

Kathmandu Animal Treatment Centre

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Humane Management of Street Dogs for Community Benefit

The Kathmandu Animal Treatment Centre (KAT) is a registered non-profit charitable organization dedicated to the humane management of Kathmandu's street dogs for community benefit.

STREET DOGS IN KATHMANDU

Over 20 000 stray dogs wander the streets of Kathmandu, Nepal. Many of these dogs live in a pitiful state, suffering from starvation, disease and maltreatment. Up to 200 people die each year from rabies and other diseases caught through contact with street dogs. In desperation, the Kathmandu Metropolitan Authorities poison stray dogs with strychnine-laced meat distributed randomly on the streets. Children, as well as dogs, can eat this poisoned meat, resulting in a lingering, horrific death of convulsions lasting as long as nine hours. The decomposing dog carcasses are dumped in the river, fouling the community water supply.

THE KAT CENTRE HAS THE SOLUTION

Established in May 2004, the KAT Centre uses humane and effective methods to deal with stray dogs while protecting the general population and building cooperation within neighborhoods and communities. In the areas where KAT works, the city's practice of poisoning street dogs has stopped. We have a three pronged approach:

ABC (Animal Birth Control) • Rabies Vaccination • Public Education



Mango before treatment at KAT ... and Mango today!

THE KAT CENTRE'S APPROACH

- Concentrating on one area of the city at a time, trained staff distribute written information and explain our program to members of a neighborhood. We then pick up female dogs and bring them back to our Centre.
- The dogs are housed in clean kennels where they are registered by the veterinary staff who record the health of each dog. Those dogs who are especially ill are given specialized treatment in our isolation area.
- After a day of rest, the dogs are vaccinated against rabies, spayed, and de-wormed. Each dog is identified by an ear-notch and is tattooed with an individual ID number. Mature dogs also receive a red collar to indicate they have received treatment.
- When strong, the dogs are returned to their neighborhoods. As the dogs are released, our staff encourages neighbors to care for their “community dogs.” Our program unites people in a humane and common cause and promotes community health for dogs and humans.
- We educate the general public by working with local schools, newspapers, radio media and our one-on-one neighborhood contacts. School children visit our facility to learn more about how they can better care for their pets as well as care for the stray dogs in their neighborhoods. As the public learns more about domestic dog care, we are better able to find suitable homes for the dogs in our in-house care.

To learn more and find out how you can help, visit our website, contact us, or come to our shelter in Kathmandu!

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