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Re: Request your assistance if possible

1 message

Thane SPCA <thanespca@hotmail.com>

Sat, Jul 25, 2020 at 6:40 PM

To: Bubla Basu <bublbasu@gmail.com>, Priyanka Talwar <priyanka_talwar@whamindia.com>

Dear Jaiveer,

I hope you remember me, from your visit to Thane SPCA Animal Hospital. I remember you so very well, especially because I was awe struck with your plan to launch Gifts That Give, which was then just an idea. So happy to see that the idea has concretized now.

Let me tell how we have planned to use your gift money. We use an Oxygen Concentrator in our ICU, which produces 97% pure oxygen from the atmosphere. We have only one now, which is attached to the incubator. So when we have other patients needing O2, we have to use cylinders which needs refill every 2nd day. The Concentrator does not need any refill though, it only needs distilled water, and it keeps producing Oxygen. This will save us trips and time to the refilling agency.

I hope you don't mind that we have decided to use your gift money for the 2nd O2 concentrator. We are planning on procuring a Phillips O2 Concentrator which will approximately cost us 40,000/-. If unavailable, we will buy from some other company, the cost will be more or less the same. When we order for the equipment, and it is delivered, we will send you a picture of how it is being used.

Having said this, I must say that I am so grateful that through your initiative, you will help your friends to become sensitive human beings. God bless you for that. And many thanks to your parents for allowing you to work in your own way for the civil society.

Blessings
For Thane SPCA
Shakuntala Majumdar



From: Bubla Basu <bublbasu@gmail.com>**Sent:** Saturday, July 18, 2020 2:10 PM**To:** Priyanka Talwar <priyanka_talwar@whamindia.com>; Shakuntala-Debashish Majumdar <thanespca@hotmail.com>**Subject:** Re: Request your assistance if possible

Dear Jaiveer,

Many, many thanks to you for this. I remember you telling me about your website and I am connecting you with Shakuntala at Thane SPCA. Like me, she especially appreciates any student effort.

Thank you so much for caring. And thank you, Priyanka, for encouraging this.

Bubla

On Saturday, July 18, 2020, Priyanka Talwar <priyanka_talwar@whamindia.com> wrote:

Bubla

As you may remember, Jaiveer has created a website called Gifts That Give which allows someone to ask family and friends to contribute to causes of their choice instead of giving them gifts (for birthdays, anniversaries, graduations etc). Jaiveer used the Gifts That Give platform on his birthday to raise funds for the Thane SPCA. These will be transferred to the SPCA bank account on Monday.

Hope this helps with the challenges they are currently facing.

Warm regards

Priyanka

On Fri, Jul 17, 2020 at 3:49 PM Bubla Basu <bublabasu@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Priyanka,

I don't have to tell any animal lover just what kind of a time animal hospitals are having, but I am sending you an attachment of a mail Shakuntala sent me in May along with the report that she sent me a few days ago about the struggles the hospital continues to face in this wretched pandemic. At a time like this, usual methods of fund raising (functions, melas, awareness drives) cannot work, but the work of saving animals has to go on.

Because I have no classes on at the moment, I am unable to find new people to appeal to for funds. This is why I am especially writing to those who have faith in the commitment and courage with which the hospital works and the determination with which, against debilitating odds, it forges ahead.

Do read the attachment and scroll down to read the recent report.

And please consider a contribution to the hospital. It is in need of donors and every little bit counts.

Love,
Bubla

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From 'I' to 'We'



OUR CHALLENGES

This never before Covid – 19 situation has been a difficult time for humans and animals alike, made more difficult by isolation. It brought a lot of anxiety adding to the already existing ones of impending statutory changes, which has threatened to negatively impact flow of funds.

At the onset of the pandemic, the first and foremost concern was for the homeless - humans as well as animals! The State Govt. kept animals and livestock very low on priority, as is natural during any calamity.

There were very few sources of food and water for the animals. Dry food companies had closed down their godowns as most of them were in containment zones.

A considerable number of our staff abruptly left the city for their native villages because their landlords ousted them overnight., and from a full strength of staff, we were suddenly jolted into working the same hours with skeletal staff. With the shut down of transportation, the commuting for our existing staff became the biggest challenge, whether they were commuting from within Thane, or from as far as Asangaon and Vikramgad. Police intolerance made matters worse



At the onset, veterinary services were not included in the list of essential services. A lot of animals were suffering as NGOs had closed down their ambulance services and private vets had shut their clinics.

Vegetable and food markets were open with strict timings making it impossible for us to buy food in bulk. Medicine supply, initially, was cut off completely. We had to suspend all surgeries.

Governing body could not meet regularly, accountant was a suspected case, and everyone held their breath.



OUR ACTIONS

1. A lecture by Dr Krishnamurthy, CMO of Thane Municipal Corporation on the 'What-Why-How' of COVID-19, to satisfy doubts in the minds of our staff.



2. We made it mandatory for all staff to use cloth masks, gloves and sanitisers without worrying about the expenses.

3. All staff duties were rearranged.



It was decided to pick up and drop all staff to and from their homes in our ambulances, from as far as Asangaon and Panvel.

4. The medical staff volunteered to continue doing 6 shifts at a stretch, followed by a 2 day break, to ensure one ambulance was available to run for street animals every alternate day.



5. We coordinated with the Thane Police and Thane Rural Police and Palghar, to procure Essential Service passes for the ambulances, for nearly 100+ volunteers who deployed themselves to provide food and first aid to street animals.

6. We provided more than 6.5 tonnes of fodder to 168 horses, more than 2 tonnes of dry food

for dogs and 180 kilos of food for feral cats.

7. We tied up with Veterinarians at some Corporation areas, who we would remunerate, to treat animals of our volunteers, because we could not reach these areas regularly.

8. We supplied Masks (sponsored by a friend), Sanitisers and Gloves to the Police Personnel at Arthur Road Jail, on their request.

9. Even with the Lockdown breathing on our necks, we had to do a major repair on one of our ambulances.

10. Each day, since 22nd March 2020, 2 of our Trustees were present full day with our staff to give them moral support.





OUR APPEAL

We have had a challenging time - and it continues. Medicine supplies have been hampered, we've worked with skeletal staff as per government regulations, while patients flowed in at the usual steady pace. We worked hand in hand with every department and in the process, got closer to them. Understandably, our donations declined steadily - but we never gave up, strengthened by the faith that you would never give up on us.

Given the unprecedented and uniquely uncertain nature of these times, we will need your support all the more this year. We are well aware that all of us will have to live within our means and constraints, but we urge you to keep us in your thoughts and set aside monetary resources to help us help the animals in need - God's creatures that we all love so much and who need us now, more than ever.



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