BARK INDIA CHARITABLE TRUST



ANNUAL REPORT

2020-2021

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PROFILE

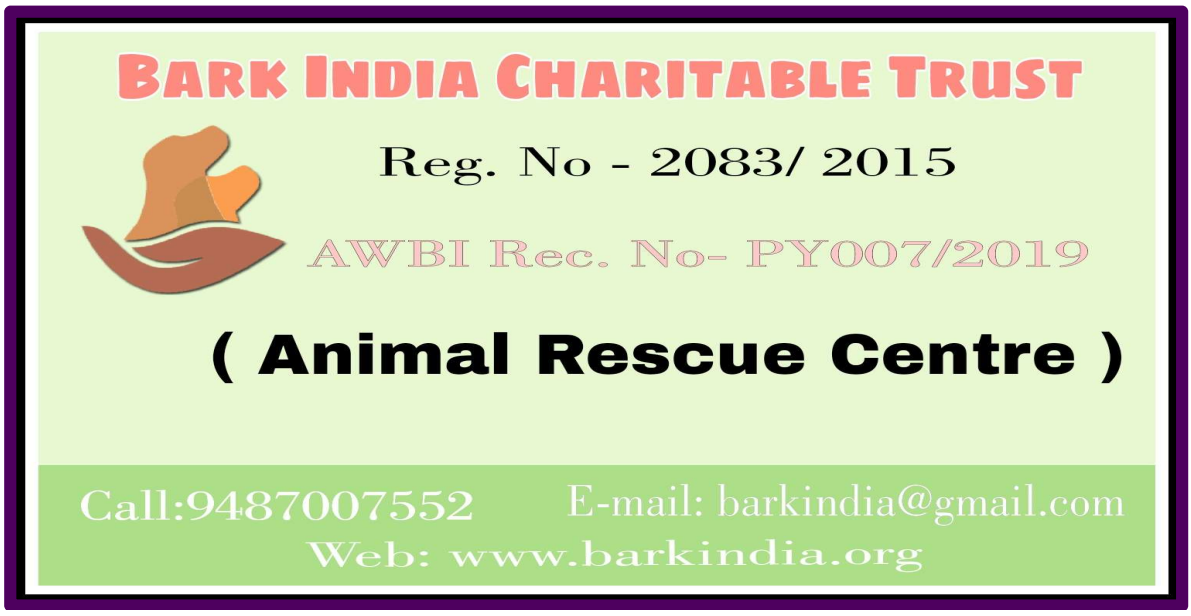
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INTRODUCTION

Bark India Charitable Trust, established in 2015 for the welfare of stray animals in and around Pondicherry. Putting our primary focus on sick animal rescue and treatment, we tirelessly work for the street animals in their need. Being voiceless animals, strays often get denied of their basic rights of food and medical care. Understanding this, Bark India rescues sick and injured strays that needs immediate medical attention to our hospital and rescue centre where they would be given food, shelter, medication and other necessities.



Our 6th financial year of 2020-2021 is completed successfully in helping animals from April 2020- March 2021.

All board members of Bark India are glad to present the sixth Annual report for the financial year of 2020-2021 to respected Animal Welfare Board of India. Definitely this financial year was of great opportunities in helping animals and gaining more experiences in the field of animal welfare.

This year has been a good stepping stone for the growth of our organization. The heartfelt support and help from the public we received was great encouragement for us to do more for the welfare of voiceless animals. This annual report includes our important activities like Animal Rescue and Treatment, Animal Birth Control Programme and Anti- rabies, Animal adoption Programme, Veterinary Medical Camps and Stray dog feeding programme etc. that were carried out during the year of 2020-2021.

One of the important changes with the organization that we made is our registered address changed to the new address No.52, 1st Cross Street, Swami Nathan Nagar, Mailam Main Road, Sedarapet, Puducherry -605111 and the animal rescue center cum veterinary hospital remains in the previous address Plot No. 86, 3rd Street, Mahavishnu Nagar, Opp. Sangamithra Convention centre, Pattanur, Vanur TK, Villupuram- 605101. Our hospital with facilities of x-ray, Operation Theater etc. and more rescue kennels helped us serving better the needy animals. The total number of animals rescued and given treatment in the year was 853 that is higher than the number of rescues we did in the previous financial year.

The recognition of Respected Animal Welfare Board of India (PY007/2015) supports us to carry out animal welfare activities even during the hard times of covid and related lockdown.

Our infrastructure- Hospital & Rescue Centre

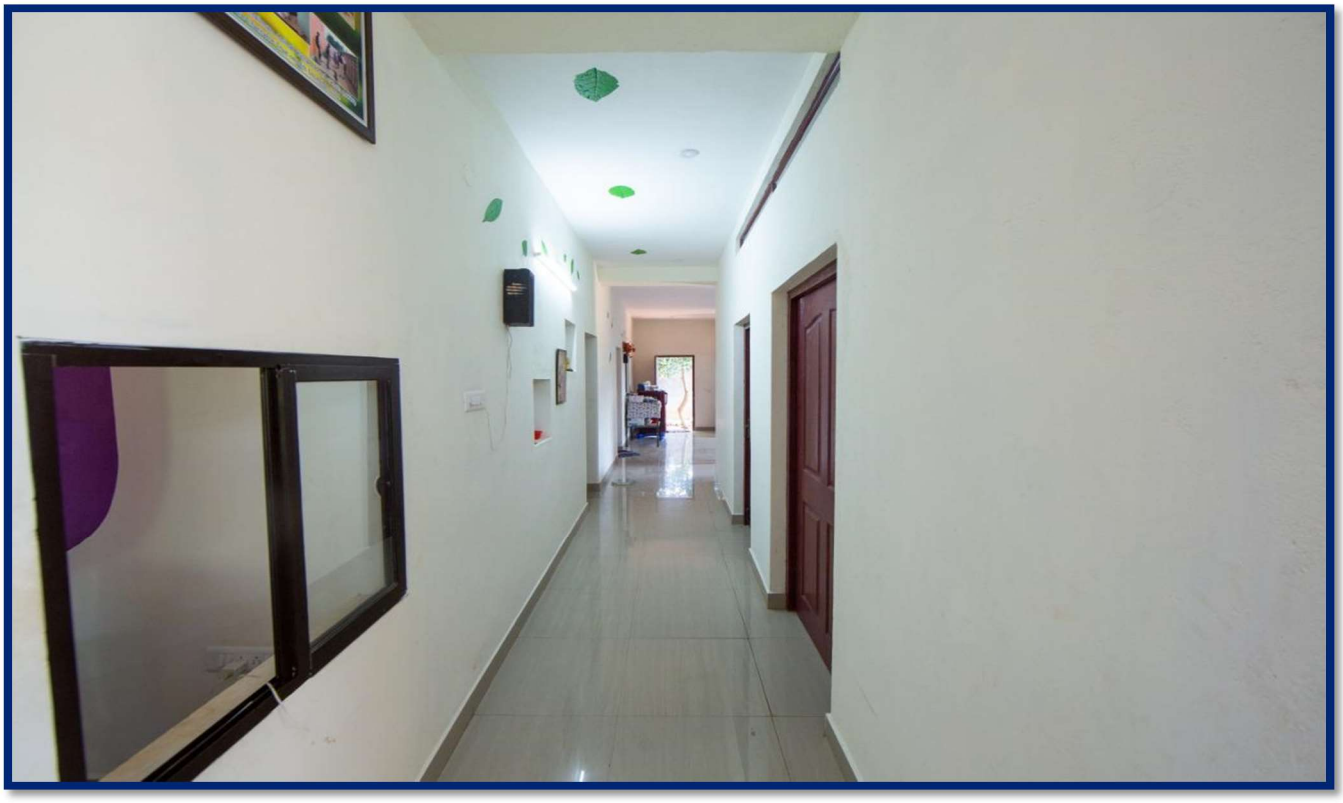
Our veterinary hospital and rescue centre located at No.86, Mahavishnu Nagar, Pattanur, Vanur T.K , Villupuram- 605 101 provides medical care to the sick/ injured strays that need immediate medical attention. The small hospital includes Operation Theater, x-ray machine, Lab, treatment room, kennels for rescued animals etc. We rescue animals to the centre with our rescue van or with public support.



Our rescue centre and hospital building situated at No-84, 3rd street, Mahavishnu Nagar, Navarkulam Main road, PattanuVanur TK, Villupuram-605101



Picture of Reception and office room



A picture from Hospital building



Picture of operation theater

With necessary facilities of air conditioner and instruments for different surgeries, we are able to do small animal surgeries and ABCs.

X-ray facility enables to help injured strays in a better way. In excess stray population, a great portion of rescues are result of road accident cases. For such cases, immediate treatment can be given after taking x-ray.



Picture of our x-ray room and machine with monitor system.

ANIMAL RESCUE KENNELS

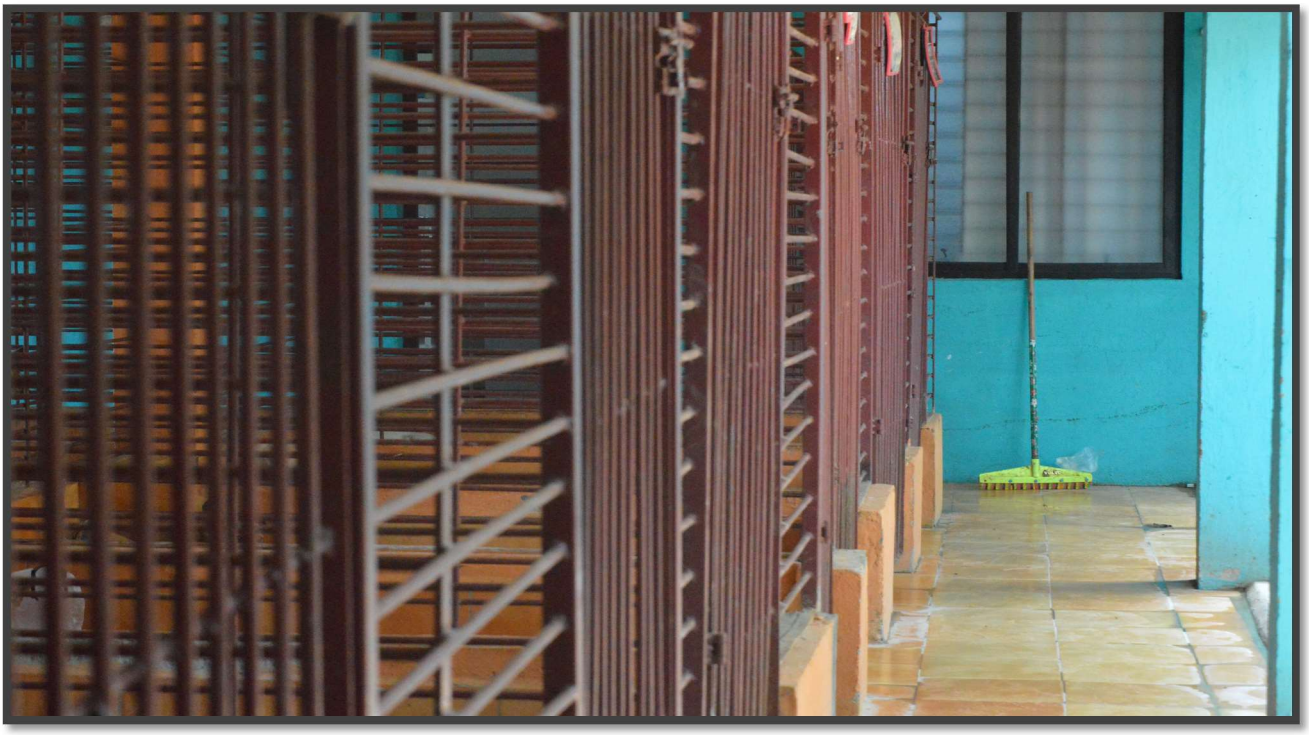
Some photos of the rescue kennels where admitted animals get care and medication till recovery



Individual case sheets will be maintained by our veterinarians, in which details of the animals and treatment given will be written and kept. Food, medication and care will be provided till the animal recover from sickness.







Rescue kennel provides admission to 40-50 animals at a time.



ANIMAL WELFARE PROGRAMMES

Focusing animal welfare as the primary activities of the Trust, following are the main animal welfare programmes we carry out.

- Sick animal rescue programme.
- Animal Birth Control and Anti rabies programme.
- Adoption program.
- Veterinary Medical Camp
- Stray animal feeding

Sick Animal Rescue and Treatment

The higher number of stray animals mean the higher number of animals get sick or injured. Being species of no voice to ask for their own help, stray animals who are ownerless, cannot ask for their help in need. Due to lack of systematic arrangements to support their life, a great number of stray populations get affected and die by road accidents, injuries, contagious and non-contagious diseases. Since the institutionalized help is denied to most of them, they suffer very badly on streets and live a life of deprivation.

Understanding the necessity of animal rescue and treatment, Bark India started animal rescue program on daily basis. We rescue sick/ injured/ wounded strays that needs immediate medical attention to our hospital and rescue centre, where full time veterinarian and trained staff are available for medical care.





Free medication, food, care and other necessities will be provided till recovery. Most of the rescue cases come with accidents, wounds, maggot wounds, tumors, TVT, and other kinds of sickness.



Birds, dogs and cats, pigs and other stray animals get rescued in the programme. The animal would be rescued with the help of the informers, local rescuers/ feeders or by our rescue team directly. Soon after hospitalization, first aid treatment will be given to the animal on its seriousness. All the necessary medical care and good food helps them to recover. Once the animal is physically fit , we sterilize (dogs and cats) and vaccinate them with multi-antigen and anti-rabies. After post-operative care, the animals will be released back to their places either by our rescue team or the informer.



Puppies, kittens and handicapped animals who are unable to go back and survive on street back, will be given for adoption or shifted to the nearest animal shelter – Integrated Animal Care Centre, Auroville.

The below table show the total number of rescues for this year 2020-21.

Month	No. of Rescue	Month	No. of Rescue
April	23	October	60
May	37	November	100
June	49	December	69
July	62	January	100
August	76	February	95
September	71	March	111
Total number of rescue- 853			

Some pictures of the special rescue cases

Story of Blackeon

Blackeon was found at Pondicherry with a tight plastic wire knot stuck around her neck. The wire was deep tight inside the flesh and she had suffering days on street. Due to stench came out of the wound, people started chasing her away and within days, she developed maggots around the tight wire. Informed by Mr. Naveen and friends, Bark India rescue team rescued the dog to our hospital.


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Removing the wire itself was a great relief for her. Maggots removed, medicines applied and she started making slow but steady progress. It took 2 months for her to recover completely from the deep wound that hurt her severely for days. Once the treatment is over, she was taken back to her territory by the informers and we found the happy dog back to her community care takers.

Brownie- The lucky dog

The dog Brownie was rescued not only from the wound he had, but from death just a few seconds ago when he was on the way to death. He was found at Villianur, Pondicherry when a tight metal rope was tied around neck and a group of villagers were dragging him to death, by dropping him down from a high bridge, since he developed a stench maggot wound on shoulder.



When team Voice of Voiceless found the incidents, they immediately rescued the dog and brought him to Bark India hospital. Soon after hospitalization and first aid, all the maggots were removed and he gained health in one week. He started trusting humans again and became a friendly and energetic dog.

After treatment, he got sterilized and vaccinated and taken back by Voice of Voiceless team. He currently lives as a happy boy in their animal shelter.

Piggy- First pig rescue of Bark India

Since we received a call from Saram, Pondicherry regarding a pig that was hit by a vehicle, our rescue team reached on the spot to check her condition. We found the pig inside a compound wall from where she could not come outside even to get food. Getting inside the wall itself was a great challenge and finally after a long time effort, she was rescued and taken to the hospital.

On the way itself she got first aid medication and in the x-ray taken at the hospital, a fracture with the spine and front leg. With medication of 1 month, Piggy started Walking slowly with a slight limping on the affected leg. She started trusting humans and plays with other animals at the rescue centre.



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Piggy lives as a very happy, playful, energetic and lovely pig at our centre.

Animal Birth control and Anti rabies program

Sterilisation of stray animals in not only about controlling the dog population but also about maintaining the equilibrium of healthy animals in an area along with reducing human- animal conflicts. This ABC (Animal Birth Control) programme has been developed by WHO as the only practical and humane solution to control the street dog population and eradicate rabies.

Dog rules 2001, by government of India, provides instructions and regulations on how to implement Animal Birth Control and Anti- rabies programme in India in a

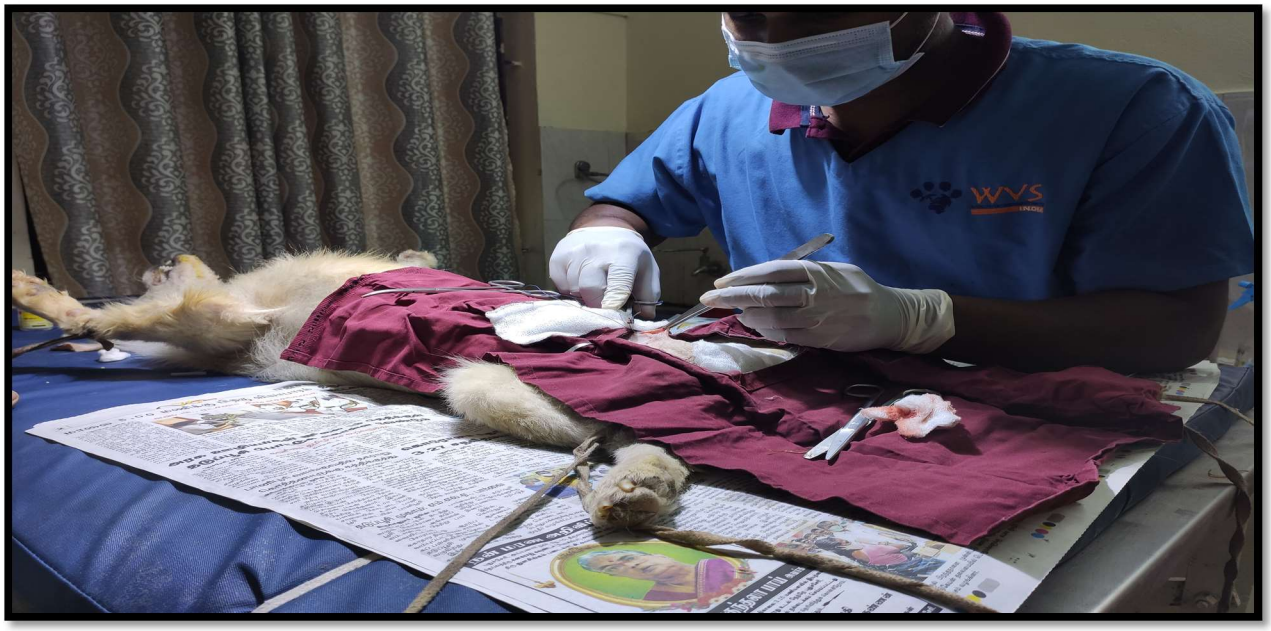
scientific and effective manner. These Rules make it illegal to kill or remove dogs from any area, as it is crucial to the success of the programme that dogs remain in their own areas to be systematically covered by the programme. Removing dogs from an area is not at all a practical solution to number control but it would cause unnecessary invasion of new dogs to the territory. If sterilised animals stay in an area, there will be balanced distribution of available resources and less chance of dog bites and rabies, but it creates a more human- animal friendly society.



Our veterinary doctor is doing ABC at our centre.

Animal Birth Control creates a better society where humans and animals would live peacefully without the arise of issues like dog bites for mating and territorial occupation. Available food resources could be accessed with the sterilized animals. Anti-rabies vaccination given with the surgery reduces/ removes chance of getting rabies and dog bites among dogs and humans as well.

Animal Birth Control sterilises the dogs through spay and neuter, and vaccinate them against rabies. It helps them to have a healthy life after the implementation. It creates no chance of dog fights for mating. Reduces the human-animal conflicts since the remaining population is healthy, better availability of food sources, and no stress of pregnancy and taking care of children.



Bark India has WVS trained veterinarian who performs ABCs as per the prescribed standards and surgery protocols. Our hospital has an Operation Theatre with trained veterinary assistants and necessary equipment. 1-2 surgeries are done every day. All rescued animals will be sterilized and vaccinated against rabies once they are healthy and ready to be released back to their place.

Animal Birth Control has a lot of benefits than just controlling the dog population. The following are the other benefits of ABC- AR programme

- An area will be occupied with the sterilised dogs, no chance of other dog to live there occur.

- Anti- rabies programme helps the dogs to be free of rabies and reduces the chance of rabies and related issues in humans.

- As there is no litter to produce, the remaining dog population number remains fixed and occur no fight for territory.

- Females' dogs become healthy and calm as there no chance of pregnancy and taking care of children.

- No chance of fight among male dogs since there is no female dogs for mating.

- The area becomes a friendly and comfortable place for the dogs.

- Since there is no babies to protect, the females dogs in the area behaves calm and friendly.

- Sterilised dogs get better in health since there is no chance of giving birth, less fight and no risk of sexually transmitted diseases.



The following chart shows the number of spay and castration done in the year.

Month	Male	Female	Total
April	0	0	0
May	4	19	21
June	9	20	29
July	29	31	40
August	8	25	33
September	11	29	40
October	11	18	29
November	15	19	34
December	7	26	33
January	13	42	55
February	12	39	51
March	11	44	55
Total Number of ABC/AR			420

Adoption Programme

Working for animals, finding out new homes for animals is a very important task. Bark India promotes the adoption of Indian mongrel dogs and rescued/ abandoned breed dogs/ handicapped animals. It not only gives an animal a new life, saving it from a difficult life on the street, but also helps reduce the street dog population. Our Adoption programme is part of the rescue programme. After the rescue and treatment processes are complete, some of the dogs and puppies cannot be released back to the same place because they are unable to survive there. For such dogs and puppies, we find them a good loving home. All adopted animals will be provided future medical treatments, sterilizations and all vaccination fully free of cost.

We always try to create awareness among public, about importance and necessity of adoptions and how unauthorized breeding becomes a barrier to adoptions. Adopting animals creates compassion and awareness about animal behaviour among families and children. We are always here to provide instructions and advices to people who adopt animals for the first time. It definitely helps reducing street dog population and a stepping stone for creating a more merciful world. A child of these families gets more attached towards animals and creates a better generation, understanding an animal. Also it would reduce the unlicensed business of breeding the foreign dogs. Adoption should be encouraged to end the abuse and business made by the breed dog industry.

Bark India is glad that **13 animals** are re-homed from us including 1 cat, 3 abandoned breed dogs and 9 mongrel dogs.

Adopted animals with new families



All the animals get adopted from our adoption programme receives 2 doses of DHPPIL multiantigen vaccine and anti-rabies vaccination, deworming for free. Puppies will be sterilized free of cost when they are 6 months old. Our motive is to encourage 'pet culture', so that more people will become attached to their animals, which in turn, leads to less cruelty.

Our motive is to encourage and create the “pet culture”, so that more people will become attached to their animals, which in turn, leads to less cruelty. By offering adoption, we are making an immediate, positive impact in helping us to humanly reduce the street dog population of Pondicherry and its surrounding area.

We promote the benefits of our native, Indian dogs. We believe that this will help to combat the unlicensed foreign breed dog traders, who sadly give little or no care to the dogs. They see them only as a cash machine and then dump them by the roadside when they are rendered useless.

Veterinary Medical Camp

Conducting veterinary medical camps at rural areas where veterinary service is not available, helps the animals and village people as well. These camps mostly help the pet animals and the community dogs to get benefits like basic health check, deworming and anti- rabies vaccination. Bark India is collaborating with some local animal lover groups and conducting these kinds of medical camps.







As part our 5th anniversary in serving animals, in this financial year of 2019-2020 ,Bark India conducted our 7th veterinary medical camp at Krishna Nagar, Pondicherry, on 30th August , 2020, jointly with another local NGO , Voice for Voiceless. We provided vaccination and general check-up was given to 73 dogs in the camp including community dogs, pets and street dogs.



Stray Animal Feeding Programme

Bark India's first feeding programme was started in April, 2019, during the lockdown period of pandemic of Covid 19. The innumerably increasing number of stray dog population is mostly dependent on human resources of food such as restaurant leftovers or food given by feeders. Since shops were closed and no humans are on street, the street animals, especially stray dogs who are so much dependent and lost the natural capacity to find out food themselves, started starving without food, pathetically even without water. The issue has been resolved to a great extend after the lockdown.



Started with the feeding of 20-30 animals in the nearby areas in the initial days, the number of animals to be fed increased as we understood the inevitability of it.



Our stray dog feeding has started on a regular basis of feeding 250 dogs every day, from December 1, 2020 and extended above 550 dogs every day in different parts of Puducherry and Tamil Nadu where food availability is less. Using 120 kg of rice, vegetables, turmeric powder, pepper, and the food is distributed by volunteers and staff who feed them at different times in different places. Feeding and befriending the wild-stray animals is the first step towards their vaccinations, treatments, sterilization and well-being. It creates a dog population that is human-friendly and reduces the human-animal conflicts.

Our Veterinarian

The skills and dedication of a veterinarian is everything about the medical care of sick animals. Bark India is blessed with the help and support of Dr. Vijay E at the rescue centre and hospital. He has done more than 550 ABCs himself including dogs and cats. Always compassionate about animals , and passionate about his profession, we highly valuate his service.

“ It is a great pleasure to work with Bark India and it helps me to serve several animals in distress. NGOs like Bark India support street animals and I am lucky to be a small part of it. . The place provides me enormous opportunities of work and to add more knowlege and experience as a veterinarian. ”- Says Dr. Vijay.



CONCLUSION

We are happy to submit the annual report for the year 2020- 2021, to Respected Animal Welfare Board of India. We are sincerely grateful to all our Donors & Volunteers. Our special thanks to the Animal Husbandry Departments, Villupuram and Animal Husbandry Department, Pondicherry, Also to our staff members, Veterinary Doctor and all our donors and supporters. Without their help, the above work would not be possible. Helping animals provides us greater happiness.

We greatly value all your support and appreciate all your kind interest towards the cause of animal welfare and the recognition by Animal Welfare Board of India provided us the dignity of an Animal Welfare Organisation. With your help, **BARK INDIA CHARITABLE TRUST** can serve more and more animals that need medical care. We are indeed grateful to you for the same and look forward to your support and encouragement in the future too. Believing in a better and compassionate world, we work for stray animals.