

Activity Report 2015 -2016

Social Development Activities

An excursion for volunteers



Saturday, 11th March 2015:

Tibet charity organized an excursion for our dedicated volunteer teachers who have been working relentlessly for the benefit of our students this semester. This excursion was different from our regular excursions to the Tibetan settlements of Chauntra and Bir. This time our volunteers chose to visit Kangra Fort, a Jain temple and Norbulingka Tibetan Cultural centre.

Our four volunteer English teachers enjoyed learning about the five thousand year history of Kangra Fort. They were particularly interested to learn that Alexander the Great fought his final battle there. The locals are proud to say this was his final defeat! Then the group visited an interesting temple of the Jain religion. After enjoying a delightful lunch in the garden of Norbulingka, they explored various aspects of Tibetan culture and religion in the complex.

The teachers really appreciated a fun and informative day out and Tibet Charity was equally grateful to be able to offer such an excursion.

Tibet Charity donates for relief work in Earthquake affected Nepal



Staff of Tibet Charity decided to forego a day's salary for the sake of earthquake affected people in Nepal.

The students and the volunteer teachers of Tibet Charity English language and Computer classes too decided to collect some money from their end for the good

cause.

Along with the donation received from the students, the volunteers and the staff of Tibet Charity, the office too added its contribution before handing the collection to the Tibetan Settlement Officer, Dharamsala to be further transferred to relief workers in Nepal.

We the staff, the students and the volunteers wish to express our heartfelt condolence to the families of all those who have lost their near and dear ones and all those affected by this fury of nature.

Our prayers are with those who have lost their lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people in Nepal as they struggle to bring life back to normal braving frequent aftershocks.

80th Birthday of His Holiness celebrated: The compassionate way



As Tibetans world over celebrated the 80th Birthday of His Holiness the Dalai Lama along with thousands of His followers, Tibet Charity came up with the novel idea of celebrating the occasion in a way that would benefits others in need. As His Holiness has turned 80 this year, we hoped to and did get 80 volunteers to donate blood on the

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Now with enough blood in the bank to last for another month or so, we hope this novel way of celebrating His birthday will greatly benefit patients coming to the hospital. We hope the merits earned by the compassionate service of the selfless donors will bring long life to His Holiness the Dalai Lama so that His radiance of love and compassion can continue to shine bringing joy and happiness to millions around the world.

We thank all these 80 donors who have kindly volunteered to donate a precious part of their body for the benefit of others in need. They have truly put compassion into action.

We thank Namgyal Monastery for kindly allowing us to use their hall for conducting the camp.

We thank the team of staff from Blood Bank, Zonal Hospital, Dharamsala for agreeing to collaborate with us in organizing this camp. They have agreed to make sure that no patient is left unattended for want of blood, at least during the course of next 35 days.

We also thank Ms Anita, a lab technician at Khana Clinic for kindly volunteering to test the donors for Hepatitis B virus.

Last but not the least I must thank our own team of staff from Healthcare section for working so hard in arranging this camp and ensuring its success.

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University students from England visited Tibet Charity



To commemorate 10 years of Tibet Charity in India, the hard working staff of Tibet Charity proceeded to holy town of

Rewalsar (Tib: Tso Pema) in the morning of 4th October 2014.

The main reason for making this trip was to thank the staff for 10 years of hard work in the service of others. The occasion was also used to offer prayer to the Godly beings who have supported us in our endeavor to support others for 10 long years. Special prayers were said and auspicious flags were hoisted to seek Their blessings and support in the future as well.

We started from here in the early hours of 4th and made a straight trip to Sherabling (a monastery in the wilderness) after making a short halt for breakfast. We were fortunate, which we presume is a good omen; to witness special rituals which we were told would go for 9 days. We fell blessed to some reincarnated lamas participating in the ritual.

Feeling purified, we made our onward journey to Rewalsar with short stop at Bir where some shopping were done.

We reached Rewalsar quite late but the time we got to offer our prayers and offer food to the fish, monkeys and dogs nullified every hardship we encountered on our way.

After making some circumambulations around the holy lake early in the morning, we made our trip to the Padmasambhava cave atop the hill where Guru was said to have meditated. The staff hoisted the prayers flags along with scores of other prayer plags after which the staff gathered inside the cave to say prayers for the good of all sentient beings.

An old hermit there offered breakfast to all the members of the staff.

We also paid short visit to the newly constructed statue of Guru Padmasambhava.

We remembered the contributions of all those staff who have taken the journey with us at some point of time but are not with us at the moment. We thank them as well.

The tiring return journey was made thereafter. When we finally reached home, we were all fully exhausted but the memorable trip was something which will be cherished by all for long time to come.

A Meeting Full of Compassion



In September this year, Jessica Allen came from the USA to McLeod Ganj to meet Tenzin, an elderly member of our community. Jessica has been sponsoring Tenzin as part of Tibet Charity's "Adopt a Grandparent" program.

This program enables people to provide financial assistance to elderly exiled Tibetan people who have no family to take care of them.

Tenzin escaped Tibet in 1959 as part of His Holiness, the Dalai Lama's entourage. Until recently, he worked as a cook in the temple during His Holiness' teachings, but he can no longer perform this irregular work due to his arthritis and his failing health. He was becoming bored and lonely, living on an inadequate diet in a small room that he could barely afford.

Jessica heard about his story and realized that he is a very special part of our community. In addition, Tenzin reminded her of her own grandfather and she decided to help him by becoming his sponsor. This has truly changed Tenzin's life. He is happy to be receiving some support and now he can afford to pay for his room, more nutritious food and his simple day-to-day costs.

Tenzin was overjoyed when Jessica came to meet him, along with the Director of Tibet Charity, Tsering Thundup and home nurse, Tsomo. He was very grateful to Jessica and now he feels that she is like a granddaughter to him. When Jessica discovered that he was feeling bored she bought him an MP3 player so that he can listen to the teachings of his beloved Dalai Lama. Before leaving McLeod Ganj, Jessica gave Tenzin her bedding so now he will be more comfortable, particularly when the cold winter nights arrive.

Jessica's sponsorship has improved Tenzin's quality of life and demonstrates the difference that a regular donation to an elderly member of our Tibetan community can make. If you are interested in helping someone like Jessica has, please see <http://tibetcharity.in/sponsorship/> for further information.

HH Karmapa blesses staff of Tibet Charity

“I sincerely appreciate your selfless work for the benefit of the poor and needy and request you to continue with it”. These are the words of His Holiness 17th Karmapa Orgyen Trinley Dorje when He met the staff of Tibet Charity on 26th October 2015 at his office.

On the completion of 10 years of service to the community, Tibet Charity requested the presence of His Holiness during its 10 year anniversary. Though His Holiness kindly agreed to grace the occasion, more important work requiring Him to visit Delhi came up because of which he had to miss the anniversary function. But He promised to meet the staff separately on some other occasion.

True to His promise, the staff of Tibet Charity along with its volunteers was granted the auspicious audience on the 26th of this month. He most lovingly met the staff and posed for a group picture with the staff. At the end of the audience, He even took time to talk to the staff even though there were many other groups waiting to receive His blessing.

Before that His Holiness visited the Animal Clinic of Tibet Charity on His way to the 55th Anniversary of TCV School.

We felt highly blessed by the attention and blessing we received from His Holiness Karmapa. His words will surely guide us in our continuous endeavor to serve the less fortunate ones.

Elders receive New Year gifts

Director, Mr. Tsering Thundup la, visited Tibetan settlements, Dekyi Larso and Lugsum Samdup Ling, in Bylakuppe from 14h to 17th January 2015.



Responding to our request to celebrate Christmas and New Year for others, Ms Debra Chrystal from the United States donated food items and warm jackets as Christmas and New Year gifts to the poor and needy Tibetan elders in Dharamsala.

She made the purchases online and gave our address as the final recipient of the purchased items. The donated items included rice, wheat flour, sugar, spices, jams, toiletries, jackets etc.

Our home nurses who regularly visit the poor and needy Tibetans in Dharamsala then sat together to make the list of such elders who may benefit from such items. More than 15 individuals were identified and the gift items were then divided in each individual's name as per their living condition. As the number of jackets was less, they identified such elders whose living condition is poorer than the rest.

On 19th of this month, the home nurses then went to the house of each of the elders to gift the items on behalf of Ms Debra Chrystal. They all expressed deep appreciation of the gifts and they asked us to thank the donor profusely for the gifts they have received. In fact, for many this is the first such gifts they have ever received in their life.

We must say that the joy we have seen on the faces of the elders who received these gifts were very heart touching. We could see that they were all deeply moved by this once in a lifetime experience. Less candles may have burnt in your house but you have lit so many lamps of joy on the faces of these elders.

All religion teaches us to serve the less fortunate ones but we believe more in praying which we feel will bring us more merits that would help us in our journey from one life form to the next. But we have no doubt that the practical service we offer for others and the prayers we get from them will be far more meritorious than mere praying lips.

Our next program is to organize a Losar (Tibetan New Year) celebration for those elders who are living alone and have no one to celebrate Losar with. This will be a one day program that will be organized a day or two after the third day of Tibetan New Year (9th to 11th February 2016). These elders will be invited to Tibet Charity House to join the others in the celebration. We invite kind hearted philanthropists to be a part of this noble cause by making necessary contribution(s).

We take this opportunity to thank Ms Debra Chrystal for her kind gesture in response to our request.

Losar party organised for Elders



Taking a cue from Losar greeting from His Holiness the Dalai Lama where he said, "During Tibetan New Year, it's our custom to greet each other and wish each other 'tashi delek'. This is not just an opportunity to offer 'chema', drink 'chaang', and gamble. According to 'Chanting the Names of Manjushri', 'Tashi' means, since

everybody wants to be happy and no one wants to be miserable, the cause of happiness is giving benefit and joy to others. If you create the causes of happiness, and live your life benefitting others and not harming them, that's a meaningful life, a life that is essentially 'tashi'", Tibet Charity organised special Losar Party for those elders who are poor and living alone in and around McLeod Ganj.

Though we have invited around 30 elders, only some could actually turn up owing to bad weather on that day. But those who attended were given very good reception by the staff. The Director offered welcome 'khata' (traditional Tibetan scarf) to each of the elders who turned up. They were then offered customary sweetened rice and salt butter tea. After that they spent some time trying to know each other and spoke in length about their days in Tibet with their fellow guests. When the weather turned colder, they were taken inside the hall where they were shown videos of Tibetan songs & dances and some short teachings by His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

After lunch, the elders took turn to sing songs or crack jokes. Our staff too joined them in singing songs.

After the function, the Director thanked them for coming. He explained how the younger generation of Tibetans owe so much of gratitude to people of our elder generation. When they reached India in 1959 or early 1960s, there were no Tibetan settlements, monasteries or schools. The elder generation of Tibetans did hard manual work to turn forests and wastelands to settlements and schools. Many spent days sleeping in temporary sheds

constructing roads in higher regions of India. With kind blessings of His Holiness and support from Indian government, these Tibetans worked day and night to ensure better life for the future generation of Tibetans in exile. So we are enjoying the fruit of the hard work of our elders. So it is all the more important for us do our bit for our elders. Tibet Charity continues to make some contribution in making their life more comfortable with some our programs focusing on the elders. And this initiative to organise Losar get-together for our elders being one of them.

At the end of the day, elders expressed their thanks to Tibet Charity for organising this special Losar get-together. Some of them were emotional trying to remember the last time they had Losar celebration with others or sang songs. It was a long time back they said.

I can assure you that they thoroughly enjoyed their time here and I can also assure you that this will be an annual feature from now on.

We thank donors from the U.S. for kindly donating food items for the elders as well as for the party we organised.

Education Development Activities

Certificate Distribution function for first batch of OBE students held



2/4/2015: Tibet Charity organized a simple certificate distribution function for the first graduates of Tibet Charity Open Basic Education program.

Dr. Tseten Dorjee la, the Chief Medical

Officer at Delek Hospital and a board member of Tibet Charity India graced the function as the Chief Guest. The function was also attended by Tibetan Settlement Officer, other local dignitaries, volunteer teachers, staff and the students.

The Director, while welcoming the gathering, explained the reasons behind starting this Open Basic Education program for the newcomers from Tibet who have had no access to any kind of formal education. This program, he said, will pave the way for further studies and job opportunities.

Dr. Tseten la appreciated the good works of Tibet Charity and felt that starting a program as this will brighten the future of the students availing this facility. He congratulated the students for succeeding in completing their courses despite having to spend much of their time finding means to make their both ends meet. On top of their academic achievement, he advised the students to ensure the growth of their inner values in consonance with the teachings of His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

The Chief Guest then handed out the certificates to the students who have completed their course.

The first academic session of Education Section ends



The first academic session of Tibet Charity English and Computer classes concluded with a simple closing function on 10th May 2015.

The closing function which was held in the main hall of Tibet Charity was attended by the volunteers, students and staff of Tibet Charity.

Ms Tenzin Tsephel while opening the function thanked the volunteers and the students for their role in ensuring the success of the 1st academic session which began on 1st March 2015. She thanked the volunteers for their hard work and dedication while teaching the language to the students. She thanked the students for maintaining proper attendance during the course of the session.

The volunteers, Ms Amanda Spencer and Ms Margaret Coghlan thanked Tibet Charity for giving them the opportunity to teach English to the students who they felt were highly disciplined and devoted towards their studies. She thanked the staff, especially those of the Education section for making them feel welcome and at home during their stay here.

Director too thanked the volunteers for coming from different parts of the world to work as volunteers teaching English to the new comers from Tibet who never had any opportunity to go to school while in Tibet. He expressed his happiness over the fact that some of them had come here more than once which in fact proves how much they enjoyed working for Tibet Charity.

The students who topped the classes were awarded prizes while certificates of appreciation were presented to the volunteered as a mark of gratitude for their kind service during the period of their stay here.

The new session starts from 1st August 2015.

First batch of open school students completes class X



The first batch of students completed class X under National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) program.

A total of nine students sat for All India exam conducted by NIOS in March this year. The result was declared in June and they have all cleared the exam, some of them with very good marks.

Tibet Charity Basic Education Program was started in 2013 to help those who have never been to any school while in Tibet. This program was also for those school dropouts who regret their decision to leave the school and develop interest in studies. They have all crossed the age eligibility to join normal school.

Four of the students after receiving their class X certificates

Most of the students this time were new comers from Tibet who have never been to any school before. They have all attended various English language classes in Tibet Charity before realizing that they needed to have academic qualification to pursue higher studies or apply for jobs.

In spite of the fact that they have never been to any normal school, sheer hard work and determination to do well have seen them through. Some of them even took Maths, a subject which is considered difficult even by those in normal schools.

With this, doors have opened for them to do further studies and apply for jobs that require minimum of class X certificates.

We are very proud of these students and salute them for their achievements. They have made it even though they get very little time outside the class hours as they all had to do some works to make a living.

We thank Tibet Charity Denmark and Save Tibet Austria for providing financial support to meet the expenses required to run the class.

Some of class X students with their teachers

We thank TCV Lower Dharamsala and Mewoen Petoen School for holding coaching classes for them as and when required. We thank them for allowing us to use their labs and facilities while teaching Maths and Science.

We thank Mr. Tseten Dorjee, a Maths teacher of TCV Upper Dharamsala for coming all the way to Tibet Charity to teach harder topics of Maths.

We thank Mr. Tom Asbit and Margaret Coghlan for taking the psychology classes on top of their English language classes.

Last but not the least, we thank our own staff Ms Yeshey Dolma, Ms Tenzin Namsel, Ms Tenzin Tsephel and Mr. Lobsang Tenzin for taking their classes without letting it affect their normal duties.

We will continue to work with them so that they complete class XII in two years' time.

2nd session of Education Section begins



The second session of Tibet Charity English language and computer classes began today with a simple opening function in the main hall of Tibet Charity.

Besides the staff and the students of Tibet Charity, the function was attended by Ms. Eden Merrit, the lone volunteer teacher who could make it to the function. Due to bad weather, many students too could not attend the function.

Ms. Tenzin Tsephel, while opening the function welcomed the volunteer and the students to the second session of the Education section. She expressed her gratitude to the volunteers, both present and the ones joining us at a later date for taking this considerate decision to come and help the students of Tibet Charity. She informed the students that though only one could make it to the function, three more volunteers would be joining us shortly.

Ms. Eden Merrit then introduced herself as a qualified ESL teacher from Canada. She expressed her happiness for being able to come and work as volunteer.

The Director welcomed her with a traditional Tibetan scarf and expressed his gratitude to her and to those who could not make it to the function. He assured the volunteers that Tibet Charity will be a family away from their family and promised all necessary support during their stay here. He then requested the students to follow the rules governing the functioning of language and computer classes. He said that the language can be best learnt only if the students put into practice what they learn in the class. He concluded his speech by wishing all happy and fruitful stay with Tibet Charity.

The function concluded with the serving of tea and snacks and a group photo.

The classes shall practically start from tomorrow.

The number of students in each class for the second session are as follows:

S. No.	Classes	Strength	Class Teacher
1.	Beginners	32	Ms. Tenzin Tsephel
2.	Elementary	15	Mr. Benjamin Powers
3.	Pre-Intermediate	23	Ms. Eden Merrit
4.	Intermediate	17	Ms. Praveen Kaur
5.	Upper Intermediate	06	Mr. Kenneth Kesner
6.	Computers (Beginners)	10	Mr. Lobsang Tenzin
7.	Computers (Advanced)	17	Mr. Lobsang Tenzin
	T O T A L	120	

Second OBE classes began

After the successful completion of the first Open Basic Education (OBE) classes, the Education Section of Tibet Charity began the classes for the second group of OBE students.

Tibet Charity began Open Basic Education classes for the new comers from Tibet. This was started with the goal of providing basic education to the new comers from Tibet who never had any opportunity to go to any school. The certificates that they receive at the end of their classes comes from National Institute of Open Schooling under Ministry of Human Resource

Development, Govt. of India. Hence the certificate has equal recognition as the certificates from any normal school in India. This saves these newcomers who are too old to start their classes from the beginning in a normal school plenty of years. They can complete class VIII in one year, class X in a minimum of two years and class XII in a minimum of three years if they are capable enough. After completing class X or XII they can go to any university anywhere in India for further education.

Some students from the 1st batch of OBE classes have now reached class XII and will soon be ready to go to any university anywhere in India for further education. One student has got admission in the Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies here in Sarah on the basis of her class X certificate received from here.

The present group of students will appear for their final exam in March 2016.

Volunteers' Trip to Bir

On October 31, 2015, the volunteer English teachers of Tibet Charity's Education Section were fortunate enough to be able to make a day trip out to see Bir, a nearby Tibetan settlement. We enjoyed a full day of sightseeing and exploration in the town and at a couple of the area's monasteries.

Our first stop was at Sherabling Monastery, a beautiful temple with a thriving monastic population. Luckily, we arrived in time for one of their prayer sessions, and we were able to sit and listen for a while, the monks there making us feel very welcome and kindly allowing us to observe the event. We also took some time to stop into the information centre to learn more about the history of the monastery and the monks there.

The second monastery we visited was on the other side of Bir. We stopped in to admire the ceiling to floor thangka paintings and intricate butter sculptures. It was interesting to see the differences between the two monasteries.

The day of our trip happened to coincide with the final day of the Paragliding World Cup, so at the end of our day we joined the crowd gathered in Bir to watch the paragliders make their landings. The local community was out to watch the closing ceremony, and we saw people

from all over the world gathered together, including local monastics, Tibetan schoolchildren, Indians, and foreigners.

- Eden Merritt (A volunteer English teacher)

Note: We organise such trips once every academic session as a gesture of our gratitude to our volunteers who come from far and wide to help us teach English to the new comers from Tibet at their own expenses. We thank Tibet Charity Denmark for funding this program.

Tibet Charity Education Section closes for winter vacation



A simple closing function marked the end of Tibet Charity Education section for this year.

The closing function was attended by the volunteers, staff and students of Tibet Charity.

Ms Tenzin Tsephel began the closing function by thanking the volunteers who have not only stayed for the whole period of the session but also taught the students with utmost dedication and enthusiasm. She appreciated the bonding that they were able to build with the students. They were more than a teacher to them. She also thanked the students some of whom have provided cent percent attendance during the whole academic session.

Teachers then took turn to share their experience with them. They all spoke about how much they have enjoyed during the period of their stay here. They felt that they learnt more than what they have taught. They all appreciated the discipline of the students in class, the respect towards their teachers and the willingness to learn. One of the volunteers even decided to come back next year for the first session. They thanked Tibet Charity for giving them the opportunity to serve the community and for making them feel at home during their stay here.

Mr. Tsering Thundup la, the Director of Tibet Charity also thanked the volunteers for coming from various parts of the world with single minded devotion to serve our people with no

expectation of anything in return. He said," Sometimes we tend to under value the role of teachers in our lives. We tend to value a person giving us fish more than someone who teaches us how to fish".

Some of the students also stood up to share their experience. They all appreciated the manner in which Tibet Charity runs its classes. They were all thankful to Tibet Charity for providing them with the opportunity to learn a new language and that too from highly dedicated and qualified teachers. It was very encouraging to see students who didn't understand the language now standing up and expressing their feelings in English.

Students who topped their class in the final exam were presented Certificate of Excellence and prizes.

The function concluded with group photo session.

The Director presented mementos and 'khatas' to the volunteers in appreciation of their wonderful service not only to the Tibetan community but other people from various countries in Asia.

Tibet Charity students participated in celebrating World Mother-tongue Day

Two students of Tibet Charity Open Education Program participated in celebrating World Mother-tongue Day on 21st February 2016.

A special program was organised on the Day by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) under Human Resource Development Ministry, Govt. of India. They invited students from all over India to communicate with each other and to express their suggestions for improvement of Open Schooling Program. This program is run by the Ministry to provide opportunity to disadvantaged students across the country to educate themselves in a more open atmosphere. At the end of the year, they sit for exam and are given certificates that are equivalent to the certificates provided by normal schools. This is especially beneficial for those who do not get opportunity to go to normal school due to family commitments.

On that day, all such students sat in front of their computers and conversed with each other and the administrators in Delhi through video conferencing. All such conversations were done in their mother tongue. It was a real experience to hear so many different dialects

being spoken across India. It really manifested unity in diversity. Though it was difficult to understand some of the dialects, merely listening to them gave us experience not known so far. It also gave each of the speakers pride in their own mother tongue.

Our students, Ven. Lobsang and Ms Tenzin Nangsel, spoke in Tibetan which was later translated into English. They said that India is a country which shared historical teacher-student relation with the Tibet since time immemorial. But they requested NIOS to include Tibetan as a subject under their program so that people living in Himalayan regions could benefit. The administrators in Delhi appreciated the suggestions and promised to look into the matter.

Our students said that they are grateful to the Govt. of India in general and National Institute of Open Schooling in particular for providing them with an opportunity to study in the country from where the Tibetan script has its origination.

A new session of Tibet Charity English Language classes start

The 1st session of Tibet Charity English Language classes (March - July) began after three months of winter vacation. A simple opening ceremony was held to mark the start.

The opening ceremony was attended by the new batch of qualified and experienced volunteer teachers who have come to teach English for four months. Two volunteer vets from France also attended the function.

At the start of the function, Ms Tenzin Tsephel, the coordinator of Tibet Charity English Section welcomed the volunteers who have come from various part of the world to share their valuable knowledge with the students of Tibet Charity. Our volunteers included Jane Ramen & Irean Aitchison from Canada and Joanne Zions & David Salter from Australia. Our Vet volunteers are Patrice and Danielle from France.

Teachers took turns to introduce themselves to our students. They all expressed their hope to help our students in the best possible way. Unlike previous semesters, this year Tibet Charity English Language classes have been extended from two hour session to three. The extra one hour is to be used either as a conversation class or a reading class as per the need.

Mr. Tsering Thundup la, the Director of Tibet Charity offered welcome kataks to our new volunteers and thanked them for coming to Tibet Charity to help our students. He requested the students, who are no doubt hard working and disciplined, to make the best use of their time here. He expressed his regret for having to close down the computer classes due to non availability of regular teachers. However he said he hoped to start a new language class, possibly French, in the near future.

The function ended with the vote of thanks by Ms. Yeshey Dolma, our office secretary cum accountant.

The opening function was followed by the Director's meeting with volunteers and students separately familiarizing them with Tibet Charity rules and regulations.

The strengths of the classes as of now are as under:

S.NO	CLASSES	STRENGTH	TEACHER
1.	Beginners	8	Ms. Tenzin Tsephel
2.	Elementary	14	Mrs. Irean Aitchison
3.	Pre Intermediate	14	Mrs. Jane Ramen
4.	Intermediate	13	Mr. David Salter
5.	Upper Intermediate	8	Mrs. Joanne Zions
	Total	57	

We thank Tibet Charity Denmark for their continuous support in enabling us to run these classes.

Health Care Activities

Free Medical Camp Organised



Tibet Charity joined hands with Fortis Hospital Kangra to organize free medical camp for the public in Dharamsala on 19th May 2015 at the public hall of Tibetan Settlement Office, McLeod Ganj.

Fortis Hospitals are highly acclaimed group of hospitals with branches almost in every big and small cities in India. They have opened a new branch at Kangra (17 kms from here) whose inauguration was done by His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

On the 19th four specialist doctors, a gynecologist, a cardiologist, an orthopedist and a specialist on medicine attended the camp providing free medical check up to the public in and around McLeod Ganj. Though the day coincided with the beginning of holy month for the Tibetans when many attend prayer at the temple of His Holiness, many still took the opportunity to get themselves checked and seek medical advice.

The camp started at 10 a.m. and closed at 02 p.m. as the doctors had to attend to patients in their hospitals. Within 4 hours, more than 120 people turned up for the checkup.

The home nurses of Tibet Charity helped in translating for those who don't speak Hindi or English.

We thank the administration and the doctors of Fortis Hospital for kindly sparing time to conduct the medical in spite of their highly busy schedule.

World Blood Donors Day celebrated



Along with the international community, Tibet Charity too celebrated World Blood Donors on 16th June 2014 (delayed by two days).

Dr. Rangjung Dolma from Delek Hospital was invited as Chief Guest on the occasion.

Tibet Charity celebrates this day every year to create awareness among the public on the importance of donating blood to save precious lives. We also attempt to drive away the fear from the minds of the public with regards to donating blood. Above all we use this occasion to thank all the members of Tibet Charity Blood Donors Club for coming forward in large numbers to donate blood whenever asked for.

Director while welcoming all the guests and the public explained the reason behind setting up the Blood Donors Club. He explained how this has made it much easier for the patients and the hospitals in getting blood when required. He thanked the donors and the local hospitals for extending support this initiative of Tibet Charity.

Dr. Rangjung Dolma explained the benefits of donating blood. She explained the processes involved in collecting blood from the donors making sure that the safety of the donor is not compromised. She also explained how this initiative by Tibet Charity has made the task of the hospitals much easier. She thanked Tibet Charity and the donors.

She offered traditional Tibetan scarves (khatas) to all those who have donated blood during the last one year.

Ms Tenzin Namzey, the In-Charge of Tibet Charity Health Section thanked everyone for joining us in the celebration.

At the end of the formal function, the registration of new members for Tibet Charity Blood Donors was started.

Tibet Charity Blood Donors Club also decided to organize Blood Donation Camp in collaboration with Zonal Hospital Dharamsala to commemorate 80th Birthday of His Holiness the Dalai Lama on 6th July 2015. By doing this we hope to celebrate His birthday in a way that would benefit fellow human beings in need thereby accumulating merits for the long life

of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama and all sentient beings.

World Hepatitis Day Observed



28/07/2015: Tibet Charity observed World Hepatitis Day on 28th July 2015 along with the international community world over. This is the fourth time we have observed the occasion.

To mark the day, free hepatitis B screening was done for the public.

126 people came for screening out of which 13 people were confirmed to be positive. Of the 13, 11 were already aware of their illness while 2 learnt about their situation on the day.

Like every year, those who were tested negative were advised to go for vaccinations at the earliest. Those who were tested positive for the first time were advised, in full confidentiality, to go for further tests to confirm their status.

We have taken up this initiative regularly as Hepatitis B is one of the major causes of death amongst the Tibetans.

Many inherit hepatitis-B at birth and because of lack of awareness and lack of proper medication, many die untimely deaths. Another common cause could be use of common shaving blades.

Our intention was never to scare the people but to create awareness among the public regarding the disease so that we can reduce the deaths caused by it.

Starting from the 28th of July, the health section staff of Tibet Charity will organize camps in all the monastic institutions and schools in and around Dharamsala during the next 8 days.

We are very grateful to Bristols-Myers Squibb India Private Limited for kindly providing us the testing kits free of cost and for deputing their disease advisor Ms Anita Sharma to conduct the tests. They have also kindly agreed to give more than 65% discounts if anyone opts to go for the whole course of vaccinations after testing negative. But the decision whether and where to go for vaccinations and further tests were left entirely to the patients.

They have also been providing 50% discounts to those on regular medication for many years, if recommended by Tibet Charity.

We also thank Tibet Charity Denmark, Save Tibet Austria and Graines d'Avenir, France for supporting us in our endeavor.

Mass screening and vaccination program for Hepatitis B completed



On World Hepatitis B Day on 28th July 2015, Tibet Charity carried out a mass screening and vaccination program for the Tibetans in and around Dharamsala. 776 people were tested for the presence of the Hepatitis B virus, out of which 740 people tested negative and 36 were diagnosed positive. Those who tested positive were advised to go for further tests and those found

negative were advised to go for vaccination.

Tibet Charity requested Bristol-Myers Squibb India Private Limited through Ms Anita Sharma to consider providing vaccines at a discounted rate and they very kindly agreed to provide the vaccinations at Rs. 105 per vaccine which also included the cost of syringe against market rate of Rs. 200 + . Tibet Charity agreed to follow up with the remaining doses of vaccines for those who received vaccination this time.

Details of people tested and vaccinated are as under:

S. No.	Place	No. of people tested	No. of people vaccinated
1.	Tibet Charity House (General Public)	126	Nil
2.	Dip-Tsechokling Monastery	35	15
3.	Gadhen Choeling Nunnery	100	42
4.	Nechung Monastery	43	Nil

5.	Gadhong Monastery	12	Nil
6.	Chime Gatseling Monastery	63	59
7.	Shugseb Nunnery	72	Nil
8.	Jonang Monastery	16	Nil
9.	Dolmaling Nunnery	42	Nil
10.	Namgyal Monastery	162	64
11.	Trilokpur Nunnery	70	Nil
12.	Tibet Charity students	35	11
	TOTAL	776	191

Tibet Charity wishes to thank Bristols-Myers Squibb India Private Limited and Ms Anita Sharma for providing the testing kits free of cost and the latter for taking time to test the public. We also thank them for providing vaccines at a discounted rate.

The staff of Tibet Charity Healthcare Section distributed information leaflets related to hepatitis-B besides providing necessary education regarding prevention and treatment of the disease.

Free Massage Camp Organised



The Healthcare section of Tibet Charity organized free massage camp at Namgyal Monastery for two days. The massage camp was overseen by Ms Izumi Egawa, a specialist masseur and therapist from Japan.

It may be mentioned here that Ms Egawa has trained our home nurses in clinical body massage therapy few years back. Since then our home nurses have been using this technique, with good effect, while dealing with elders with muscular pains. We have also organized camps for the general public once every year.

This year too we organized such camps for two days. 52 people came to receive massage therapy.

We are grateful to Ms Egawa for kindly taking part in the camps and helping the home nurses further polish their skill. We are also grateful to Ms Pema (her Tibetan name), a Danish licensed massage therapist who volunteered to join the camp. She specializes in carnal sacral therapy.

We wish to extend our thanks to Namgyal monastery for kindly allowing use one of their classrooms for the camp.

First Aid training organized



First Aid training was organized for the students of Tibet Charity by the Health section of Tibet Charity in collaboration with St. John Ambulance Wales.

Whole day training was provided to two groups of students – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The students were taught how to handle day to day situations one encounters during our day to day life. Among many simple accidents one faces in life, they were taught how to help someone when a person has an attack, fracture or bleeding. They were also taught how to save a person who is drowning.

A more advanced training was provided to the home nurses to save people in the event of an earthquake. They were taught to identify who needs first help. This training is important as Dharamsala is known to be earthquake prone area and two days before the training Dharamsala felt a mild tremor when Earthquake hit Afghanistan and Pakistan.

We are very grateful to St. John Ambulance for helping us in providing first aid training to our students which also helps in polishing the skills of our home nurses. These trainings may go a long way in saving some precious lives or preventing major damages to a person's body in the event of seemingly minor yet life threatening accidents if right and time support is not provided.

A simple concluding function was organized where the Director thanked St. John Ambulance and its trainers in general and Mr. Des Kitto in particular for maintaining this cordial relationship with Tibet Charity for the last many years. He also thanked them for making regular donations to us, in cash and kind, every time they visit us. The walking sticks and winter shoes for our elders, raincoats and gumboots for our home nurses, some instruments for the clinic are to name just a few of them.

We thank them once again!

A staff attends Humane Animal Handling and Basic First Aid Training



Because of his deep love for the animals and his natural skill in handling the animals, Mr. Dolma Bhum has been recommended by Ms Brigitte Auloy, the project manager of Brigitte Bardot Foundation (BBF) to go for special training at Sikkim Anti Rabies And Animal Health (SARAH) at Gangtok.

Likewise we approached the members of Vets Beyond Borders (VBB) and SARAH to consider providing him the necessary training in Humane Animal Handling and Basic First Aid. This will not only help in catching dogs more humanely but also in helping the vets during the course of operations and sterilization programs. They immediately agreed to our request and Mr. Dolma Bhum was sent to attend the training from 27th October till 7th November 2015. I remember asking Dr. Thinley of SARAH about the requirements of joining the training and he said, "Passion for work and Love for animals". He has both.

During the course of the training he was taught how to catch dogs and prepare them for operations. A special Animal Birth Control (ABC) camp was organized during the period of his stay so that he could gain hands on experience in catching the dogs and doing the needful before the vets take these dogs start operating them. Though the formal training was for five days, he was given extra coaching thereafter.

On his return, he was full of appreciation for the dedicated team at SARAH. He spoke highly of their skill, affection for the animals and maintenance of records of every sick animal that

come for treatment. He was very appreciative of the way he was accommodated and trained.

We have no doubt the training he has received will be put to good use when we organize ABC programs here in the clinic and at camps.

We thank BBF for kindly recommending him for training and for funding his trip. We thank VBB and SARAHA for kindly allowing him to join the training and providing him all the necessary help during the period of his stay there.

World Diabetes Day Observed



The Health Section of Tibet Charity observed World Diabetes Day on 16th November 2015 by organising half day camp for free testing of sugar level and blood pressure for the general public in McLeodganj. The camp was organized inside the public hall of Tibetan Welfare Office.

65 people came to get their sugar level and blood pressure tested. Out of these 65 people only lady was found to be having high sugar level and she was advised to go for further checkup at Delek Hospital. Another lady (an Indian) was diagnosed to be having high blood pressure and she was asked to go to a proper hospital for further tests.

In the morning, the health section of Tibet Charity put up various information posters to create awareness among the public regarding these two very common but life threatening diseases.

We are very grateful to Tibet Charity Denmark for kindly funding this camp. We thank Tibetan Welfare Office for allowing us to use their hall for the camp.

Hep-B Vaccination campaign concludes



An initiative of Tibet Charity Health Care Section, that was started on World Hepatitis B Day on 18th September 2015 concluded successfully after final dose of Hep B vaccination was injected to a school girl of Tibetan Children's Village. With this 171 Tibetans in and around

Dharamsala received full dose of Hep-B vaccinations thus giving them necessary protection from the dreaded disease for the rest of their lives.

It may be recalled that the Healthcare Section of Tibet Charity started an initiative on the occasion of World Hepatitis Day on 18th September 2015 to educate the public on Hepatitis B. Public awareness program focused on prevention and treatment of Hepatitis B. After testing 746 people, the home nurses took the responsibility to vaccinate those who were tested negative and wished to receive full vaccination against the disease. They were required to receive three doses of vaccination after regular intervals.

These 171 people who received these vaccinations included monks and nuns from monasteries and nunneries around here. There were also some Tibetans from Mcleodganj and school children.

We must not forget the kind support from Tibet Charity Denmark because of whom we are able to do all these commendable charitable works for the poor, sick, needy and old people in Dharamsala as well as outside it.

Animal Care Activities

Animal Clinic gets a facelift



With kind support from Fondation Brigitte Bardot France (FBB), the animal clinic of Tibet Charity gets a complete facelift thereby making it more comfortable for the animals brought in as patients

and also making it more convenient for the staff working in the clinic.

The animal clinic of Tibet Charity at its present location was inaugurated in 2007. Tibetan Children's Village school allowed us to use their premise along with the ground floor of a building to run the clinic. Tibet Charity Denmark has kindly given us the necessary fund at that time to make necessary changes in the rooms and furnish the clinic as per our requirements. Brigitte Bardot Fondation has been providing us the financial support to run the clinic.

But during the visit of the Ms Ghyslaine, the Chairman and Ms Brigitte Auloy, the Project Manager of FBB has kindly agreed to give us extra fund to give a facelift to the clinic and also add extra facilities to the clinic to make it more comfortable for the animal patients coming to the clinic.

They have also replaced the existing vehicle that we have to be used for animal care activities. The one that we had so far has also been kindly donated by them in 2009.

We thank FBB for their kind support. Without their kind support, we would not have succeeded in helping the stray dogs in the region in the manner we do now.

Animal Birth Control and Anti-Rabies vaccination program resumes



Animal Birth Control (ABC) and Anti-Rabies (A-R) vaccination program resumes for the stray dogs in the region from 1st March 2015 after 2 months of winter.

We are very fortunate to have Dr. Mili Swali a vet from Mumbai joining our own Dr. Pankaj Sharma and other staff in carrying out ABC and A-R program with full vigour. Dr, Mili Swali has initially worked as a volunteer vet in Leh. She will be working with us at least for another six months.

We were also fortunate to have Dr. Bronwen Evan from Vets Beyond Borders joining us for a short period of time and sharing her experience with our vet and staff. Before she left, she wrote, "I am very impressed with the cleanliness and order with which the clinic is maintained. I have not seen such high standards since I left Australia. I feel this is because

you have such a wonderful staff and such well built facilities.” She further wrote,“The clinic is running extremely well and there is little I can offer them.”During the first month since the resumption of ABC and A-R program after winter break, 26 dogs were desexed out of which 22 were female dogs. Around 19 dogs were brought to the clinic for treatments of which few were hit by cars. Two cats were treated and desexed as well. All these dogs and cats brought to the clinic received anti-rabies vaccinations.

We thank Brigitte Bardot Fondation France for their kind support without which it would have been impossible to maintain the standard in terIMG_2337ms of work and facilities others speak so highly of.

We thank Dr. Mili Swali for kindly agreeing to offer long term voluntary service to us. We thank Ms Ingrid Smolders from the Netherland for kindly providing necessary support to Dr. Mili which enables her to do long term voluntary service with us. We are looking forward to long and successful collaboration with her in the service of the dogs and other animals.

Last but not the least, we thank TCV school and Tibet Charity Denmark who have provided us the right platform to work for the betterment of the dogs and other animals (mostly small) in the region.

With the kind backing of so many people, we look forward to extending our sphere of work in regions outside Dharamsala.

Animal Birth Control Camp organized at Norbulingka Institute



At the request of the local administration and the public at Norbulingka Institute of Tibetan Arts and Crafts, the Animal Care Section of Tibet Charity organized 3 days Animal Birth Control (ABC) camp from 14th to 16th April 2014.

Though Tibet Charity has organized such camps earlier, many new dogs were thrown there from the surrounding villages. These new dogs, if not sterilized, could lead to massive increase in the stray dog population in the region. Such unchecked population growth could cause serious problem to the human as well as animals in the region. Taking serious note of the growth in canine population in the region, we wasted no time in saying “Yes” to the request put forth by the administration and the public at Norbulingka.

Our own vet Dr. Pankaj Sharma was joined by volunteer vet Dr. Milli. They were ably assisted in their work by our staff Lobsang Thukjey and Mr. Pema. They received great support in dog catching and in arranging other logistic requirements from the staff and administration of the Institute. In two days’ time, they sterilized 24 dogs of which 8 were male and 18 female. Every dog that was brought for sterilization was also given anti-rabies vaccination. Besides desexing, they also treated other dogs that were brought to them.

We thank Brigitte Bardot Fondation, France with whose financial support we are able to organize such camps.

We thank Ms Ingrid from Holland, who has borne some of the medical and other expenses related to this camp. It is also thanks to her that we are able to use the services of Dr. Milli at our clinic.

We thank Dr. Milli in particular and our own staff for their hard work during the camp.

Last but not the least we thank the administration and the volunteers from Norbulingka Institute for providing us the necessary support.

Animal Birth Control and Anti-Rabies Vaccination Camp organized at Bir



As part of our campaign to keep the stray dog population in check and to ensure their good health, Tibet Charity has been regularly organizing camps in Tibetan and Indian settlements around Dharamsala.

On 11th May 2015, a team of two vets, Dr. Pankaj Sharma and Dr. Milli Swali started their journey to Bir along with Mr. Lobsang

Thukjey, a paravet and Mr. Pema, a vet attendant to start Animal Birth Control (ABC) and Anti-Rabies vaccination (A-R) camp at Bir and the settlements around it.

On arrival, they were received by a group of young local Tibetan volunteers. Without wasting much time, they immediately went about cleaning up the makeshift clinic, an abandoned house, and setting up operation tables and other requirements for the camp.

Once that was done, they immediately set out to catch dogs that were not sterilized. On the first day, they caught hold of 8 dogs to be operated. While going around catching dogs, they made sure to give A-R vaccination to those dogs that did not require sterilization.

Once they have completed the dogs in Bir, they went to catch dogs in Chauntra, a neighbouring Tibetan village with one school and an Old people's home. They were very well supported by over enthusiastic students of the school and also by the inmates of the old people's home in catching dogs.

At the end of three days, they have sterilized 23 dogs (6 males and 17 females). They have vaccinated 152 dogs in the area which did not include those that could not be caught and promised to be vaccinated by the volunteers. Some vaccines were left behind for these dogs.

Like every place the vet team goes to, they also treated dogs that required surgery and dressing of wounds. This time they successfully removed mammary tumor of one old dog.

The locals were highly appreciative of the good job done by the team. While thanking the team, they requested Tibet Charity to organize such camps on more regular basis.

We thank Brigitte Bardot Fondation for kindly funding all the expenses related to Tibet Charity animal care activities, which included the vehicle. Without their support, it would not have been possible for us to continue running this program.

We also thank Ingrid Smolders for kindly supporting Dr. Milli Swali to work with us and also for supporting us with the medicines and other requirements for conducting the ABC camp.

[Click here for ppt description of the camp](#)

World Rabies Day Celebrated



Tibet Charity celebrated World Rabies Day on 28th September 2015.

To mark the 9th World Rabies Day celebration at Tibet Charity, simple Rabies awareness function was organized at Tibet Charity house. Mrs. B. Tsering la, a member of Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile and presently Principal of Dalai Lama Institute

for Higher Tibetan Education was the Chief Guest at the function.

Mr. Tsering Thundup, the Director of Tibet Charity (India) started the proceedings by welcoming all those who have attended the function. He took the public down the memory lane and explained how dog population in general and rabies in particular used to be a problem in the region. He explained how Animal Birth Control program and Anti-Rabies vaccination program has successfully put an end to the menace of dog population and rabies in the region. He thanked our sponsors, TCV School and local Indian administration for extending necessary support in ensuring the success of our program.

Ms. Jigme Choekyi, the assistant coordinator of our Healthcare Section explained in details the causes, symptoms, prevention and treatment of the disease in human as well as animals. She said that all mammals can be affected by the disease and once the symptoms start showing up, it may be too late for treatment. She advised the public to go for pre-exposure vaccination for themselves and their pets.

Mrs. B. Tsering la while appreciating the good works of Tibet Charity for the benefit of the poor and needy in the region, she singled out three such projects which she felt were of immense benefit to the public. She singled out home nursing program, open schooling education and animal care program. She lauded Tibet Charity for coming up with programs which have not been tried by any other NGOs in Dharamsala. She said, "Tibet Charity is one such Organization which silently carries out its work with not much fanfare but which has immense benefit to the poor and needy".

After the function, Dr. Pankaj Sharma inaugurated mass vaccination program for stray dogs in the region by giving the first injection to our own dog, Paula. This was followed by vaccination of the pet dogs as

no pet dogs shall be vaccinated from the following day. A total of 56 pet dogs were vaccinated on the day.

We thank Brigitte Bardot Fondation France, for kindly providing us the support to carry out this mass anti-rabies vaccination campaign.

Mass Anti-Rabies vaccination program successfully concludes



The animal care section of Tibet Charity successfully concluded the mass rabies vaccination program for the stray dogs in and around Dharamsala.

The mass vaccination program for stray dogs concluded one day after World Rabies Day which was celebrated on 28th September 2015.

Like every year, the staff of our Animal Care Section assisted by our home nurses went from village to village, street to street and house to house trying to locate dogs and vaccinating them. As many of these dogs have spent some time in the past with our staff at the clinic for treatments or animal birth control program, catching most of them has not been such a difficult task. Some of them not only came to them but followed them even after receiving their vaccination. The team was happy that they could vaccinate some dogs that escaped them last year.

Though we hoped to vaccinate at least 1500 dogs, the dog population in the region has dropped down considerably. This year, we did not cover those areas that were covered by Dharamsala Animal Rescue.

We are very grateful to Brigitte Bardot Fondation France for kindly funding this program for the last nine years. Thanks to their support and our initiative, Rabies has become unheard of in the region since 2007.

We thank our vet team and our home nurses for continuously going around on foot for 10 days in the hot sun vaccinating these dogs.

We thank Mr. Tsering Gyaltzen, our ex-staff, for volunteering to help us for the whole 10 days. We thank animal lovers at various places for helping us in locating dogs, catching them and offering us refreshment at times.

The details of dogs vaccinated at different places are as follows (excluding the pet dogs vaccinated at Tibet Charity):

Date	Place	Number of dogs vaccinated
29/09/2015	McLeod Ganj	67
30/09/2015	McLeod Ganj	52
01/10/2015	Bhagsu Nath	63
02/10/2015	Tushita & Dharamkot area	67
03/10/2015	Forsyth Ganj, TCV area	113
04/10/2015	Library & Mentseekhang area	95
05/10/2015	Norbulingka & Sidhbari area	126
06/10/2015	Lower TCV, TTS, Sarah & Gopalpur	87
07/10/2015	Shugseb, Jamyang Choeling & Tirlokpur	28
08/10/2015	Lower Dharamsala	34
	T O T A L:	732

Tibet Charity Joins ABC Camp in Bodhgaya

Tibet Charity Animal Clinic is highly privileged to share with their well wishers and supporters that we had the opportunity to join the KAGYU MONLAM ANIMAL MEDICAL /ABC CAMP, at Bodhgaya from the 20th of December to the 30th of December 2015.



The camp is involved in sterilizing the street dogs in Bodhgaya, provides anti-rabies vaccination to street animals, operates a veterinary mobile clinic, runs an out-patient and in-patient department for treating sick large and small animals, and performs education programs in public and private schools to educate students regarding animal behavior and rabies prevention.

This camp is conducted every year with the kind support from H.H Karmapa (Kagyü Monlam Trust), Vets from Australia, Sikkim Anti-rabies and Animal Health Department, Government of Sikkim, and the Tibet Charity Animal Care section (Tibet Charity India). The camp was visited by H.H .Karmapa, Mingyur Rinpoche, and Ayang Rinpoche to support this noble cause for animals.

H.H.Karmapa arranged a luncheon for the volunteers and complemented them by saying, “You all are doing a very good job.” He presented each volunteer with a small gift as token of thanks.

It was an amazing experience and we are grateful to be a part of this camp. Many thanks to the Brigitte Bardott Foundation as the sponsor of the camp.

His Holiness Gyalwa Karmapa visits Animal Care Section



HH Karmapa being received at the clinic by Director

His Holiness, the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa, Orgyen Trinley Dorje, the spiritual leader of the Karma Kagyu lineage, one of the major traditions of Tibetan Buddhism, paid a short visit to the

veterinary clinic of Tibet Charity on 23rd October 2015.

His Holiness was received at the gate of the clinic by the Director and other staff of Tibet Charity Animal Care Section with 'khatas', traditional Tibetan scarf. He then went to each of the rooms of the clinic consecrating each one of them.

His Holiness Karmapa is a known environmentalist and animal lover. His love from the animals can be gauged from the fact that he chose to visit the clinic in spite of His highly busy schedule on the day. He was on His way to be the Chief Guest on the occasion of 55th Anniversary of Tibetan Children's Village.

We felt highly blessed and we are sure his blessings and prayers will help the animals coming to the clinic for treatment.

It is our good fortune to be able to be a part of the Animal Welfare Camp organised annually by His Holiness Karmapa at Bodh Gaya.

Members of BBF visits Tibet Charity



Ms Brigitte Auloy, the project manager of Brigitte Bardot Foundation, France (BBF) and Dr. Joel Gagnaison, a governing body member of BBF visited Tibet Charity from 16th to 18th October 2015.

On the 16th, the two had an audience with His Holiness Karmapa regarding some of the animal care projects initiated by His Holiness and supported by BBF. They discussed ways to create public awareness on matters relating to animal welfare. Kind suggestions from His Holiness was sought on hoardings and other advertising mechanisms being prepared by BBF to request people to provide three basic necessities of life, food, water and shelter, to the stray animals on the streets.

They then visited Tibet Charity Animal care section and met the staff there. Various issues related to Animal care section were discussed. They inspected the projects funded by them during their last visit. The staff raised some requirements for the clinic which they promptly

sanctioned. They even personally went to the market and bought one fridge for the clinic to store some vaccines and medicines. Budget for next year was also tentatively agreed upon. Both Tibet Charity and BBF decided to work together to carry out Animal Welfare program in other Tibetan settlements and villages surrounding them as per the wishes of His Holiness the Dalai Lama when He met the members last year.

Dr. Joel checked the patients in the clinic and suggested ways to treat them. He promised to answer any problem faced by our vets as and when they require advice.

Like always, it is always a pleasure seeing our kind supporters in person. We thank them for kindly taking out time to visit us in spite of their highly busy schedule. We thank them for their continuous support.
