



PEOPLE FOR ANIMALS™

**People For Animals,  
Wildlife Hospital  
Bangalore  
Annual Activities Report 2015**



## Schools that visited PFA

PFA believes that awareness about animal welfare is most effective when disseminated among children. At PFA, children understand in practicality what wildlife is and why is it essential to co-exist.

Children are introduced to PFA and its work at the 'Knowledge Centre' post which they are divided into groups and escorted around the shelter by the careful guidance of the staff.

The tour around the 6 acre campus usually lasts about 2 to 2 and a half hours where the children get to know the rescue stories of the in-care animals. The interactive session is then followed by a Bird Workshop where a healthy bird resumes its flight back into the skies. The children also participate in an awareness talk about snakes and what to do when you sight a snake.

The learning experience ends with the children taking a pledge to protect and preserve wildlife. They recognize that they need wildlife just as much as it needs them. They make a promise to stand up against any atrocities committed against wildlife

List of Schools that visited PFA in 2015:

- Sharada Vidyaniketan
- Prerana Montessori
- Bunts RNS Vidyaniketan
- Jain Toddlers
- Mitra Academy
- Orchids International School
- Parikrma Humanity Foundation
- NET Public school
- Creative Minds
- Chaitanya Techno School
- Vishwa Vidyapeeta
- Vishwakosha Gurukula
- Ullas Public School
- Trio World Academy

- Sky High International School
- Alpine Public School
- National Public school



## **PFA's visit to Educational Institutions**

PFA also conducts awareness programs in educational institutions to spread awareness about urban wildlife and responsibility of people when they see an injured wild animal. From school children to college students, it is everyone's responsibility to protect the animals around us and raise our voice against any cruelty towards animals.

Following Schools and Colleges were visited by PFA in 2015:

1. SJB Institute of Technology
2. Jain College, J.C Road
3. Orchids International School

4. Rajarajeshwari School
5. SNB College of Science and Commerce
  
6. Sanjay Gandhi College of Education



### **Companies/Organizations visits to PFA**

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is not going to solve the world's problems. That being said, CSR is a way for companies to benefit themselves while also benefiting society. Few of the IT Companies in Bangalore visited PFA as a part of their CSR activity and helped in the shelter activities such as feeding of the animals, enrichment of animal enclosures, aesthetics of the shelter, adoption etc.

Following are the Companies/Organizations that visited Pfa:

1. Accenture
2. Informatica
3. Volunteer for a Cause

### **PFA's Visit to Apartments**

PFA receives a lot of rescue calls from apartment complexes and housing societies about frequent snake encounters. This is clearly due to the deforestation that takes place to accommodate upcoming residential

facilities. Hence PFA visits these societies to educate the residents about the protocols to follow during snake encounters, injured wildlife. This provides a perfect platform for dissemination of awareness amongst people of all ages and bust myths associated to animals.

Following apartment complexes were visited by PFA in 2015:

1. Golden Woods
2. Heritage Apartments



## Awareness Events

An important part of PFA is its outreach/awareness events. This concentrates on spreading awareness to people about various aspects like, using clay idols during Ganesha festival instead of coloured idols, what to do if one comes across animal, what to do when you see an animal in distress or injured, what to do when you see a snake, why using the Manja thread to fly kites kills countless birds every year etc. Though PFA works extensively towards the rescue of Urban Wildlife, it gives equal importance to the rights of domestic animals and ecology.

Awareness events were organized in the following places in 2015:

1. Gopalan mall, Rajarajeshwari Nagar
2. Lalbagh Botanical Garden



3. Sunday Soul Sante
4. Dogathon
5. Bake sale at M.G.Road
6. Snake awareness program Empeyrean Township



## Workshops/Training Programs at PFA

PFA believes that imparting practical knowledge is very essential for a better understanding of the subject. Workshops and training programs are thus conducted by the skilled staff of PFA ensuring 100 percent safety during the process. Workshops such as these have helped have more volunteers/ animal lovers rescue distressed animals across the city.

Following Workshops were conducted at PFA in 2015:

1. Herps - knowing them better. (Herpetology workshop for veterinarians)
2. Volunteer Training Program – Rescue of Aves
3. Customer Relationship Management Training for Staff
4. Snake handling workshop for the staff
5. First aid training of Aves for the staff
6. Snake Handling and Rescue Workshop conducted for the employees of Toyota Kirloskar Auto Parts.

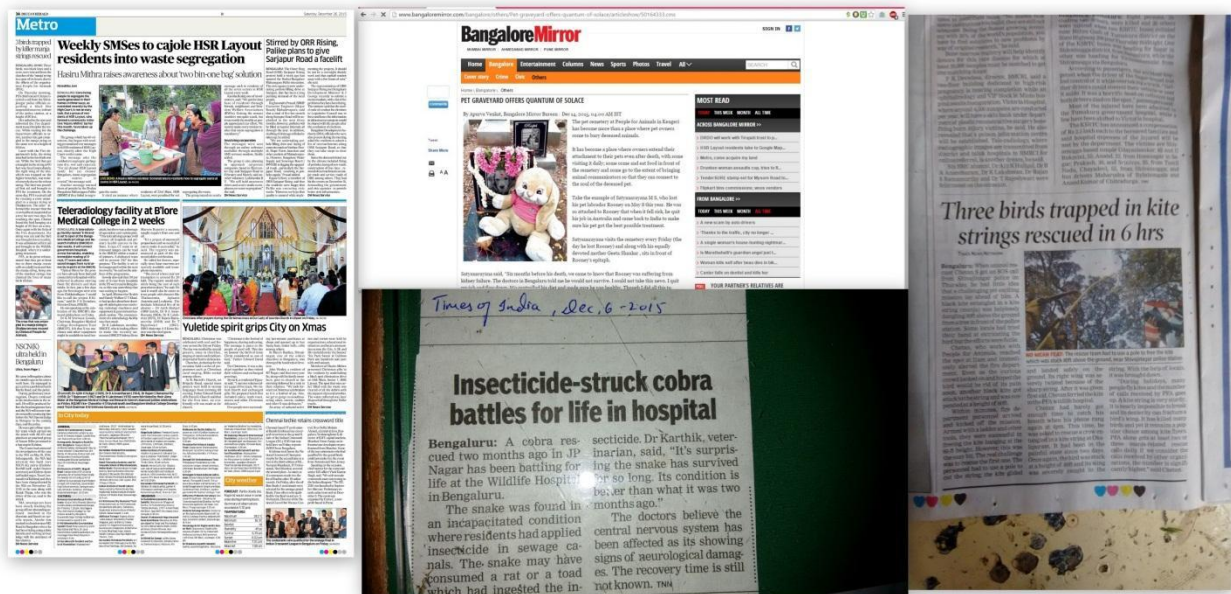
## Special Visits to PFA

1. Mr. Gilles Boeuf, Director of The French National Museum of Natural History visited People for Animals in 2015. He was all praises for the work done by PFA to save thousands of wildlife in distress.

## PFA in the News

Till date PFA has rescued 18,957 animals. Among these, interesting and rare rescues were picked and published by various newspapers. This helped in reaching larger groups of people and informing them about us and our work. As a result, we had more visitors, more rescue calls and more donations from people.

1. Kite Vs Kite Campaign on Radio city 91.9 FM.
2. 17 various articles and rescue stories about PFA was published in papers like Times of India, The New Indian Express, Bangalore Mirror, The Hindu, Prajavani, City Today etc.



## Celebrations at PFA

The following festivals were celebrated at PFA in 2015

1. 15<sup>th</sup> of August, Independence Day
2. Ayudha Pooja
3. Nagapanchami



## Rare rescues/Confiscations

2015 saw the rescue and confiscation of few animals that are rare visitors to PFA. Below is the list for the same.

- Rescue of an Indian Grey Mongoose - suspected to have fallen prey to animal trafficking.
- 1 Rhesus Macaque was rescued in Ramnagara. Displacement suspected due to captivity followed by abandonment.
- A total of 3 Indian Pangolins were rescued in 2015.
- 1 Spotted Deer was rescued that had fallen prey to snare traps in a forest range.
- Six cat snakes were rescued in HSR Layout inside a transportation truck.
- Confiscation and Rescue of 2 Monitor Lizards.
- 2 Black Naped Hares were rescued in 2015.



- 4 orphaned jungle kittens that were barely a few days old was rescued near Turahalli Forest Range.
- 2 Slender Loris were rescued during 2 different rescue operations in 2015.
- A Juvenile Malayan Night Heron was rescued by trained volunteers.
- 35 cobra eggs were rescued and kept in incubation. After 21 days, 13 hatched successfully and were released back into the wild.
- A total of 4 Common Kraits were rescued in 2015.
- PFA rescued 28 rat snake eggs out of which 26 hatched after incubation.
- 2 Indian Rock Pythons were rescued due to displacement.
- Confiscated 51 star tortoise and 28 Hamilton terrapins were handed over to PFA for rehabilitation
- 1 Banded Racer
- 3 Common Sand Boas
- 5 Red Sand Boas
- Russel's Kukri – 2
- 1 Tarantula
- 3 Mottled Wood Owl
- 3 House Swift
- 1 Purple Moor Hen
- 1 Kingfisher
- 3 Indian Pitta
- 2 Sun Birds
- 1 Tickles Flower Pecker
- 1 Lapwing
- 1 Serpent Eagle
- 1 Scoops Owl
- 1 Kestrel
- 1 Green Vine Snake.
- 1 Eurasian Golden Oriole
- 1 Brain Fever Bird

- A total of 13 peafowls came into PFA for treatment and rehabilitation during various rescue and confiscation operations.
- 24 Barn Owls were rescued in 1 just Month (September 2015)
- 4 Grey Pelicans were rescued from Jakkur Lake.
- 1 King Parachute Tarantula was rescued by an informer and handed over to PFA.



### Rescue Statistics of 2015

**Total Rescues - 2610**

**Mammals- 385**

**Aves- 1208**

**Reptiles- 1016**

**Arachnids - 1**

### Internship Programs

Students from India and abroad interned with PFA Bangalore as a part of their academic program. PFA always strives to excel as a place for learning. In this case, not just the students learn from the staff, but the staff gain new vibrant ideas from the interns.

The following interned with PFA in 2015:

- Dr. Alicia Chow - BVSc, Botswana
- Devina Viswanathan – B.A, College of the Atlantic, Maine, USA
- Divij Gangadhar – M.A, Manipal University - School of Communication
- Valentine Xavier Lewis –B.B.M, St. Joseph’s College
- Sohn Saldhana – B.S.W, St. Joseph’s College

## Miscellaneous

1. An initiative to get feedback from informers regarding the rescue process was kick started from May 2015. This helped us assess what people had to say about the rescue process as well as any useful feedback with which we could provide better service to the animals.
2. In August 2015, the inauguration of the life time care enclosure was done. This enclosure was built to provide a spacious and a special facility to the disabled and blind macaques that would be taken care by PFA for life.
3. 5 veterinary students from Murdoch University, Australia visited PFA to understand the working of wildlife NGO in southern India.
4. Dr. Karthik from PFA, Bangalore was invited by the officials at Mysore Zoo for sharing suggestions on husbandry and management of reptiles. Dr. Karthik also conducted the Post Mortem of a Green Anaconda and examined another one.
5. 898 pets found a serene final resting place at PFA’s pet Cemetery in 2015.
6. A Tetanus vaccination camp was conducted for all the staff at PFA.

## **Milestone**

1. PFA entered its 20<sup>th</sup> year of existence in Bangalore and a total of 18,957 wildlife were successfully rescued.