The sunbird was introduced to other food like aphids, spiders and other small insects to stimulate its natural instincts. After successful rehabilitation, a soft release was done.
- A Red Sand Boa (*Eryx Johnii*) was rescued by the PfA team near RVCE College, Bangalore. It had had a few minor bruises which was treated for. The snake was safely released into a suitable habitat far from human habitation.
- A Bengal Monitor Lizard (*Varanus bengalensis*) which was sold at a very high price for meat was spotted by an animal lover Arjun in a market near Tumkur Road. When he tried catching hold of the sellers, they threw the lizard and ran away. The information given by Mr. Arjun Gowda who rescued the lizard and informed PfA about the same. The rescue team picked the reptile from Arjun's house and he's now in care at the wildlife hospital.

Events and Programs

PfA places utmost importance to outreach/awareness events and conducts events that focus on spreading awareness in people about how they could contribute to conservation. It ranges from events covering using clay idols during Ganesha festival, awareness about the ban on manja threads, response to injured wildlife, response to conflict situations including displacement. A subset that PfA focuses on is conflict management in the case of snakes.

Awareness events were organised at the following places in 2016 - 17

1. *Hindu Spiritual and Social Fair*: PfA participated in the fair organised by HSSF from 14th to 18th December at National College grounds, Basavanagudi. PfA had a stall which highlighted the Rescue and Rehabilitation activities along with spreading awareness about the importance of Urban Wildlife in our ecosystem.

2. *Snake awareness program at L&T*: Presentations on Identification of common species of snakes concentrating on the ‘Big Four’, snake-bite management, myths about snakes and do’s & don’t’s on encountering snakes.
3. *Snake awareness program at Kumaran’s School* aimed at helping the Security and ground level staff identify different species of snakes, what should be done on encountering snakes, snake bite management and the safest method of snake rescue.
4. *A Snake Awareness Program* was conducted by PfA at Epsilon Residential Complex in Marathalli. The program was focused on identification of snakes, what to do when one encounters them, myths about snakes and snake-bite management.
5. PfA Head Veterinarian Dr. Karthik was invited to Karnataka Forestry College Ponnampet to deliver a lecture on Biology and Behavior of Snakes.
6. *Herps - KnowThem Better*: A workshop for veterinarians focused on snakes, their biology, behaviour and treatment.
7. Meditation for staff – Mindfulness.
8. TT Vaccination camp: Dr. Raghavendra, docpreneur at Supurva Hospital helped team PfA, Bangalore in setting up a Tetanus vaccination camp for the staff.

PfA in the News

PfA, as on March 31, 2017, has rescued 21,000 animals. Some of the interesting rescues, especially that of rare species were reported in some of the dailies. This coverage helped in spreading awareness about the PfA and our work, thus increasing the number of rescue and informer calls coming in.

Articles and rescue stories of PfA was published in papers like Times of India, The New Indian Express, Bangalore Mirror, The Hindu, Prajavani, City Today etc.

1. PfA’s work was featured on Fever 104(Radio channel) and Praja TV(News Channel)
2. The Karnataka Forest Department declared 2017 as the year of the wild. PfA was quoted in an article named ‘Embracing the Wild’ in the Deccan Herald highlighting the Forest Department initiative.

Celebrations at PfA

The following festivals and observances were celebrated at PfA in 2016-17

1. Independence Day
2. Ayudha Pooja
3. Nagapanchami
4. Sankranti

Camel Fund

87 Camels were rescued from being illegally slaughtered in a slaughter house in Hyderabad. PfA helped in raising funds and contributed to the expenses involved in bringing them to health and their transportation to Rajasthan.