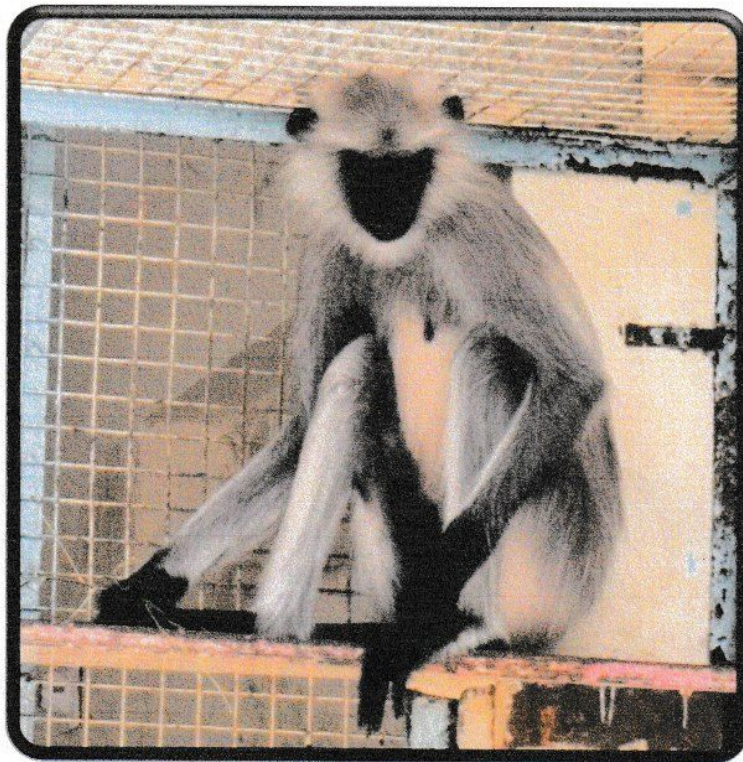


# KARUNA

WILDLIFE RESCUE & REHABILITATION CENTRE



*Annual Report for the year 2023-2024*



Karuna Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation Center

*Cooperator*  
Center Operator, Puttaparthi.

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## 1. Report of the Officer-In-Charge

- a) Karuna Wildlife rescue center incharge is Mr. C Narendra Reddy as per the decision taken by the board. Resolution dated: 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023.
- b) Karuna "Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre" has applied for the renewal of recognition on 29.05.2023 and paid the application fee Rs.5000/- (DD no: 828363). Recently paid Rs. 45,000/- as per new fee format from CZA. Transfer reference no: CT00ENTYI2 dated 28.05.2024. Our recognition expired on 15th November 2023.
- c) Our master plan was approved on 26.02.2020 and the revised layout plan was approved by central zoo authority on 02.08.2023
- d) We continued the construction of the animal enclosures in the new wildlife center in November 2023. Till date three enclosures; one peacock enclosure and two monkey enclosures are almost completed. The first part of Sloth bear/Leopard enclosure work has started. We improved the infrastructure with the help of Mr. Krishnan from Singapore. The upcoming year 2024 -2025 wildlife construction budget Rs. 3,00,00,000 ( three crores).
- e) Thanks to Mr. Krishnan we are able to accomplish what we have started in 2016.
- f) We have rescued a Sloth bear on 09.06.2023 and we provided first aid. Under the guidance of the Forest dep. it was shifted to the Tiruparti Zoo for further treatment.
- g) Regularly we rescue and release sick or injured peacocks and monkeys.
- h) The annual staff meeting took place along with wildlife center staff.
- i) At the Wildlife Committee Meeting all issues regarding the construction of the new wildlife center and the regular maintenance at the old center were discussed.

## 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.

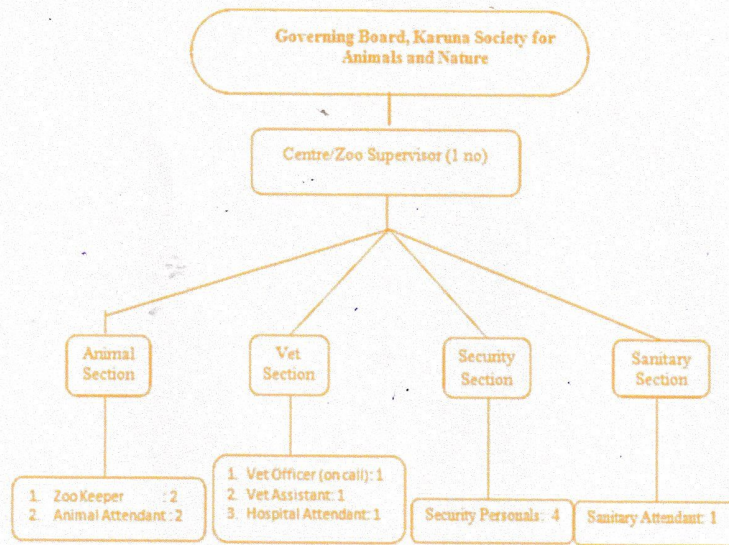
## 6. About Us

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>
		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 & Dr Krishna Chaitanya
	Name of the Curator	C. Narendra Reddy

S.No.	Particulars	Information
	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 Dr Krishna Chaitanya
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

For new wildlife centre construction purpose we sent our staff and technical team to observe the enclosures and construction standards to bannergatta Zoo, Bangalore in January 2024.



## 10. Rescue Centre Advisory Committee

- a) Date of constitution: June 24th, 2017
- b) Members: Mr N Rajasekhar, Clementien A Koenegras
- c) Dates on which Meetings held during the year: Wildlife Committee meeting held on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Center Operator Mr. C. Narendra Reddy, Veterinarian Dr. V. Krishna Chaithanya, Mubeena Kanisettipalli, the biologist/zoologist , Volunteer Shiva and Karuna Society president Mrs. Clementien Agnes Koenegras.

## 11. Health Advisory Committee of the Rescue Centre

- a) Date of constitution: NIL
- b) Members: NIL
- c) 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 2023 – 2024 for the Wildlife centre.

Karuna Society bank balance on April 01, 2023 was Rs. 39,40,647/-

S.No	Month	Expenses 2023 - 2024	Income of Karuna Society 2023 -2024
1	Apr-23	Rs.1,46,919/-	Rs.1,18,900.00/-
2	May-23	Rs.1,07,019/-	Rs.2,80,101.00/-
3	Jun-23	Rs.1,34,800/-	Rs.2,04,719.00/-
4	Jul-23	Rs.98,682/-	Rs.3,54,130.00/-
5	Aug-23	Rs.1,06,530/-	Rs.20,41,695.00/-
6	Sep-23	Rs.1,09,995/-	Rs.2,70,563.00/-
7	Oct-23	Rs.98,003/-	Rs.10,31,600.00/-
8	Nov-23	Rs.1,14,883/-	Rs.9,02,940.00/-
9	Dec-23	Rs.1,54,203/-	Rs.10,20,217.57/-
10	Jan-24	Rs.1,01,471/-	Rs.15,53,792.00/-
11	Feb-24	Rs.1,48,795/-	Rs.1,57,723.00/-
12	Mar-24	Rs.50,209/-	Rs.36,38,527.61/-

## 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

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Date of Health Check up	Findings of Health Check up
1	G Kesappa	Zoo Keeper	01.08.2023	Normal
2	M Narayana Swamy	Zoo Keeper	01.08.2023	Normal
3	S Chandra sekhar	Night Watchman	01.08.2023	Normal
4	Mubeena	Biologist/Zoologist	01.08.2023	Normal

## 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

**A Bear rescued:** On 09.06.2023 The Forest Department rescued a Sloth Bear from Yaleru village Agri field near Anantapur rural, Andhra Pradesh. It was severely injured and dehydrated. As there is no rescue facility nearby (Tirupati is at a distance of 300km) the animal was handed over to Karuna Society by the Forest Department for emergency treatment. On 13.06.2023 with permission of DFO, PCCF we shifted to Tirupati Zoo for further treatment.



### **An old bear rescue:**

On 16.12.2023 we received a phone call from the forest department, asking help for a Sloth bear in Bulla Samudra village, Madakasira mandal, Sri Sathya Sai district.

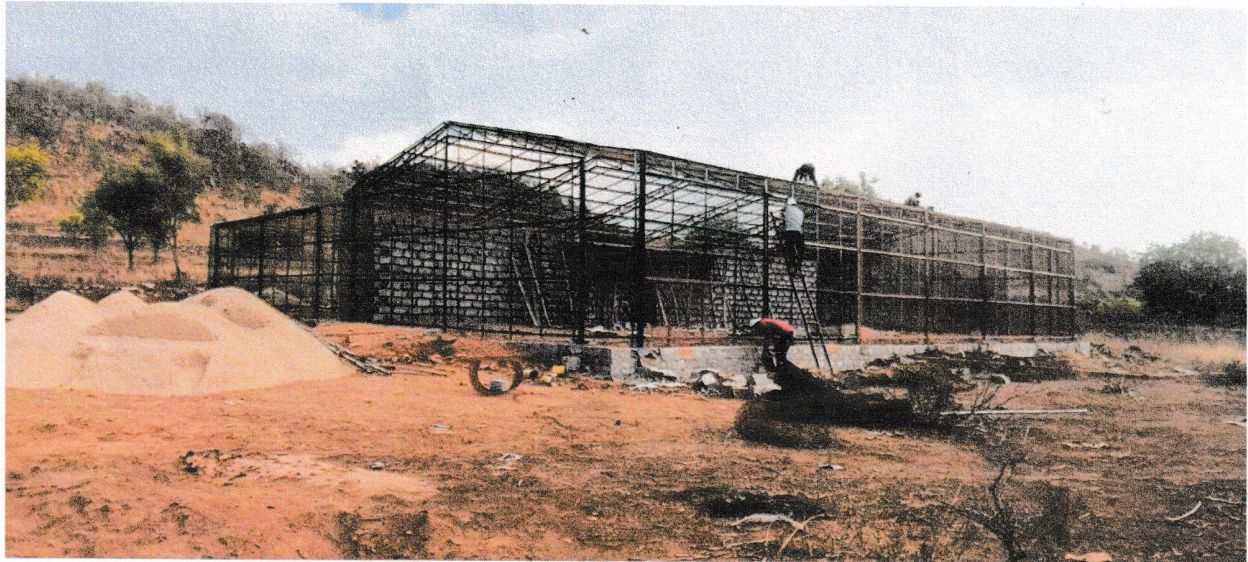
They said the bear is not walking properly, he seems dizzy. Immediately Karuna's team was on the go with rescue material and medicine. Within two hours we reached the bear and the forest officers. The place was very crowded with officials and local people.

The area is well known for its pomegranate, vegetable plants and fruit gardens growing there. Good water sources are available. The bear was roaming freely in those gardens for many years without hurting anyone. And nobody complained against the bear as he was part of the very friendly surroundings. After the rescue, we moved him a little away from the place and we checked his condition. We observed that the bear was very old with grey hair and his teeth were gone. Under his arm was a very big open wound with maggots. He was very dehydrated and had difficulty breathing. We started the treatment with drips, antibiotic and painkiller. After 2 hours the bear died.

We did our best but we could not help the bear. We feel that this bear had a happy life there. No threats or attacks by the people and the bear was also good and had no conflict with people.



**New wildlife center construction:** We received the final master plan approval from the CZA on 02.08.2023. We started with peacock and monkey enclosures. We thanks to Mr. Krishnan from Singapore for support.



**New wildlife center construction:** On 06.02.2024 we received a call at 05.00 am from the forest department requesting our help to rescue a large wounded male leopard that was injured in an accident near Penukonda NH44 (which is 30km from Puttaparthi). After the leopard was rescued we could observe that his reflexes were still there but he was paralyzed. Immediately we brought him to our wildlife center where we provided first aid; fluids, antibiotics and pain killers. After that it was decided to bring him to the Tirupati Zoo as they have facilities for scanning, x - Ray etc. We are waiting for the report.



## 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 2023 - 2024

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)		
2	268	08.06.2023	Bonnet Macaque	Female	Forest Department	Released
3	269	08.06.2023	Bonnet Macaque	Male	Forest Department	Released
4	270	08.06.2023	Bonnet Macaque	Male	Forest Department	Released
5	271	09.06.2023	Sloth Bear	Male	Forest Department	Shifted to Tirupati Zoo
6	272	18.03.2024	Black Buck	Unsexed	Born in the facility	housed with mother
7	273	18.03.2024	Black Buck	Unsexed	Born in the facility	housed with mother
9	274	30.03.2024	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: 2023-2024

Animal Annual inventory financial year 2023 -2024																						
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	5
Total Birds			3	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Mammals</b>																						
1	Sloth Bear	Melurus ursinus	3	3	0	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
2	Black Buck	Antelope cervicapra	6	10	0	16	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
3	Bonnet Macaque	Macaca radiate	7	7	0	14	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
4	Grey Tufted Langur	Semnopithecus priam	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total Mammals			17	21	0	38	0	0	3	3	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
Total Animals			20	23	0	43	0	0	3	3	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
<b>Part B: Other than endangered species</b>																						
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	0	3
Total mammals			0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

## 24. Mortality of Animals 2023 -2024

Sl.No.	Animal Name (with individual identification mark, if any)	Scientific Name	Sex	Date of Death/Released	Death/Released
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

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

