



# Kathmandu Animal Treatment Centre

## Updates— August 2009

**Humane management of street dogs for community benefit.**

### Tara and her new wheel chair.



Amid great excitement Tara has taken her first steps. Our plan to have a wheel chair made in Kathmandu was cancelled on receiving a message from a KAT supporter, Bobbi Thami (who was on holiday in the US) that she would be bringing back with her a wheel chair that had been donated to Tara by a well wisher, Gail Rodkin. To the delight of all at KAT, only a few minor adjustments were necessary to make this wheelchair 'a just right fit' for our precious paraplegic Tara. It will take time for Tara to feel at ease with this new freedom but she shows a natural aptitude and has started taking paced steps at 15-30 min intervals. The sores on her rear-end are now completely healed and the new wheelchair will enable her to get around KAT Centre with without scraping her bottom. Thank you, Bobbi and Gail Rodkin

### The 'Woof Woof Tour' comes to KAT



KAT staff with Oscar ( centre)

The round-the-world, 'Woof Woof Tour', of Oscar, a former street dog, is touring 60 Centres to create awareness of the world's 475 million destitute and homeless canines. Earlier this month, KAT was thrilled to welcome Oscar and owner Joanna Lefson to the Centre. Nepal is the twentieth country on the celebrity tour for this previously homeless pooch who hails from Cape Town, South Africa. Oscar's team is filming his epic adventure as part of a global documentary to encourage people to adopt street dogs.

Oscar is perhaps the most travelled dog in history – he has left his mark at the great Pyramids, sniffed out the Big 5 on safari in Kenya, tasted curry and rice at the Taj Mahal and chased pigeons in Moscow's Red Square. Despite being so well traveled, Oscar's manners at KAT was just the same as that of any well-loved dog - confident



Oscar in Egypt

and friendly! He enjoyed the pleasure of running about and playing with KAT's own former street dogs. KAT wishes him well on his journey and supports his message and mission to bring greater awareness of the need to adopt clever street dogs for the benefit of both dogs and humans.

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### Brave Top Bahadur found

After weeks of searching with posters and by word of mouth, the intrepid young rag-picker who risked his life for a street dog, has finally been found. Top Bahadur was featured in our last newsletter in a photo showing him wading, way past his waist in filth and stench, to rescue a dog about

to disappear under the oozing mire of the foul Bagmati river. His extraordinary bravery captured the attention of KAT and its supporters. When asked why he risked his life – his plain, simple answer, "because I love dogs" touched us all. He then disappeared into the crowd.



L-R. KAT Staff Rajendra and Bal Krishna with Top Bahadur Magar

Now that he has been found, KAT offered him a position at the Centre. In his shy and unassuming way he expressed his gratefulness but explained that he was unable to accept KAT's kind offer. During the time between his amazing rescue and our locating him, he was able to find employment in an engineering plant. KAT is now looking for a suitable, lasting reward for this extremely brave young man. More in our next Newsletter.



To remind you of the appalling sludge.....!!!

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