

Activity Report 2012-2013

Social Development Activities

TC mourns the demise of Ven. Alag Rinpoche



Tibet Charity (India) mourns the death of one of its revered founding members and vice-chairman of its governing body, Venerable Alag Jigme Lhundup Rinpoche. He succumbed to prolonged illness and passed away at Balaji Hospital, Kangra (12 kms from Dharamsala) on 26th July 2012. Born in 1938 in Dhomey Province, Tibet, he was recognized as the reincarnated lama of late Jigme Rinpoche at the age of seven. After undergoing rigorous religious studies in Tibet, he came to India in 1959 as part of the Tibetan Diasporas. His career in exile was characterized by

honourable service in the political, spiritual, and communal areas of Tibetan life, and his influence has been widely felt. Rinpoche served as a member of exile Tibetan parliament for four consecutive terms over a period of 13 years. During the course of his tenure in the parliament, he got elected as the speaker as well. He was also selected as a member of the 4th fact-finding delegation to Tibet. For seven years, he worked as the head of the Audit Section under Central Tibetan Administration. In 1991 he was appointed Minister of the Department of Security. After retirement from active government services, he got associated with various charitable organisations. He was one of the founding members of Tibet Charity in India and got selected as the Vice Chairman of Tibet Charity, post he held till the last day of his life. "He was a very inspiring and valued member of the community, someone we could always look to for guidance," said Tsering Thundup, Director of Tibet Charity. The staff of Tibet Charity organised special prayer for the departed soul. We wish him speedy rebirth.

Tibet Charity mourns the demise of Kalon Trisur Sonam Topgyal



Tibet Charity is deeply saddened by the passing away of 'Kalon Trisur' (former Tibetan Prime Minister in exile) and Chairman of Tibet Charity in India, Mr. Sonam Topgyal la at his residence in Dharamshala, on 30th December 2012, after a prolonged illness.

Born in 1935 in Chamdo, Tibet, Sonam Topgyal escaped into exile in 1959 and began his active service with the Central Tibetan Administration in 1971. Rising through the ranks and working mostly with the erstwhile Information Office, now the Department of Information and International Relations, Sonam Topgyal served twice in the exile Tibetan cabinet. In

the 10th Kashag from 1993–1996, Sonam Topgyal served as the minister of the departments of home and health and later as the Chairman of the Cabinet. In the 11th Kashag from June 1996 to August 2001, Sonam Topgyal served as the Kalon Tripa, the de facto Tibetan Prime Minister from April 1997-2001.

Prior to joining CTA, Sonam Topgyal had helped found the Tibetan language Sheja magazine in 1968, which is still in print today. He was one of the four founding members of the Tibetan Youth Congress, the largest pro-independence group in exile and also helped draft the group's constitution. In July 1993, Sonam Topgyal, who was then the secretary of DIIR, visited China along with Kalon Gyalo Thondup to deliver a letter and memorandum on behalf of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. The Tibetan delegation met Wang Caogo, Director of the CPC's United Front Work Department. Besides his lifelong service to the Central Tibetan Administration, he has been actively involved in

various Tibetan NGOs as a member in their board of governors. He served and guided Tibet Charity India as its Chairman from the start. He has always been available for guidance and blessings whenever we needed one. His demise has been a big loss to the Tibetan community in general and Tibet Charity in particular. Staff of Tibet Charity offers our deepest condolence to the family of the deceased and we will offer special prayers for the deceased so that he may have quick rebirth serving once more under the leadership of His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

Founder & Chairman Tibet Charity visits Mundgod, India



Most venerable Lakha Rinpoche, Founder and Chairman of Tibet Charity Denmark visited Tibetan settlement Mundgod along with Mrs. Pia Lakha la, one of the co-founder of Tibet Charity, and a group from Denmark and Sweden. Rinpoche is a reincarnated Lama regarded as the Chief Lama of Kham Batang area in Tibet.

He was very welcomed by the monks of Gadhen Phara Khangtsen. They offered special long life prayer for him. A similar long life prayer was offered to him at Drepung Phara Khangtsen as well.

During his visit to Mundgod, he was invited to visit Old People's Home, Mundgod. He was received at the OPH by the Tibetan Settlement Officer and the lady in-charge of the OPH.

He went around and met the elders staying at OPH, many of whom sought special blessings from him. After visiting their rooms, he met all of them together where he shared some words of wisdom with the elders. He urged the elders to make the remaining part of their life meaningful by having good thoughts. He requested them to remember grateful to His Holiness the Dalai Lama because of who Tibetans are considered among the most well functioning refugee community in the world. He thanked the elders for the role they have played in the progress of the Tibetan community in exile and at the same time preserving the rich Tibetan culture and religion. He felt that they younger generation of Tibetans should appreciate the fact that it is because of these elders that we are what we are. These elders who started building everything from a scratch when they first came here in exile have made things easy for the following generations.

Rinpoche also met Mr. Tsering Thundup, Director TC India and discussed matters relating to TC Phendeling project in the south. They also discussed other issues relating to Tibet Charity.

While Director left for Dharamsala on the 28th, Rinpoche and the group will be in Mundgod till 2nd February 2013.

A new vision for our elders

The initiative started and funded by the Casa Del Tibet organization of Barcelona in 2012 bore fruit this month when the first batch of tailor-made glasses arrived from Spain.

Casa Del Tibet had originally contacted the Tibetan Settlement office in 2012 with a proposal to donate spectacles to local people. It was decided that the testing be



conducted at the Tibet Charity Clinic because of our close involvement with elders of the community.

Casa Del Tibet took the testing data back to Spain where the glasses were manufactured. Over 100 people were examined at the *Eye test Camp*, and all of them will be receiving their spectacles in due course.

We wish to thank Casa Del Tibet for helping to improve the quality of life for many vulnerable elders in our community.

Education Development Activities

Hindi Class Started

On top of the existing English and computer lessons we offer to the new comers from Tibet and to those who have not been able to complete their studies in India, we have now started Hindi language classes from 16th March 2012. Hindi is the language that is most widely used in India.

The new comers from Tibet face problems when they go about shopping or when communicating with the locals that they frequently come across such as the taxi drivers, shop keepers, pharmacists etc. They also face problem when they travel around or when they go to govt. hospitals or offices as most of the signboards are in Hindi.



To help them overcome these barriers, we have decided to start the Hindi language classes.

Mrs. Neelam Sharma has kindly agreed to volunteer as Hindi teachers for our students here. She has been a teacher for many years before she got married. Presently she is associated with some charitable organizations.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Neelam Sharma for kindly agreeing to work as a volunteer Hindi teacher.

Volunteers visited Tibetan Settlements

All the volunteers of Tibet Charity went for a tour to the Tibetan settlements at Bir and Chauntra. During the tour, they visited Tibetan school at Chauntra and the monasteries at Chauntra and Sherab Ling.

The school gave them a very good reception. The Director of Tibet Charity who had been a Headmaster at the school for five years took the volunteers around. They went to the classes and met the students. They all marveled at the cleanliness maintained by the students in their dormitories and classrooms. After a brief tour of the school, special tea and snacks has been arranged by the school for the visitors.

From there, they visited the Zongsar Institute of Buddhist Studies and visited the main temple of the Institute. The grandeur of the temple impressed one and all.

After stopping briefly at Bir where lunch was taken, the volunteers then went to see the Sherabling Monastery in the wilderness. All enjoyed the peaceful atmosphere of the location. They also witnessed the special prayer by the monks of the monastery in their temple.

On their way back to Dharamsala, they had a brief halt to have a look at a village fair that was going on. All had a taste of Indian sweets at the fair.

On reaching here, they all expressed their joy for having made the trip.

This tour is something we organize every year as a token of our gratitude for the wonderful service they provide to the Tibetan community here in Dharamsala.

Photoshop Workshop Organized

Returning Tibet Charity volunteer, photographer and Photoshop expert Neil Pollick from England, has just finished his 16 day Photoshop course at the TC centre in McLeod Ganj. Neil delivered a course that was suitable for beginners and at the same time was able to engage more experienced users.



The classes ran for 2 and half hours each day, over 16 days starting on May 8th. Classes were scheduled for the evening so that working people could also attend. Students included some TC regulars and newcomers from the Tibetan community, all keen to pick up insider information on this complex and powerful image editing program.

Tibet Charity continued its cooperation with local company Srijan Technologies by offering places on the course to their company staff. Srijan have offered free training to members of the Tibetan community in the past and Tibet

Charity was happy for a chance to return the favour.

Student Gyaltzen Wahngchuk is a newcomer to computers and is keen to improve his skills in all areas. He said the course was “comprehensive and effective” but he wishes the pace had been a little slower to give him time to absorb all the new techniques. Fellow student Tenzin Gawa described the course as “truly awesome” and said he was looking forward to the next one in the series!

Tibet Charity receives official accreditation from NIOS

Tibet Charity received official accreditation from National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), under Ministry of Human Resource and Development, Govt. of India to start Open Basic Education program. **The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)** formerly known as National Open School (NOS) was established in November, 1989 as an autonomous organisation in pursuance of National Policy on Education 1986 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India. NIOS is providing a number of Vocational, Life Enrichment and community oriented courses besides General and Academic Courses at Secondary and Senior Secondary level. It also offers Elementary level Courses through its Open Basic Education Programmes (OBE). Government of India through a gazette notification vested NIOS with the authority to examine and certify learners registered with it up to pre-degree level course. Tibet Charity will soon start Basic Education (OBE) Program with three different levels of classes. The three levels will be Level A (equivalent to class III), level B (equivalent to class V) and level C (equivalent to class VIII). Duration for each class will be one year. The students will have to take English, General Science, Social Studies, Maths and Environmental Science as the five compulsory subjects. After completing the courses, the students will be provided certificates by NIOS which will be recognized all over India. After passing Level C, the students can then appear for class X and class XII exams which will then open the gate for all university level studies. With the start of this program, we hope to provide equal opportunity and hope to those who are recent

arrivals from Tibet and who find themselves bit too old to attend normal schools here in India. This will also provide second opportunity to those who could not complete the schools due to whatever reasons. They can all now hope to carry an aim like anyone in normal schools. Within a maximum period of five years, they can complete class XII and then join universities anywhere in India just as the students from normal schools.

We hope to get this program rolling by early next year.

Special English and Computer Classes started

A special English language and Computer classes were started for the new comers from Tibet. This program has been started with initiative and financial support from Youth Empowerment Scheme (YES) under Department of Homes, CTA Dharamsala.

The main idea behind starting this project was to provide Basic English language and Computer education to those new comers from Tibet who had no access to formal education in Tibet under the Chinese rule. With some Basic English language and computer education, we hope that they will have access to the world of knowledge and communication. This will also enable them to interact better with people who don't speak Tibetan. These classes were started with small introductory speech from the Secretary, Department of Homes. He outlined the objectives behind program. He said that besides these classes here, they are also starting food craft courses for the newcomer from Tibet at Neelamangalam, Bangalore. Mr. Pema Chinnjor, honorable Kalon, Department of Religion and Culture, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. He urged the students to make the best use of the opportunity they've got and work hard to ensure the success of this noble project. Mr. Kunchok Dhundup, the Chief coordinator of this project thanked Tibet Charity for taking up this project under its wing. We on our part feel privileged for being selected by the Department of Homes under Central Tibetan Administration to run this program. This is recognition of the success we have had in running the English and computer classes and the credit must go to all our hardworking staff and volunteers. It is because of their dedication, efficiency and hard work that we have achieved what we have achieved so far.



Minister of Homes, CTA visits Tibet Charity



Her excellency, Mrs. Dolma Gyari, the honourable Kalon (Minister) for Homes under Central Tibetan Administration visited Tibet Charity. She was accompanied by Mr. Dhundup Dorji, the honorable Additional Secretary of Department of Homes and other related staff from the Department.

She visited Tibet Charity to interact with the students participating in English and Computer classes. These students have been enrolled as students of our English and computer classes as part of a project under Youth Empowerment Scheme (YES) of Department of Homes. This project was undertaken by YES to enable the new arrivals from Tibet to gain some literacy in computer and English language. With some knowledge in computer and English, the newcomers from Tibet, who face great difficulty in communicating with the people in new land due to the language barrier, can hope

to make progress in life and mix freely with the world.

The Kalon visited the classes and met with the teachers. She also visited various sections of Tibet Charity and was given briefing about the activities of Tibet Charity by its Director, Mr. Tsering Thundup. She fully appreciated the good works of Tibet Charity, especially in relation to the Open Education program that is going to be started from next year.

She then had some free interaction with the students and discussed ways to make this project more fruitful in enabling the students to stand on their own feet.

His Excellency Sikyong visits Tibet Charity

His Excellency Sikyong (political head of the Tibetans) Dr. Lobsang Sangay visited Tibet Charity on 24th January 2012 in relation to the English language and computer classes being organised by Tibet Charity in cooperation with Youth Empowerment Scheme (YES) under Department of Homes (DoH) of Central Tibetan Administration (CTA). He was accompanied by the Secretary, Department of Homes and other officials related to YES program.



HE Sikyong was received with traditional Tibetan scarf at Tibet Charity House by Ms Yeshey Dolma, office secretary, in the absence of the Director who was on an official tour to South India. He was then taken around Tibet Charity complex and introduced to various charitable activities being carried out by Tibet Charity for the benefit of the poor and needy Tibetans. He was taken to the classes where the classes are being held and he had very free interaction with the students. He explained the idea behind organising these special classes which he said was to help the new comers from Tibet learn new language and gain computer knowledge which in turn will make it easier for them while resettling in a foreign land. He also took questions from the students and took time to answer each and every question thrown to him. He had special praise for Tibet Charity Open Basic Education Program (TCOBEP). TCOBEP he said will give great opportunity to those who can not go to normal schools. Under this program the students, who are too old to go to normal schools, to finish school level education in a very quick time. With little extra effort they can hope to finish class XII in a maximum of five years time. The various classes, level A, B and C, being run by TC will be equivalent to class III, V and VIII respectively of normal schools. The certificates which will be provided by National Institute of Open Schooling under Ministry of Human Resource and Development, Govt. of India will be recognised all over India. If successful TC intends to start classes X and XII after which they can join any further training courses or pursue higher university level studies all over India. HE Sikyong urged the students to join TCOBEP and urged them to avail the scholarship facility of Department of Education under CTA reserved for new comers from Tibet as and when they feel the need to go for higher studies after finishing class XII. He Sikyong Dr. Lobsang Singye is the second directly elected Sikyong (previously called Kalon Tripa) and first after His Holiness the Dalai Lama gave up all political powers to the person directly elected by the people.

Extensive Reading English program for school children conducted

Mathew White and Sophie Muller, two university teachers working in Japan are currently giving special 7-day workshops on Extensive Reading. The purpose is to



promote the benefits of reading self-selected English books at levels learners can read and understand without needing to stop and look up unfamiliar words.

The workshops include activities to develop their overall English through reading aloud for pronunciation, creating 7-word summaries to deepen understanding of the story, writing original endings to practice writing, and connecting events and perspectives from the stories to their own lives to help students grow as wholesome individuals.

The current workshop has 19 students from various TCV schools reading and sharing their books from 9 am to 12 pm from Monday to Friday. The instructors are extremely pleased with students' enthusiasm and their willingness to read. They are also impressed by the students' English abilities, and hope to soon meet TCV English teachers to share experiences.

The next workshop starting on February 27th will be open to regular Tibet Charity students. The instructors hope to motivate them to read, as a good reading habit will help them improve their English skills on their own.

We thank Nagoya University of Foreign Studies (Japan), the Extensive Reading Foundation (Japan), the Extensive Reading Special Interest Group (Japan), and graded reader publishers, especially Cengage Japan, for kindly supporting this program.

We thank Mathew White and Sophie Muller for kindly planning this program and actually making it happen. We really believe that this program has garnered enough interest among the participants and that they enjoy reading. This, we are sure, will help them in improving their command over the language.

If you wish to contact the instructors regarding Extensive Reading, please email Sophie Muller at smuller_chukyo@me.com.

Health Care Activities

Free Community Health Check hosted



On 12 April 2012, Tibet Charity's Health Section carried out free check up of the Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar level of the people in McLeod Ganj area. A station was set up in the main square of McLeod Ganj to conduct the check up.

This was done to create awareness among the general public regarding the need to have BP and Blood Sugar level under control. This awareness program is all the more important as there is growing number of people in the Tibetan as well as Indian community with high blood pressure and blood sugar level.

Right from the very beginning, people showed great interest in getting the check up done. Both Tibetans as well as Indians, including large number of tourists, waited in line for their chance. In total 508 people turned up for the check up out of which there were 194 Indians and 314 Tibetans.

Information leaflets in relation to High Blood Pressure and Diabetes were handed out to the public as well.

People were full of praise for this initiative by the Tibet Charity Health Section. The staff of the Health Section with help from Ms Suzie did a brilliant job on the day.

Details of the check up are as under:

Blood Pressure Statistics (339 patients checked)

Categories	Number of Patients	Remarks
Normal (less than 120/80mm of Hg)	206	Good
Pre-Hypertension (120/80-139/89mm of Hg)	80	Advice them about diet, exercise and the disease condition.
Hypertension (greater than 140/90mm of Hg)	53	20 people are on medication. 33 people newly detected.

Blood Sugar Statistics (465 patients checked)

Categories	Number of Patients	Remarks
Normal (RBS: 80-120mg/dl)	367	Good
Random blood sugar (120- >200 mg/dl)	98	Given advice regarding diabetes; diet, exercise and disease condition. 21 people are on medication. 71 are on risks

Workshop on Women's Health held

We organized workshop on Women's Health for the home nurses of our organization.

The workshop was conducted by a medical gynecologist from Canada, Ms Suize Morean.

During her five-week stay in McLeod Ganj, she conducted a series of workshops for Tibet Charity Home Nurses on women's health. She covered wide range of topics in relation to women's health. To name just a few, she touched upon topics such as female anatomy, contraception and birth control, conception, fertility, potential complications and dangers of and proper preparations for pregnancy, labor, pre- and postnatal care and complications, miscarriages, abortions, breastfeeding ovarian and uterus abnormalities, menopause and aging, and sexually transmitted diseases, among other subjects.



Dr. Suize is a skillful and engaging teacher, and was able to communicate well with the nurses who attended her workshop, several of whom she accompanied on their daily home visits. Though her field of specialty is both complex and vast, and participants had varying backgrounds and levels of experience with women's health, Dr. Suize was able to explain the topics clearly and simply, in a manner that was accessible to all who were present.

Though many of the patients TC Health Section serves are elderly, we also reach out to and care for younger patients for whom the bulk of what Dr. Suize covered is extremely relevant. Expanding the depth and breadth of our staff's understanding of health and wellness, illness and disease is a goal TC Health Section perpetually strives to achieve. To this end, exposure to Dr. Suize's vast wealth of knowledge and experience in the field, and integration of what they learned from her into their personal practice will be an important step in this process.

We thank her for sharing her knowledge with our staff. We are sure that what they have learnt here will be of vast use to them during their day to day work.

TC Blood Donors Club formally launched

On the occasion of World Blood Donor Day on 16th June 2012, Tibet Charity Blood Donors Club (TCBDC) was formally launched.

A simple function was held to mark the launching of the TCBDC and to celebrate the World Blood Donor Day at Tibet Charity House.

Mr. Tsering Wangchuk, the honourable kalon (minister) of Central Tibetan Administration was the Chief Guest and Chief Medical Officer of Delek Hospital Dr. Tseten Dorjee Sadhutshang was the guest of honor on the occasion. Besides the two, many foreign guests, representatives from various institutions & NGOs and members of TCBDC attended the function.



Mr. Sonam Topgyal la, the Chairman of Tibet Charity GB welcomed all those present during the function. He lauded various efforts put in by the staff of Tibet Charity in coming up with new novel ideas to serve the Tibetan community in exile. He said he has been among the initial beneficiaries of TCBDC as he received blood from a member just a day before the function. This novel initiative, he said, will be a big help for many needy patients in future. He thanked the volunteers for joining the club with the sole aim of serving others with no expectation of anything in return. This he said will surely bring more merits than mere recitation of mantras.

Mr. Tsering Thundup, the Director briefly explained the workings of various sections of Tibet Charity. Besides carrying out normal charitable activities as carried out by many other NGOs in the Tibetan community, he said Tibet Charity has the credit of starting many new programs that continues to bring direct benefit to the less privileged among the Tibetans. He pointed out Animal Care Program, Home Nursing program and Scholarship program as just a few of the programs that was initiated by the organization. Now with the launching of TCBDC, he said another feather has been added to the cap. He thanked all those present for supporting this beneficial initiative. With the strength of members crossing

160, he said the response has been far greater than what he has initially hoped for.

The Guest of Honour, Dr. Tseten Dorjee Sadhutshang expressed his appreciation of the fact that majority of those joining the Club are young. He was happy to see this desire to help others in the minds of younger generation. He said that in the past, getting blood donors in time used to be the greatest hurdle in providing timely treatment to many patients. He explained how the doctors had to rely upon foreign tourists to volunteer as donors. But now with TCBDC and its members, he was happy that getting blood in time will cease to be an obstacle. He praised Tibet Charity for coming up with such a wonderful initiative. He said that he has always been a staunch supporter of Tibet Charity and will continue to be so.

The Chief Guest Mr. Tsering Wangchuk too lauded Tibet Charity for starting TCBDC which he said will help the doctors in saving precious human lives. In line with the global slogan, he said that the blood donors are the real heroes of the society. He said that he has always viewed an NGO like Tibet Charity as partners in the Administration's effort to provide better health care and create health awareness among the public. He was especially appreciative of Tibet Charity's Animal Birth Control and Anti-Rabies vaccination program. He requested Tibet Charity to carry out this program in other Tibetan settlements as well.

Ms Tenzin Namzey, the Coordinator for Tibet Charity Health Care Section thanked everyone for their presence in spite of their busy schedule.

During the function, eight donors who have already donated blood were given regular membership cards. All the remaining members were offered Tibetan scarf by the Director as a gesture of our appreciation of their deep rooted desire to serve others.

Blood Donors recruitment camps organized



Seeing the demand for blood donors at various hospitals in and around Dharamsala and seeing the benefit it generates, the Health Care Section of Tibet Charity organized special camps at McLeod Ganj and Tsukhlag Khang area to recruit new donors to join Tibet Charity Blood Donors Club. During the two separate days of recruitment, we are happy to have got 44 new blood donors which included 4 Indians and two foreigners. It is a great thing for us that the Indians too join us blood donors as the focus of this club is to provide blood in time to the patients in the hospitals irrespective of their caste, religion or nationality. The two foreigners joined us saying

that they will be available for blood donation during the period of their stay here. Whether they will be required to donate blood or not, we appreciate their willingness to help people in need. We thank all those who have joined us in our endeavor to help others. We now have 214 members joining the Club as blood donors. 68 donors have already donated blood to 34 different patients so far. We are very grateful to all our blood donors who have come forward to support us in this noble project. We request more people to come forward and be members of Tibet Charity Blood Donors Club.

Blood Donors recruitment camps organized

After the success we have had during the earlier recruitment camps at McLeod Ganj area, Health Care Section of Tibet Charity organized some more recruitment camps at CTA area (Gangchen Kyishong), Mentseekhang and Norbulingka.

Though the response has not been as heartwarming as our earlier camps, we are nevertheless grateful to those who have joined us as blood donors. We have got a total of 11 from CTA, 13 from Mentseekhang and 15 from



Norbulingka joining us which includes two Indians as well. With this total number of members joining Tibet Charity Blood Donors Club has become 251.

Since the formation of Tibet Charity Blood Donors Club, getting blood in time for needy patients has never been a problem. The patients just need to give us a call and we arrange the donors in no time. So far 69 donors have donated blood to 40 patients.

We thank all those who have joined us in our endeavor to save precious human lives with the gift of blood.

We request more people to come forward and be members of Tibet Charity Blood Donors Club.

Animal Care Activities

Tibet Charity observed World Rabies Day



Tibet Charity observed World Rabies Day on 10th October 2012. Though the Day is globally observed on 28th September, we had to postpone the program by a few days due to other important activities taking place around the time here at Dharamsala. At 10 a.m., a small function was held here at Tibet Charity house where the Honorable Kalon (Minister) of Health under Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) was invited as the Chief Guest. Besides him, Deputy Director of State Animal Husbandry Department attended as the Guest of Honor along with Senior Veterinary officer of the region.

Director in his address welcomed the guests and explained how Tibet Charity Animal Care Section (TCACS) was started. He expressed his happiness over the manner in which dog population in the region could be kept under control because of Animal Birth Control program initiated by TCACS. He also said that Dharamsala has no known case of rabies in the region during the last three years thanks to our Anti-Rabies Vaccination program. He thanked all the Organisations and individuals who have made great contribution in smooth functioning of animal care programs. He specifically mentioned Brigitte Bardot Fondation, France with whose help we are able to meet the financial requirement of TCACS. He thanked WVS (England) for helping us find volunteers and he thanked Animal SOS Denmark for paying for the accommodation of the volunteers staying here for more than three weeks. He thanked State Animal Husbandry Department for their continuous support and for deputing a local vet to visit our clinic once every week. He thanked all our volunteers and our dedicated staff for their constant hard work and love for the animals. The Deputy Director of State Animal Husbandry Department expressed his full satisfaction in the service provided by TCACS for the welfare of the canine population in the region. He congratulated TCACS for the success we have achieved in controlling the dog population and rabies in the region. He promised full help to TCACS from the Department in the future as well. The Honorable Kalon while offering full appreciation of the works done by Tibet Charity Animal care Section requested us to extend our area of activity by organizing camps in Tibetans settlements outside Dharamsala area. He also asked us to see the possibility of working with CTA to eradicate rabies from all other Tibetan settlements. At the end, the In-Charge of our Health Care Section informed the public about Rabies and its prevention. She explained how the disease spread to humans and the symptoms to look out for to check if an animal or human has rabies or not. She advised the public to go for pre-exposure vaccination to save life and money. She advised how we should keep our surroundings free from food leftovers to avoid rabid animals to venture near our houses. After our Office Secretary has thanked all those present at the function, a simple tea and snacks was arranged for all present.

Straight after tea, Honorable kalon and the Deputy Director vaccinated a dog each to declare the start of rabies vaccination program for this year. On that day, more than 70 pet dogs were given free vaccinations.

Mass Anti-Rabies vaccination program for stray dogs



Like every year, this year Tibet Charity Animal Care Section (TCAC) carried out mass anti-rabies vaccination program for dogs starting from 8th October 2012 till 18th October 2012. After a small public awareness program here on the 8th of October where pet dogs were vaccinated, team of staff from TCAC went around places in Dharamsala vaccinating as many stray dogs as they possibly could. A total of 732 dogs were vaccinated this year during a period of 10 days. The details are as under:

Date	Places	No. of dogs vaccinated
08/10/2012	Tibet Charity House	73
09/10/2012	McLeod Ganj	95
10/10/2012	Bhagsu Nath	43
11/10/2012	TIPA and Dharamkot	50
13/10/2012	TCV area Naddi Gaon	130
14/10/2012	Gangchen Kyishong area	130
15/10/2012	Lower TCV, Sherab Gatsel Ling & Khanyara	54
16/10/2012	Gopalpur	37
17/10/2012	Trilokpur and Sarah	23
18/10/2012	Norbulingka and Sidhbari Area	97
	TOTAL:	732

We thank our sponsor Brigitte Bardot Fondation, France who has been kindly supporting us in carrying out this mass vaccination program for dogs for the last four years. It is thanks to them that we have achieved a great deal of success in controlling rabies in the region. No rabies dog cases have been reported in the region during the last three to four years.

Tibet Charity Animal Care Section gets a regular vet

With kind financial support from Deb Jarrett of Dharamsala Animal Rescue, we now have a regular vet, Dr. Dakpa Tenzin, at our Animal Care Section.

Dr. Dakpa Tenzin initially studied in Dhauladar Public High School from where he completed Secondary level studies. From there he joined DAV School at Naravana and successfully completed class XII from that school.



After successful completion of his school, he got selected to study as Veterinary College, Palampur from where he completed 5 years. He got a Bachelor's degree in Veterinary Science (BVSc) which entitles him to practice as a veterinarian.

After graduation he worked as a vet with Himalayan Nature Society doing mostly Animal Birth Control Program under the supervision of govt. vets. After working there for two months, he joined us in November 2012 after Deb Jarrett kindly agreed to pay his salary.

Now that we have fully qualified vet at the clinic, we will be in a position to carry out ABC and Anti-Rabies programs on more regular basis. We can also hope to be of more service to the sick dogs in the region as well.

We are very thankful to Ms Deb Jarrett in particular and Dharamsala Animal Rescue in particular for this kind gesture. Their kind help will assist us in carrying out our program more regularly and with greater efficiency.

New shelter for cats added

With kind financial support from Ms Camie from Switzerland and her supporters, Tibet Charity has built a separate shelter for the cats that come to the Centre for treatments.



As Tibet Charity Animal Care Centre was developed mainly to house sick dogs, keeping the cats safely away from the dogs has always been a problem. At times we were forced to confine them inside small plastic baskets so as to protect them from the dogs. We had instances where they simply ran away fearing for their lives.

But now all these will be a thing of the past with the development of the area just behind the clinic to keep the cats safely away from the dogs. The shelter is also designed in such a way so that the cats cannot run away while having ample space inside for movement.

Five small wooden cages are also made for these cats where there is a separate area for toilet. The design of the cages will enable the vets to easily take care of the sick cats least difficulty.

We thank Ms Camie who has been involved right throughout from raising fund to designing the shelter. We also thank her for her sincere concern and love for the cats. We also thank all those who have contributed in one way or the other in making it possible for us to come up with a very addition to our centre for the benefit of the cats.

With this addition it will be much easier for us to take care of the cats and at the same time it will be much safer for the cats brought here for treatments.