Animal Nepal (AN), is an innovative NGO based in Lalitpur District, Kathmandu Valley, and run by an enthusiastic team of volunteers, who are both local and overseas animal welfare campaigners and educators. AN was established as a non-profit company in 2004 and was registered as an NGO in 2009.

The leading welfare organization of Nepal was founded by Pramada Shah and Lucia de Vries and is managed by the capable Uttam Kafle. Pramada Shah is a well known social activist, who founded Saathi Nepal, a voice for women and children in Nepal. Lucia de Vries is a journalist who established Face to Face and Haka Haki magazines and Sunbird, a publishing house for children’s books. Together they founded the Animal Welfare Network Nepal (AWNN) and Brick Clean Nepal Group.

Uttam Kafle is a vegetarian by birth and worked as a teacher, printing press manager and graphic designer before joining Animal Nepal as a Director.

Animal Nepal has employed 19 staff members, including three vets. The organization operates one ambulance and a wonderful yurt (Mongolian tent) office space with a nice garden. The four office dogs are either blind, deaf or otherwise handicapped.
A Mobile Response Team is in place for an effective response to sick and injured dogs (and sometimes cows and monkeys).

Animal Nepal believes that through awareness-raising and practical interventions, widespread animal cruelty can be gradually reduced, and that Nepal can ultimately become a model country for animal welfare in the region.

Animal Nepal conducts three outreach programs, focusing on stray and community dogs, working equines and working elephants. We manage two rehabilitation centres cum sanctuaries: Chobar Animal Sanctuary in Chobar village, and the Donkey Hospital/ Donkey Sanctuary, based in Badhikhel village. Animal Nepal also runs a Working Elephant Outreach Program, to improve the lives of Nepal’s safari elephants.

We strongly believes education plays a vital role to improve the lives of Nepal’s animals in a lasting manner. This why we organize awareness camps in brick factories, schools and local communities.

Animal Nepal is well known for its national campaigns in the areas of working animals, livestock transport and slaughter, elephant abuse, dog poisoning, humane zoo conditions and urban greenery.

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### Summary of main interventions for dogs 2010-2014

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### Needs of our organisation:

The animals of Nepal needs lots of help! There are different ways to make our work more effective:

- Sponsor the spaying of dogs
- Sponsor the retirement of a working donkey
- Sponsor a sick or injured dog
- Sponsor a care taker at one of our shelters
- Sponsor the salary of a vet
- Sponsor the maintenance of our ambulance
- Sponsor a shelter for our rescued donkeys
Animal Nepal’s Kathmandu Rescue Programme conducts Animal Birth Control/Anti Rabies (ABC/AR) programmes with the help of local municipalities. We catch, vaccinate and sterilize female dogs from the southern part of Kathmandu Valley. We also rescue and treat sick and injured dogs at the Chobar Animal Sanctuary. All those services are free of cost.

Our Activities:

- We educate communities on stray and pet management.
- We conduct mobile health camps as well as CNVR (Catch Neuter Vaccinate and Release) clinics for pet and stray dogs.
- We treat sick or injured stray dogs at our shelter.
- After recovery we return the dogs to the street or give them up for adoption.
- Our services include blood and stool tests, surgery and chemotherapy.
- Pet dogs are spayed and neutered at a nominal charge. Contact us if you want to sterilize your pet!
Animal Nepal has been rescuing injured dogs since 2003. In 2009 launched a Community-Based Stray Dog Rescue & Release Programme called Kathmandu Rescue. The programme has the following objective – to create a healthy, reduced stray dog population in Kathmandu Valley through community-based education and rehabilitation care.

The programme aims at evaluating the following strategies:

- Implement pilot community based Animal Birth Control/Anti Rabies programmes
- Rescue and rehabilitate sick and injured dogs
- Set up a help line
- Provide education and preventive health care within the community
- Promote stray dog adoption
Some 1000 equines (donkeys, mules and horses) are employed in brick kilns in the Kathmandu Valley. Shocked to see their conditions, Animal Nepal in 2008 launched a Working Equine Outreach Programme.

Animal Nepal, with the support of The Donkey Sanctuary, now works in over fifteen brick factories, where it organises regular health camps and educates the owners and handlers. Animal Nepal rescues sick and handicapped equines and lobbies with the authorities for improved conditions and monitoring. By extending its outreach programme in Nepalgunj, Nepal's main equine bazaar, Animal Nepal wants to address the root causes of the abuse and make a lasting change in the lives of Nepal's working equines.

The Godavari Donkey Sanctuary was constructed in 2009, with the help of Brigitte Bardot Foundation. The residents were all the verge of death when we rescued them. Some are blind, others lame or severely malnourished. After a live of abuse, we provide them with well deserved retirement, including good nutrition and ongoing treatment. Most residents are financially supported by individual sponsors through Animal Aid Abroad Australia. Some are even luckier and are adopted by local families and resorts, where they live the remaining days of their lives in comfort.
Project Profile

Animal Nepal in 2008 introduced a Working Donkey Outreach Programme. We conduct regular mobile clinics, provide first aid boxes and improved harnesses, and educate factory and equine handlers and owners. Weak and handicapped donkeys are rescued and taken to the Godavari Donkey Sanctuary. By now, the conditions of the 500 or so working equines in Lalitpur have improved considerably. We also reach out to sick and injured equines in Kathmandu and Bhaktapur district whenever we are called.

During the off season (May-December) we run an outreach programme in Nepalgunj, where the equines are kept six month per year. The objective of our Working Equines Outreach Programme is: To improve the conditions of working donkeys, to educate donkey owners, handlers and kiln owners and to lobby for better conditions for working animals across the nation.

The programme aims at evaluating the following strategies:
- Organise regular health clinics for working equines
- Organise regular education sessions for donkey owners, child handlers and factory owners
- Rescue sick and injured equines
- Lobby for passing of Animal Welfare Act and rules for working animals
- Campaign against ‘Blood Bricks”
- Promote responsible brick industry and ‘clean and green bricks’
ELEPHANT WELFARE PROGRAMME

Around 200 domesticated elephants are employed in anti-poaching units and safari tourism. Aiming to act and campaign for better conditions for both elephants and their caretakers, Animal Nepal in 2013 launched its Working Elephant Outreach Programme.

Together with the authorities and entrepreneurs, Animal Nepal promotes the welfare of privately owned elephants. We conduct research and work directly with owners to create examples of good practices, such as chain-free corrals and ‘humane safaris’.

We lobby at the national level for the introduction of welfare rules and monitoring of existing rules. We also encourage the establishment of an elephant sanctuary and aim to provide training to mahouts to increase their skills and knowledge of elephant management.

Project Profile

After conducting a detailed survey into privately owned elephants used in the safari industry in Sauraha, Chitwan, Animal Nepal supports positive examples of humane elephant management which act as an inspiration for the safari industry:

1. Research: Animal Nepal conducted a welfare assessment of Sauraha’s privately owned safari elephants called An Elephant Is Not A Machine. The survey shows that the elephants’ welfare is severely compromised. Recommendations are included to authorities, owners and mahouts.

2. Chain free enclosures: Unchaining elephants is an important first step to improve the animals’ general well-being. Animal Nepal supported Sapana Village Resort to build Nepal’s first chain-free corral for private elephants and presently supports a major tourism player to follow suit.

3. Humane safari management: The present safari management greatly contributes towards elephant abuse. Animal Nepal has developed standards and provides guidance to owners who want to introduce ‘humane safaris’.

4. Retirement facilities: Animal Nepal likes to team up with stakeholders who want to create retirement facilities for aging elephants. At the moment, there is no place to go for elephants who are getting on in age. That is why they continue to work, well into their 60s.
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