

# KARUNA

WILDLIFE RESCUE & REHABILITATION CENTRE



*Annual Report for the year 2024-2025*

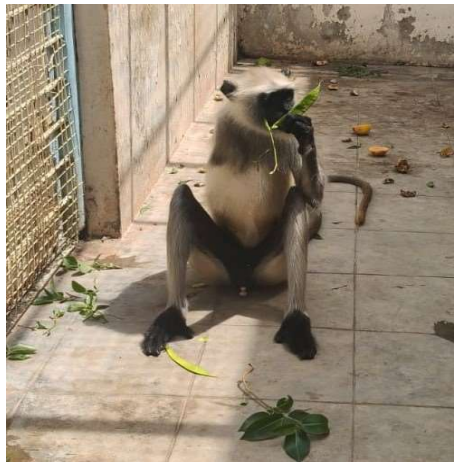


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# 1. Report of the Officer-In-Charge

- a) The Karuna Wildlife Rescue Centre is not fully operational and is currently unable to perform regular rescue activities, as it is not suitable for keeping animals. This limitation is due to restrictions imposed by the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) of India.
- b) However, this did not stop Karuna from continuing its rescue efforts. With the support of the Forest Department, rescue and release operations are ongoing. Rescued animals are typically kept for 2 to 8 days and are then released immediately or those who need long term treatment are being sent to the Tirupati Zoo, 250 km from our center.
- c) There were several cases involving the deaths of leopards and bears during the year... Karuna Wildlife Rescue Centre was actively involved in the process attending, representing, and participating in the postmortem examinations
- d) Despite its limitations, the old center has been regularly maintained through cleaning and upkeep efforts. During the summer, special attention was given to the welfare of the animals. Fortunately, the area experienced good rainfall this season, which aided in overall maintenance and care.
- e) Thanks to the help of Mr. Krishnan of Asia Paper Markets (Singapore) and
- f) Mr. Raghavendra Malladi (India), the long-awaited new wildlife construction is finally coming to fruition.
- g) The primary highlight this year is the near completion of the new wildlife facility, which includes 2 monkey enclosures, 1 peacock enclosure, 3 deer enclosure, 1 bear enclosure, 2 bear kraals, 1 hospital, and plantation work inside and outside the facility is ongoing.
- h) We applied for the renewal of the old center's recognition. However, no official information has been received yet regarding the status of this application.
- i) Regular staff meetings and a committee meeting are conducted throughout the year to ensure smooth coordination and workflow.



## 2. History of the Rescue Centre

Karuna Society for Animals and Nature is a registered (No. 685 of 2000, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh, dated September 18, 2000) as a non-profit animal welfare organisation in India under the Society Registration Act XXI of 1860. It is also recognised by the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI). The Society is also exempted from income tax under 80G and 12A and also allowed to receive foreign donations under the FCRA.

Karuna Society for Animals and Nature has been involved in the rescue and rehabilitation of local wildlife from its inception in 2000. The Society started with a small housing facility for the rescued wild animal species on four acres of plot in the outskirts of Puttaparthi town, near the Airport in Anantapur district and gradually improved and developed the facilities year by year, adjusting to the needs of the animals and the recommendations made by the Central Zoo Authority.

The Karuna Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh has been recognized as a Rescue Centre (as a “Mini Category Zoo”) under section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 by the Central Zoo Authority (vide letter no. F No. 22-63/2004- CZA (462) (M) 3635 dated 26.09.2013) up to 30th September, 2015, subject to fulfilment of some conditions (ANNEXURE-V).

On December 1, 2021 the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, granted recognition to the Karuna Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Puttaparthi for a period up to 15th, November 2023.

## 3. Vision

A world where wild animals are valued and their conservation assured.

## 4. Mission

Adopt conservation measures that contribute actively (both directly and indirectly) to the protection of wild fauna and conservation of biodiversity.

## 5. Objective

The main objective of the Karuna Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Puttaparthi is to complement and strengthen the national efforts in conservation of the rich biodiversity of the country, particularly the wild fauna through the following protocol:

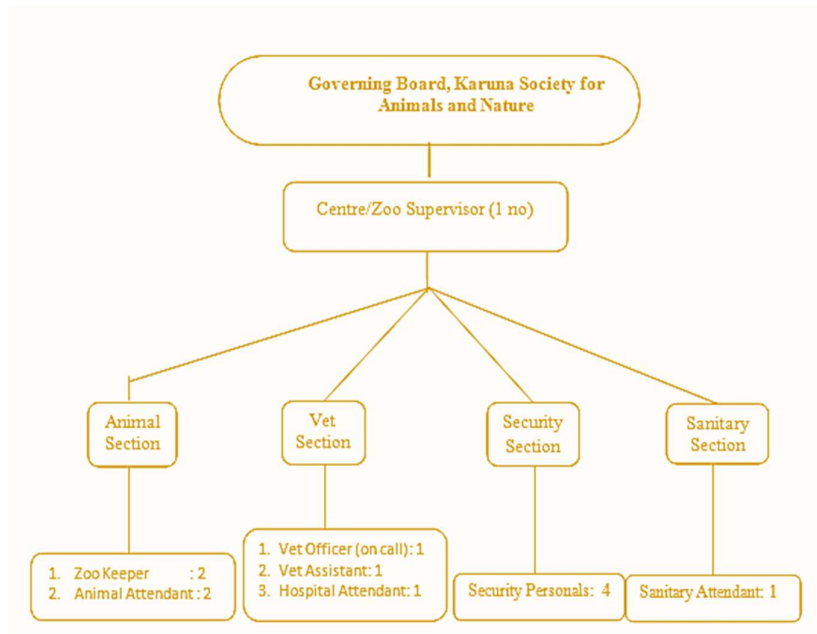
- To function as rescue and rehabilitation centres for lifetime care of the captive/captured/seized/abandoned/orphaned/old/diseased wild animals particularly leopards, sloth bears, monkeys, deer, antelopes and land/flying birds, subject to the availability of appropriate housing and upkeep infrastructure.
- Providing opportunities for scientific studies useful for conservation in general and creation of database for sharing between the agencies involved in in-situ and ex-situ wildlife conservation.
- To further advance best practice animal husbandry, health care and welfare that ensures physical and behavioural wellbeing of the animals in collection.
- To promote sustainable practices in all aspects of the rescue and rehabilitation operations.

## 6. About Us

S.No.	Particulars	Information
<b>Basic Information about the Rescue Centre</b>		
1.	Name of the Rescue Centre	Karuna Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Rayalaseema (O/o Karuna Society for Animals and Nature)
2.	Year of Establishment	2000
3.	Address of the Rescue Centre	Karuna Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Near Sri Satya Sai Super Speciality Hospital, Puttaparthi, Anantapur – 515 134
4.	State	Andhra Pradesh
5.	Telephone Number	9440985243
6.	Fax Number	-
7.	E-mail address	karunawrrc@karunasociety.org
8.	Website	www.karunasociety.org
9.	Distance from nearest	Airport: Sri Satya Sai Airport (Trust Airport) is just 1 km away, while the Kempegowda International Airport, Bangalore is 126 km
		Railway Station: <b>2.7 km</b>

S.No.	Particulars	Information
		Bus Stand: <b>5.8 km</b>
10.	Recognition Valid up to (Date)	<b>15<sup>th</sup> November, 2023</b>
11.	Area (in Hectares)	<b>1.94</b>
<b>Management Personnel of the Rescue Centre</b>		
12.	Name with designation of the Officer in-charge	C. Narendra Reddy – Centre Manager
	Name of the Veterinary Officer	Dr P. Divakar Reddy
	Name of the Curator	C. Narendra Reddy
	Name of the Biologist/Zoologist	Mubeena Kanisettipalli
	Name of the Compounder/ Lab Assistant	-
<b>Owner / Operator of the Rescue Centre</b>		
13.	*Name of the Operator	C. Narendra Reddy
14.	Address of the Operator	2/138/C Karuna Society for Animals and Nature, Behind S.C Quarters, Enumulapalli, Puttaparthi – 515 134
15.	Contact details/Phone number of Operator	9440985243
16.	E-mail address of Operator	karunasociety@gmail.com

## 7. Organizational Chart of the Rescue Centre



## 8. Human Resources deployment for management of Rescue Centre

### Human Resources of the Rescue Centre

Sl. No.	Designation	No. of Sanctioned Posts	Names of the incumbent
1.	Centre Operator	1	C. Narendra Reddy
2.	Centre Manager/Supervisor	1	P Divakar Reddy
3.	Veterinarian	2	Dr P. Divakar Reddy
4.	Zoo Keeper	2	Kessapa Gurikani Narayanswamy Makam
5.	Watchman	3	Venkatesh Urutooru Chandra Sekhar S Chinna Malappa Mane
6.	Sanitary attendant	1	Ranemma Kummara

## 9. Capacity Building of Rescue Centre Personnel

A team of engineers and contractors visited Ahmedabad Zoo as part of the planning process for our new wildlife centre. The purpose of the visit was to observe the quality of existing infrastructure and understand the construction standards followed there. This visit provided valuable insights and practical ideas that will help guide the design and development of our own wildlife enclosures and facilities. It was an important step toward ensuring that our construction meets high standards of safety, functionality, and animal welfare.



## 10. Rescue Centre Advisory Committee

- Date of constitution: June 24th, 2017
- Members: Mr N Rajasekhar, Clementien A Koenegras
- Dates on which Meetings held during the year: Wildlife Committee meeting held on March 05<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Centre Operator Mr. C. Narendra Reddy, Veterinarian Dr. P.Divakar Reddy, Mubeena Kanisettipalli, the biologist/zoologist, Volunteer.

## 11. Health Advisory Committee of the Rescue Centre

- Date of constitution: NIL
- Members: NIL
- Dates on which Meetings held during the year: NIL

## 12. Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Rescue Centre

Karuna Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre is one of Karuna Society for Animals and Nature Projects. Here is the Income for all Karuna Projects and Expenses for the FY 2024 – 2025 for the Wildlife centre.

Karuna Society bank balance on April 01, 2024 was Rs.13 70,537/-

S. No	Month	Old center expenses 2024 - 2025	New center construction Cost 2024 - 2025	Income of Karuna Society 2024 -2025
1	Apr-24	Rs.4,20,040/-	Rs.10,86,477/-	Rs.21,88,895/-
2	May-24	Rs.1,85,712/-	Rs.12,95,848/-	Rs.12,61,600/-
3	Jun-24	Rs.1,07,212/-	Rs.17,87,728/-	Rs.32,26,666/-
4	Jul-24	Rs.1,11,586/-	Rs.6,52,982/-	Rs.14,30,399/-
5	Aug-24	Rs.1,23,433/-	Rs.4,05,803/-	Rs.33,11,843/-
6	Sep-24	Rs.1,14,233/-	Rs.14,37,915/-	Rs.14,50,010/-
7	Oct-24	Rs.1,06,247/-	Rs.13,39,822/-	Rs.6,99,269/-
8	Nov-24	Rs.1,08,654/-	Rs.1,55,774/-	Rs.10,07,526/-
9	Dec-24	Rs.84,269/-	Rs.15,72,530/-	Rs.20,01,996/-
10	Jan-25	Rs.1,33,528/-	Rs.81,600/-	Rs.31,92,588/-
11	Feb-25	Rs.2,12,977/-	Rs.5,95,926/-	Rs.7,43,492/-
12	March-25	Rs.45,595/-	Rs.32,35,347/-	Rs.26,58,653/-
<b>Total</b>		<b>Rs.17,53,486/-</b>	<b>Rs.1,36,47,752/-</b>	<b>Rs.2,17,22,927/-</b>

### 13. Daily Feed Schedule of Animals

Sl.No.	Species	Feed item
1.	Black Buck	Green fodder consisting of seasonal grass such as- Napier Grass, Peanut Grass, Lucerne grass, Subabul, & Cereal Fodder consisting of – Rice Bran, Maize Powder, Horsegram, G.N Cake, Wheat Gram, Jowar Powder and Mineral Mix.
2.	Sambar Deer	Green fodder consisting of seasonal grass such as Napier Grass, Peanut Grass, Lucerne grass, Maize grass, Subabul, & Cereal Fodder consisting of: Rice Bran, Maize Powder, Horse gram, G.N Cake, Wheat Gram, Jowar Powder and Mineral Mix.
2.	Sloth Bear	Ragi Porridge, Brown Rice, Egg, Milk, Fruits (Seasonal), Vegetables (Seasonal), Dates, Honey, Nuts, Jaggery.
3.	Peacock	Sprouts, tomatoes, green leafy vegetables, coloured vegetables, onion, garlic, boiled eggs, insects.
4.	Bonnet Macaque	Seasonal Fruits, Sprouts, Vegetables, Greens, Bread, Nuts.
5.	Grey Tufted Langur	Seasonal Fruits, Sprouts, Vegetables, Greens, Bread, Nuts.

### 14. Vaccination Schedule of Animals

S. No.	Species	Disease vaccinated for	Name of the Vaccine and dosage/ quantity used	Periodicity	Remarks
NIL					

### 15. De-Worming Schedule of Animals

Sl.No.	Species	Drug used	Month
1.	Black Buck	Albendazole/ Fenbendazole/ Ivermectin	Used alternatively every three months
2.	Sloth Bear		
3.	Bonnet Macaque		
4.	Rhesus Macaque		
5.	Grey Tufted Langur		
6.	Peacock	Piperazin/ Albendazole	

## 16. Disinfection Schedule

Sl.No.	Species	Type of enclosure	Disinfectant used and method	Frequency of disinfection
1.	Black Buck and Sambar Deer	Open air enclosure with wire mesh on front side and compound wall on three sides	Slaked lime is used to thoroughly wash water and feeding troughs; potassium permanganate for foot bath at the entrance of each enclosure; herbal floor cleaner and Vira - Cid disinfectant	1. Slaked Lime is used every 15 days (every 1 month in bear enclosure). 2. Potassium permanganate is used daily as a foot bath. 3. Herbal floor cleaner is used on daily basis. 4. Virucidal disinfectant is used during any outbreak of infectious disease.
2.	Sloth Bear	Open air enclosure with walled compound; individual night enclosures for all bears.		
3.	Peacock	Closed Aviary		
4.	Bonnet Macaque	Covered enclosure made of wire mesh		
5.	Rhesus Macaque	Covered enclosure made of wire mesh		
6.	Langur	Covered enclosure with wall and iron grills.		

## 17. Health Check-up of employees for zoonotic diseases

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## 18. Development Works Carried Out in the Rescue Centre during the Year

Regular maintenance of the centre, individual enclosures of the male black bucks have been made.

## 19. Important Events and Happenings

This year we fully concentrate on construction, forestation and afforestation both. This year we completed primary enclosures to shift & relocate the animals. We complete primary enclosure construction. One Peacock enclosure, one bear enclosure, two monkey enclosures completed. Hospital is under construction. One more bear enclosure is under construction. Now, we are ready for rescue and rehabilitation for wildlife.

### HOSPITAL:



**Deer Enclosures:**



Deer enclosure 1 completed



Deer enclosure 2 completed



Deer enclosure 3 under construction



Deer enclosure 4 foundation work started



Peacock enclosure completed



Monkey enclosure1 completed



Monkey enclosure2 completed

One bear/Leopard enclosure fully completed.



One bear/Leopard enclosure & 2 kraals fully completed.



Bear/Leopard night rooms



Kitchen & store room inside view



Kitchen & store room  
outside view

For the benefit of food for our wild animals and to be more self-sufficient, we planted different seasonal plants which will flourish throughout the year - nearly 600 inside the compound and 1,000 outside the compound.



2. And mostly we participate in rescue and hand releases. We participated in post-mortems & rescues with the forest department.

## **20. Seasonal special arrangements for upkeep of animals**

Summer feed and shade plan for sambar deer and blackbucks to protect from sunlight. For bear and monkeys we arranged water ponds.

## **21. Research Work carried out and publications**

NIL

## 22. Rescue and Rehabilitation of Wild Animals 2024 - 2025

S.No	Acq.No	Date of Registered	Species	Species with number of animals rescued with their sex	Received from	Action taken/released in their habitat
			Animal	(M: F:U:T)		
1	275	10.11.2024	2 Black Buck	Unsexed	Born in the facility	housed with mother
2	276	23.03.2025	1 Black Buck	Unsexed	Born in the facility	housed with mother
3	276	23.03.2025	1 Black Buck	Unsexed	Born in the facility	housed with mother
4	276	23.03.2025	1 Black Buck	Unsexed	Born in the facility	housed with mother



## 23. Annual Inventory of Animals

Form – II

[See Rule 11(1)]

Part – A

Inventory Report for the Year: 2024-2025

Animal Annual inventory financial year 2024 -2025																						
Part A: Endangered Species: Animals under Schedule I and Schedule II of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972																						
S. No	Animal	Scientific name	Opening Stock				Birth			Acquisition			Disposal			Death			Closing Stock			Total
			M	F	U	T	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	
<b>Bird</b>																						
1	Peafowl	Pavo cristatus	3	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Birds			3	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Mammals</b>																						
1	Sloth Bear	Melurus ursinus	3	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	0
2	Black Buck	Antelope cervicapra	6	1	3	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	3
3	Bonnet Macaque	Macaca radiate	7	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	0
4	Grey Tufted Langur	Semnopithecus priam	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Total Mammals			17	12	3	14	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	29	12	3
Total Animals			20	15	3	18	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	32	14	3
Part B: Other than endangered species																						
S. No	Animal	Scientific name	Opening Stock				Birth			Acquisition			Disposal			Death			Closing Stock			Total
			M	F	U	T	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	M	F	U	
<b>Mammals</b>																						
1	Sambar Deer	Cervus unicolor	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Total mammals			0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0

## 24. Mortality of Animals 2024 -2025

Sl.No.	Animal Name (with individual identification mark, if any)	Scientific Name	Sex	Date of Death/Released	Death/Released
1	Sloth Bear	Melurus ursinus	Male	05.05.2024	Died
2	Sloth Bear	Melurus ursinus	Female	02.06.2024	Died

## 25. Compliance with Conditions Stipulated by the Central Zoo Authority

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