

# Karuna

[A monthly newsletter about the activities of Acton for Protection of Wild Animals (APOWA)]

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## A Letter from the President:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our first issue of newsletter. Your smallest interest in our endeavors strengthens us.

Action for Protection of Wild Animals (APOWA) was borne on 20<sup>th</sup> April 1999. APOWA was founded with a mission of "building a community of people to support...[the] welfare of animals and [the] environment and [to] improve relationships between man, animal and environment." APOWA is an award winning team of volunteers, community members, teachers, farmers, researchers, veterinarians, conservationists, educationalists

Animal welfare is challenging in this poor region of the country, challenges have also been accepted by the actors of APOWA. A good number of organized community volunteers have been dedicated themselves for social transformation & it has also been widely accepted that voluntary action is an appropriate & effective instrument for social changes. APOWA have been alleviated fear, pain and suffering in countless animals' lives, and defended the laws that protect them. We have been rescued, re-homed, relocated and rehabilitated thousands of animals. Caring animals with all protection having given to them opens of the starting point of the big race we have been in. Many families rely heavily on their animals so by improving the way they treat their animals we can also help improve their livelihoods offering the chance of a brighter future. Besides the day to day activity of rescue of animals in distress, we are also educating and counseling of community about animal welfare.

We finally forward our grateful thanks for all those supported in our work for the animals and environment continue and kindly request by the name of the poor animals for their valuable support to continue. After all, it is your passion to protect animals and the society that makes APOWA successful.

With Good Wishes,

Bijaya Kumar Rout, President, APOWA

## Activities Accomplish in January 2010

### Observation of Animal Welfare Fortnight:

APOWA has been observed the Animal Welfare Fortnight from 14<sup>th</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> January in Kendrapara district. Each year, we try to add either a new service, or a new thrust to the campaign.

The primary objectives of the observation are to create awareness and action amongst community and especially school students from the early stage of life & kindle their feelings of love, kindness and compassion towards all living beings.

The activities like animal treatment camp, feeding camps, rescue works, animal cruelty check up, formation of new Karuna clubs in schools, awareness programmes on animal welfare, distribution of resource materials, display of placards, slogans at major places of the district; organize of school student's rally conducted during the observation of Animal Welfare Fortnight.



### Animal Treatment Camps organized in remote villages:

During this occasion, the animal treatment camps were organized at Hatapatana, Baghua, Keshpur and Jagannathpur of the Kendrapara district. More than 500 animals (both stray and domestic) were treated in these camps. The camp was coordinated by the vet doctors of APOWA. All the medicines, feeds and vaccines were supplied by APOWA.

### Feeding to Stray Animals:

The feeding programme was arranged for animals in various places of the district. There are more than 450 animals were fed on 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010. The team members of APOWA Organized these programme.

### First Aid/Vet Training to village Youth:

We are in a natural disaster prone area, in which the village youth should need to know about basics of first aid treatment of animals. This is our regular programme on the occasion of Animal welfare fortnight. Handling of injured animals, identification of wounds and cuts, vaccination, administration of medicines and injections to animals, understanding animals through gestures, post-operative care.



( Animal Treatment Camp in a remote village )

The young men with elementary education up to Class X were trained in basic care of animals. These included diagnosing and treating common diseases, applying first, maintenance of animal shelters, Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and wildlife protection laws. This four day long training programme was held at APOWA office premises, Hatapatana from 21<sup>st</sup> January to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

**Formation of New Karuna/Kindness Clubs:** School is a campus with a vision for tomorrow. Inculcation of human values and animal welfare at early school days, where the mind of the child is highly impressionable. The Karuna clubs were formed at Nuapatana EGS School, Baghua UP School, Kadaliban UP School .

### School students Rally for Animal Welfare:

A school student's rally was organized with the participation of the students of Hatapatana U.P. School on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

### Poster Campaign:

This programme was highlighted with various resource materials prepared by organization on animal welfare. The posters were displaced in various important places like district office, major police stations, Veterinary hospitals, school and colleges and other places in our district. Several students, youths, and other people were joined with us for animal welfare campaign.

The Animal Welfare Fortnight observation was declared closed by the president on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2010. It ensures that – for us – Animal Welfare does not end on 30<sup>th</sup> January, nor begin on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January!



### Rescue of Animals in Distress:

We are running 24 hour rescue home and clinic for animals . Our community networks is a big assets for us, in which community members are being bring injured animals to our rescue centre and some times they are informing us . The following are the list of species rescued in the month.

Category	Numbers
Dog-	11
Cattle-	05
Cat-	02



## Promotion of Yoga, Naturopathy and Vegetarianism:

The one day Programme on Naturopathy Camp for Women was organized by APOWA on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at Krushnadaspur. There were 64 women participated in the camp. The experts from National Institute of Naturopathy were attended as the resource persons. The first class has taken by Dr Bijaya Pusti, Naturopath on "Food is medicine". He described about the natural food and its importance for human health. Importance of Naturopathy and vegetarianism for our health. Naturopathy evolved out of ancient healing traditions and is now recognized by mainstream medicine as a valuable and effective treatment for a variety of disorders. He described about the Nutrition - one of naturopathy's foundations. The second class has taken by Dr Ritanjali Pradhan on 'Mud Therapy Treatment'. The last class was on "Yoga, Naturopathy and Vegetarianism for peaceful life". The class was taken by Dr Nibedita Rath. She explained the importance of Yoga in daily life to participants. She was shown different type of Yoga to women participants. She asked all the participants to do the same. In the Question & Answer section, the resource persons have answered the entire question asked by participants at the end of the each class. At the end of the programme all the participants were offered with fruits, juice and banana etc by the organizers.



( Naturopathy Camp for Women )

## KARUNA CLUB SUCCESS STORY:

### Child Scientist's Effort on conservation of endangered olive ridley sea turtles in Orissa coast.

Lalit Mohan Rath a member of APOWA Karuna club and student of Uchasiksha Srama Arua Kadaliban High School Kendrapara and his colleagues prepared a science research base project "Interference of fishing communities in the buffer zone of Gahirmatha and its effect mass nesting of olive ridley sea turtles under the guidance of teacher Mr. Manoj Kr Satapathy was highly praised by a group scientist while he delivered his project at Swaminaryan Gurukul bidya Pratistaanm, Ahmadabad, Gujarat on the National meet of National Children's Science Congress 2009. Lalit and his team also raised their voice in the poster competition to protect the olive ridleys.



( Lalit with his poster campaign )

They were inspired and shown their interest about the sea turtles issues and made this project by participated in a beach cleaning and sea turtle educational programme of Action for Protection of Wild Animals (APOWA) last year. They came to know about endangered olive ridley sea turtles, and threats to these species during this study tour. This one is the outcome of our sea turtle conservation programmes in Orissa coast. Such type of results or achievements will definitely impacts on student community (and through them, their families) not only learn about sea turtles, but to inspire involvement in conservation efforts. Over the years,

we are focusing on young people and school students and there are lots of opportunities for them to participate in hands-on sea turtle educational and conservation programs. We are also in process to setting up of Turtle clubs in each of the coastal school. Further, we must help and support this student to do more success for this project and spread the sea turtle conservation message nation wide.

## Animals in Trouble

### No Respite for Ridleys:

The Orissa coast is once again dotted with carcasses of the endangered Olive Ridley sea turtles. It's a horrific sight. The specter of death commenced about a week back and there have thousands of which have been washed ashore after being killed by several causes been greater accumulation of bodies with each passing day. Turtles are dying en-masse in several locations. The number could exceed in the coming days. The government is not at all serious, as the Orissa government allocated just Rs1, 000(US \$20) in its budget this year for conserving the Olive Ridley turtle. Although Orissa coast considered as the world's largest mass nesting ground of olive ridley turtles. If the turtles go on dying at this alarming rate, the endangered olive Ridley turtles would not find these places safe for nesting or would be extinct in the next few decades.



**Endangered olive ridleys dying in en-masse**

Also, please consider supporting APOWA's Community Based Sea Turtle Conservation program brings new hope. It provides desperately needed conservation programmes, as well as vital fishermen education in the world's largest olive ridley nesting sites of the region. Since its inception in 1999, APOWA's team of researchers, conservationists, members and local volunteers have been save, protect and help to conserve the endangered sea turtles along the Orissa coast. For this vital work to continue however, we need your help. Time is running out for these endangered turtles and their habitat

## Training, Workshop Attended by APOWA Team members

### National workshop on sea Turtle Conservation:

This year's sea turtle conservation workshop of Turtle Action Group (TAG) was held in Bhubaneswar, Orissa between 12th and 13th of January, 2010. APOWA Director Mr. Bijaya Kabi attended the workshop and presented the issue on turtle in troubles.

### Animal Welfare Training :

Two member team of APOWA was participated in the one day training programme on animal welfare organized by District Veterinary Administration on 14th January 2010 at Kendrapara.

## Some Pictures of Rescued Animals by our Team



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