

Citizens for Animals

Annual report 2021



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CFA was born out of the desire of a handful of compassionate people to help and fund the Humane Animal Society (HAS) in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India, whom they had been connected with since its inception in 2006. Realizing that animal protection activities in India are very poorly funded, we felt there was a need to create a strong foundation to carry on the critical work that HAS undertakes. The members of the Board of Directors work *pro bono*, and ensure that every donated dollar is used entirely for the welfare of animals.

As the new year unfolds, I would like to extend our gratitude to each one of you for your unyielding support and faith in us throughout 2021. The pandemic tide sure did wash new challenges onto our shores, but with you by our side, we were able to provide better care for our four-legged voiceless friends.

We were able to: 1) expand the hospital infrastructure at the HAS Sanctuary; 2) afford new and vital equipment for the HAS ABC and Rescue Centre, which aided in assisting the animals in need in a timely manner, and perform

special surgeries; and 3) secure the future of some of our permanent residents at the Sanctuary through sponsorships.

In 2021, we were able to help 8000 animals with the funds raised through CFA. I am stoked to take you through these in detail, so gear up for a walk down the 2021 memory lane!

Through it all, compassion was and will always be the driving force for us. I am grateful to all who have given, and continue to give, their time, effort and money. 2022 is the year to think outside the box (or cage). Compassion is like a magnet for compassion. The more we give, the more we get.

With a very grateful heart we plan to use that magnet to attract amazing change in this new year. We can do this together.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tina Nieri', written in a cursive style.

Tina Nieri
CFA President
Phoenix, Arizona, USA
February 11, 2022

PERMANENT SPONSORSHIP

The HAS Sanctuary is situated 20 kilometers from the city limits of Coimbatore in 1.5 spacious acres. It is home to almost 100 dogs, cats, ponies, and cattle who are victims of abandonment, or are handicapped due to abuse, road traffic accidents or life threatening diseases.

What they have in common is they can't be rehabilitated back into their communities. So, the Sanctuary is a peaceful, calm environment for our residents to live out their days, safely and happily. With a customized cattery, several spacious enclosures, a garden pond, a myriad of mango trees and plenty of shaded areas for our animals to rest in, it is the perfect place for our perfect (if a little motley!) animal crew.

Animals who set paw onto HAS are a responsibility, and it is imperative that their futures are secured. It is with your larger than life generosity they now have a safe place to retire and frolic merrily without a worry!

In 2021, the number of permanent animals accommodated at the Sanctuary saw a sharp rise. The virtual adoption numbers

increased slightly, but the gap widened more. We hope we can bridge the gap better this year. In 2021, we were able to secure annual sponsorships for a total of 10 resident animals, and they are ever so grateful to you for taking care of their essential needs.

We would like to make such beautiful differences in each and every one of their lives, and with you coming forward, we would be able to cater to their needs without any hindrances. Every penny counts, and no amount is too small! Adoption is not feasible for everyone, especially when we are continents apart. In spite of that, if you would like to be a part of the journey of one of these wonderful souls, you could consider virtual adoption. Through a monthly donation, you will be providing for their needs, while HAS take unwavering care of them on your behalf.

The average monthly cost for a dog under the care of HAS is USD 50, and USD 25 for a cat.

You can visit our adorable residents, who, we are sure, will steal your heart, at www.hasindia.org/animals.html.

WONTON

Orphaned as a tiny puppy with a skin condition and hypothyroidism. Rescued in 2018



PARKER

A goofy gentle giant, abandoned by his family with an ear infection and a heavily matted fur



PEARLY

Found wandering the streets alone after an accident forced her eyeball out of its socket



FUNDING VETERINARY CARE

While making a difference is a collective effort, it is our veterinary team who are the super-heroes at HAS. We have a solid veterinary team led by senior veterinary surgeon, Dr. Abhilash Sreedharan, who has raised the bar significantly since he joined HAS. Also part of the team are three medical assistants, and three patient welfare staff.

In addition to providing emergency treatment for rescues, HAS undertake animal birth control (ABC) programs to effectively control the stray dog population in Coimbatore, and we systematically conduct anti-rabies vaccination (ARV) programs. It is estimated that Coimbatore has 50,000 free roaming dogs who are struggling to exist on the streets, and without a comprehensive ABC program, their numbers would continue to increase. Overpopulation creates pressure upon the dogs in their day-to-day struggle to survive, leading to increased fighting and outbreaks of diseases such as rabies.

Our veterinary team is involved

in almost all the tasks HAS undertakes, and without a highly skilled, motivated and compassionate veterinary team, our work would not be possible. However, even though working as a veterinary doctor at HAS is a unique opportunity for any newly qualified or experienced doctor, as the challenges are extensive, varied and persistent, salaries are required! It is our hope that, in the future, at least part of the funding can be covered by contributions made to CFA.

Dr. Abhilash Sreedharan with Tody

With compassion at the forefront of his mind, Dr. Abhilash has devoted his life to helping animals. He completed post-graduate studies in veterinary surgery and radiology in 2019, and has completed several training courses and participated in multiple extracurricular educational classes to build a wealth of knowledge. He has worked at various clinics in and around Chennai, and in Mauritius as a consultant surgeon.



THE HAS TEAM

Most of the HAS team photographed in front of the ABC and Rescue Centre in August 2021



RESCUE AND REHABILITATION

Rescue and rehabilitation is one of the main focuses of HAS. It is with your unstinting support, that these rescues are made possible, and we deeply appreciate your continued commitment.

On a daily basis, the HAS team is involved in 5 to 10 rescue cases; most being victims of road traffic accidents. Animals have their limbs crushed, receive trauma injuries, and end up paralyzed as a result of these accidents.

While road traffic accidents in the busy streets of India are more common than one can fathom, we also rescue animals who are heartlessly abandoned by their supposed families, victims of animal abuse, and some with life-threatening diseases, such as transmissible venereal tumors, difficulty in giving birth, maggot wounds, just to name a few. Most of the rescue cases

are handled by our ambulance or van, which provide emergency treatment where the accidents occur. Depending on the type of rescue, severity and location, we either release the animal back at the same location immediately after the emergency treatment, or bring the animal back to the ABC and Rescue Centre for further treatment and rehabilitation. The ABC and Rescue Centre, set

Noah's story

Found tied to a tree, and in desperate need of help, Noah was rescued with a horribly broken jaw and blood all over him. He underwent mandibular reconstruction surgery with a lengthy post-operative period during which he was fed a liquid diet. As his jaw started to heal, he made slow, but steady, progress, and was gradually able to return to normal food. Despite the trauma he doubtlessly endured, Noah's spirit remains unbroken, and his love and trust towards humans intact. Noah was adopted by his rescuer, and our joy knew no bounds.





on 1.25 acres centrally in Coimbatore, is at the very heart of HAS, and as a busy hub for our team, it is a constant hive of activity. In the veterinary clinic, our doctors are constantly dealing with all types of cases, and several surgeries are performed daily.

After treatment ends, and post recovery, there are various options for a rescued animal. Our priority is the welfare of the animal, and, as with humans, the appropriate course of action very

much depends on the individual. Some rescued dogs are community dogs, who can be safely released back into their communities. Others will benefit from being adopted by a compassionate family. And then there are the ones who move to our Sanctuary, where they can reside forever, some with their own virtual adopter.

In 2021, We marched forward in leaps and bounds, making a difference in the lives of abandoned and stray animals with your bountiful donations, especially during the season of giving.

In December alone, we raised enough funds to rescue and rehabilitate 60 animals. It

brings us immense joy that, together, we were able to make a difference to so many lives, and witness and be part of many amazing transformations.

The two transformation stories we have chosen for this annual report, those of Tulip and Noah, will surely be as tear-jerking for you as they were for us!

Tulip's story

True to what the flower symbolizes, our resilient rescue, Tulip, is abounding in love for her fellow beings despite the trauma she went through. She was hurried to us, in acute pain as a consequence of injured legs, a wound on the dorsal side, and a tumor that only exacerbated her pain. The injured legs were amputated on the grounds of the severity of the damage, and she was subjected to chemotherapy sessions in order to treat TVT.

Tulip was in a pain more than what flesh and blood could bear after the surgery, but with time, care, love and resoluteness, she grew stronger than ever. Tulip left us dumbfounded when she, instead of dragging herself around, stood mightily on her remaining two legs, walked and eventually ran around merrily.

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Infrastructural maintenance, replacements and improvements are significant parts of the HAS budget.

The ABC and Rescue Centre in the city of Coimbatore has a full scale medical clinic, quarantine area and rehabilitation pens that need to be maintained and, from time to time, partially or fully, replaced.

The ABC and Rescue Centre is also the base of another couple of important infrastructural assets: the HAS ambulance, procured as a result of a generous donation from the UK charity, Dogs Trust, and the HAS van. Both are crucial for treating and transporting rescued animals.

The Sanctuary, located 20 km from the ABC and Rescue Centre house the permanent residents of HAS. Many of these have special needs owing to factors such as disabilities, age and the after-effects of debilitating diseases. Therefore, it is crucial for the Sanctuary to be sufficiently equipped, which it, sadly, isn't. However, in the previous year we have focussed on expanding the Sanctuary with a veterinary

hospital. This will mean that animals who need treatment can be treated where they live rather than having to be transported all the way to the ABC and Rescue Centre.

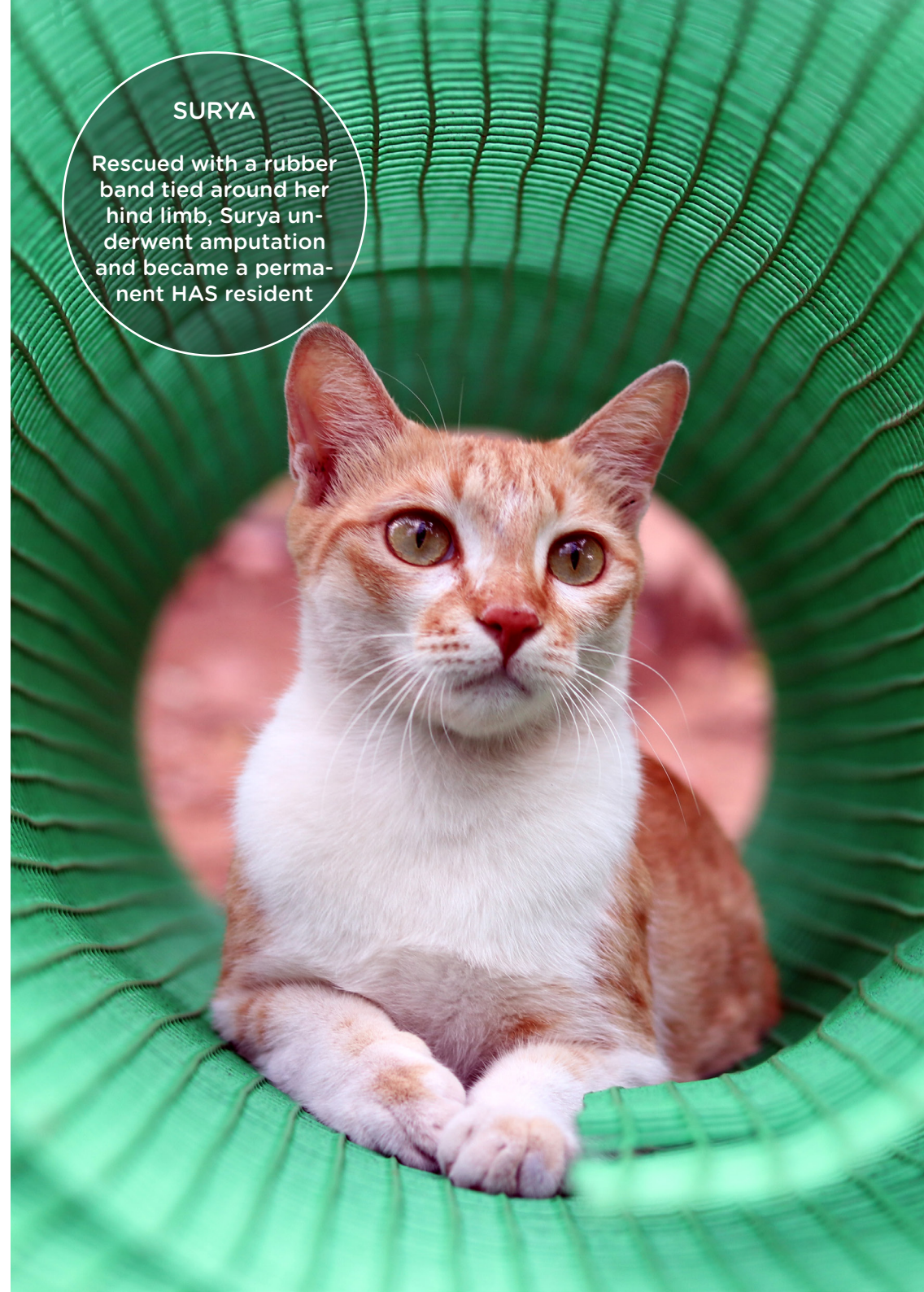
With your generous donations, HAS was able to allocate funds to complete the first phase of the project in 2021. With every improvement, big or small, we will be able to cater to the welfare and care of the permanent residents in a more structured and efficient manner.

A very important aspect of running a successful animal rescue and shelter organisation is to attract volunteers. Not only do volunteers provide an invaluable free service, they also provide us with alternative angles on issues at hand, and they help spread awareness. Our main problem in relation to volunteers is that we have limited facilities to accommodate these. It is our hope in the near future to be able to improve on these.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to you and hope that you keep supporting us in any way possible in the new year!

SURYA

Rescued with a rubber band tied around her hind limb, Surya underwent amputation and became a permanent HAS resident



FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2021

BALANCE SHEET (in USD)	2021	2020
ASSETS (OPENING BALANCE)		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,389	6,033
Stocks (1)	5,082	3,242
INCOME		
Donations through GlobalGiving	14,346	7,940
Subscription donations	3,500	2,150
Direct donations (not subscription)	2,405	3,656
Dividend from stocks	60	122
Total income	20,311	13,888
EXPENSES		
Infrastructure improvements	7,000	3,000
Sponsorships to permanent animals	7,000	6,000
Rescue and rehabilitation	3,000	7,000
Administration	232	390
Total expenses	17,232	16,390
ASSETS (CLOSING BALANCE)		
Cash and cash equivalents	6,408	3,389
Stocks (1)	5,082	3,242

NOTES

(1) CFA owns stocks in TD Ameritrade. The stocks were donated by a kind supporter.

* CFA files annual financial report with the State of Illinois, USA in the month of April, which means at the time of printing the present publication, the filing for 2021 is pending.

** The filing of the previous years can be studied on the CFA website at www.animalcityzens.org. All annual reports and other documents have also been made available on the CFA website.

*** If you have any question, please don't hesitate to contact us at admin@animalcityzens.org. We will respond very quickly.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

CFA is a USA based not-for-profit public charity established in 2019 under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) with the purpose of supporting HAS. This means it has federal tax exemption. After receiving your donation, we will, within 1 week, forward a receipt via email. This makes your donation eligible for claiming tax exemption in the USA.

You can support HAS through CFA in a number of ways, but in terms of monetary support, please note that no support is too small. Everything matters.

Monetary support by individuals can be for various purposes and with different frequencies.

One-time donation

One time donations are donations that may not be repeated. It can be used for a purpose as specified by you, i.e. for infrastructure, rescue and rehabilitation or to cover veterinary staff expenses.

Recurring donation

Recurring donations are used for the same purposes as one-time donations, but occur with regular intervals, e.g. monthly, bi-monthly,

quarterly, half-yearly or yearly.

Virtual adoption

The average monthly cost for a dog in the care of HAS is USD 50. Cats are USD 25. If you decide to adopt one of our residents, they will be over the moon! Please visit them at www.hasindia.org/animals.html.

Corporate sponsorship

A corporate sponsorship is a form of marketing in which a company pays for the right to be associated with a project or program. We welcome corporate sponsorships for any of our projects.

Adoption

If you are able to adopt one of our Sanctuary residents, you will certainly make an unimaginable difference to them. Even though the Sanctuary is great for humans and animals alike, we are sure most of our cats and dogs would thrive within their very own family.

Volunteering

HAS are always seeking volunteers interested in working with animals, and volunteer veterinarians, vet nurses or vet students. More information is available at www.hasindia.org/volunteer.html.

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The purpose of CFA is to raise funds for Humane Animal Society (HAS) in Coimbatore, India and similar organizations to mitigate animal suffering by conducting Animal Birth Control and Anti-Rabies Vaccination drives for stray companion animals; facilitate rescues of sick, injured and abandoned animals; enable adoption of homeless animals; and, through education and outreach programs, create awareness about a just world where all species are treated equally.

We would like to thank all individual donors for their generous donations to CFA, and, of course, to Global Giving as the crowd-funding platform that has been instrumental in raising funds for the sanctuary animals at HAS.