

ANNUAL REPORT OF TIBET CHARITY (April 2016- March 2017)

The Tibet Charity organization, has been serving the community in exile since 1997. The office of Tibet Charity in India was opened in 2005.

Excluding the projects carried out by Tibet Charity in Denmark in direct collaboration with Central Tibetan Administration since 1997, Tibet Charity India has developed innovative projects for the betterment of the community in exile.

Under the Education Program, Tibet Charity continues to provide quality English language courses to many and have even provided scholarship to 85 students, till date. Being the only accredited Institute to run Open Basic Education program under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India.

The Animal Care Program has completely wiped out Rabies from McLeod Ganj and its surrounding areas. TCV carries out Animal Birth Control and Anti-Rabies vaccination programs in villages and settlements in Himachal Pradesh.

The Health Care Program includes a Home Nursing Program which involves caring for the sick and elders living alone at home by visiting them door to door and helping them with household activities. The home nurses take these elders to hospitals, as and when required, besides giving them massages and bathing them from time to time. They also assist the new comers from Tibet to hospitals and other routine checkups. The Blood Donation Club has benefited many patients in urgent need of blood. Tibet Charity have also provided financial assistance to poor patients to undergo necessary checkups and treatments and often conducts awareness drives and sets up checkup kiosks.

Tibet Charity has succeeded in finding sponsors for more than 60 elders in the exile community and has even raised food and provided relief during the cloudburst incident in Ladakh, besides providing solar lamps to the people living in the remote areas of Ladakh.

EDUCATION SECTION

Tibet Charity Classes 2016-17



The year began with the commencement of the new session of the Tibet Charity English Language Classes (March to May), 2016. A simple opening ceremony was held to mark the beginning. A total of 57 students had enrolled for this session.

The 1st semester of the Tibet Charity English language classes concluded with a simple function on 8th July, marking the

dedication of the teachers and the students. The function was attended by the three outgoing volunteer teachers: Irene Atichison from Canada, Sahra Robert from England and Joanne Zions from Australia, along with our students, a group of 16 students accompanied by their teachers from Rugby school, England and Tibet Charity's staff.

The second session, Tibet Charity English Language classes (July to November), 2016 commenced with an opening ceremony. A new batch of qualified and experienced volunteer teachers coming to teach English for four months.

The opening ceremony was attended by Philip Nigel Brownhill from Australia, Dennis Marceron from America and France Marceron from France on 20th July, 2016.



Tibet Charity also introduced French classes taught by Mrs. France for those interested in learning French. A total of 76 students enrolled for this session.

A simple closing ceremony marked the end of Tibet Charity language classes for the year 2016. The closing function was attended by the students, staff, and volunteers of Tibet Charity.

The 1st session of Tibet Charity English Language classes (March – May), 2017 began after three months of winter vacation. A simple opening ceremony was held to mark the start.



The new batch of volunteers included Ms. Marlene King Adams, Mr. Noel King Adams and Cristene Squires from Australia and the volunteer for French Class, Mr. Robert Verite from France.

Volunteers' Trip to Bir and Chauntra

Tibet charity organizes a biannual excursion for the volunteer teachers who work uncompromisingly for the students.

In April, 2016, David and Irean along with the volunteer coordinator, visited Tibetan settlements of Chauntra and Bir and a local Tibetan school, CST Chauntra.





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On 15th October, 2016, Tibet Charity had the privilege of taking the volunteer English teachers of the Charity's Education Section for a day trip out to see Bir, a nearby Tibetan settlement. They enjoyed a full day of sightseeing and exploration in the town and at a couple of the monasteries in the

Students from Rugby School, England Visited Tibet Charity India

A group of 16 students accompanied by their 2 teachers from Rugby School, England visited Dharamshala between 7th- 15th July, 2016.

During the period of their stay, they participated in conversation classes with the students of Tibet Charity English Language classes and spent 2 fruitful hours each day giving the students much needed lesson in spoken English.



The visiting students also took time to visit the elders being looked after by the Home Nurses of Tibet Charity to get firsthand experience in community service. They not only accompanied them but joined hands in helping these elders. They also visited the Animal Care Section of Tibet Charity.

HEALTH CARE SECTION

World Blood Donors Day Observed



who came forward to donate blood thereby, ensuring relief in times of emergencies.

Tibet Charity observed World Blood Donors Day on 14th June 2016. In the morning, a donors' recruitment camp was organized in the main square of Mcleodganj whereas, in the evening, a special thanksgiving dinner was organized to honour and thank all the kind donors

Tibet Charity Bids Farewell to Ms. Tenzin Nangsel

Tibet Charity bade farewell to Ms. Tenzin Nangsel who resigned from her duty as a home nurse on 3rd September, 2016.

During the period of her stay, she carried out her duty with utmost dedication and sincerity.



Massage Camp Organised at Norbulingka



The Health Care section of Tibet Charity organised a two-day massage camp at Norbulingka on 19th and 20th of September. During the camp 66 Tibetans and Non- Tibetan individuals came forward to avail the massage services.

World Diabetes Day Observed

The Health Section of Tibet Charity observed World Diabetes Day in collaboration with Tibetan Settlement Office, McLeod Ganj on 14th November, 2016.



The day was observed by organizing free screening of the public in McLeod Ganj and NorbuLingka for diabetes and hypertension. The idea behind organizing such a program was to create public awareness vis-a-vis the disease which is slowly affecting more and more Tibetans and Indians.

In total, 207 people were screened; out of which 18 people were found to be having high sugar level and 45 people were found out to have high blood pressure.

Tibet Charity Free Ambulance Service, Bodh Gaya

Tibet Charity began its 'FREE AMBULANCE SERVICE' (2nd – 14th January) for the benefit of the people who arrived at Bodh Gaya to witness the 'Kalachakra Initiation' from His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama.

More 400 thousand people were estimated to have been present for the highly auspicious event.

Tibet Charity initiated this service and the massage clinic, keeping in mind the pilgrims who would have come all the way from Tibet and who do not speak the local language. Tibet Charity also extended this service to any other persons who may be in of need.



Tibet Charity concluded its free ambulance service and massage clinic for the pilgrims at Bodh Gaya who had come to participate in the 34th Kalachakra initiation by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama with effect from 14th Jan 2017.

ANIMAL CARE SECTION

The Outgoing and New Presidents of TCV Organization Felicitated



Tibet Charity arranged a special dinner in honour of the outgoing and new presidents of TCV organization on 2nd May 2016. The outgoing President Mr. Tsewang Yeshe la, had been the president of TCV organization for 10 years, 2006 to 2016 and had always extended great support to Tibet Charity during the period of his

presidency.

210 Dogs Sterilized at Paonta Sahib

The Animal Care Section of Tibet Charity organized 10-day Animal Birth Control (ABC) and Anti-Rabies (A-R) camp for the street dogs at Paonta Sahib, a small town in the North Indian state of Himachal Pradesh, from 28th March to 6th April 2016.

A small opening function was organized on the 1st day of the camp. The opening function was presided over by Mr. Arun Goyal, the MD of Tirupatti Medicos and all the elected councilors of the local Municipal Committee led by their Chairperson and Vice-Chairman. The Tibetan Settlement Officer too joined the function along with some representatives from the Tibetan settlement.



ABC and A-R Vaccination Camp held at TCV Gopalpur

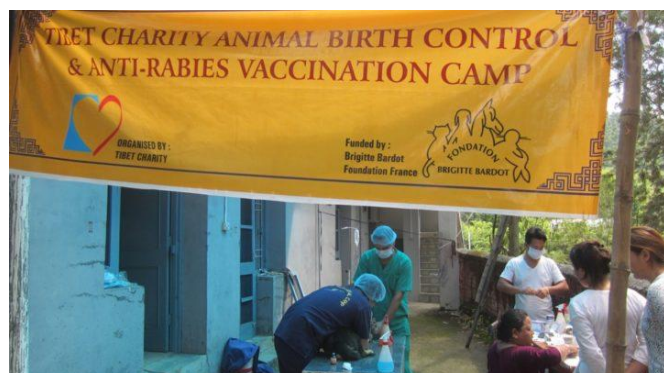
A 3-day Animal Birth Control (ABC) and Anti-Rabies (A-R) vaccination camp for stray dogs was arranged at TCV, Gopalpur. With support and coordination from the staff and students, 22 dogs (12 females, 10 males) were sterilized and more than 40 dogs vaccinated.



The students caught the dogs, as the dogs were friendly and comfortable in their presence. Volunteer students also who helped the staff at the camp.

ABC Camp Organised at Tashi Jong

The Animal Care Section (TCACS) of Tibet Charity organised 4-day Animal Birth Control (ABC) and Anti Rabies Vaccination (A-R) camp at the Tibetan settlement Tashi Jong from 12th to 15th September, 2016. The regular vet Dr. Pankaj Sharma conducted the camp and was assisted by the vet assistant Mr. Tsering Gyalsen.



During the camp, 38 dogs were sterilized (13 males and 25 females). Besides these, a total of 52 dogs received A-R vaccination.

Ani Sonam Tsering selected for JAMTSE AWARD

A dinner was hosted in the honour of the 1st JAMTSE AWARD nominees for their

outstanding contribution to the welfare of the street dogs in the region.

During this dinner, the nominees unanimously decided to choose Ani Sonam Tsering La, 'The Mother Teresa of Dogs in Dharamsala' for this year's JAMTSE AWARD.



Tibet Charity Bids Farewell to Dr. Milli

A simple farewell party was organised by the staff of Tibet Charity to bid good bye to Dr. Milli K Swali. She had been working with Tibet Charity as a regular vet since 6th March, 2015.



During the time of her stay here, she has conducted a few hundred sterilisation of dogs and has taken part in many Animal Birth Control camps at various places including the one at Paonta Sahib where more than 200 dogs were sterilized and more number of dogs were vaccinated against rabies.

10th World Rabies Day Observed

Tibet Charity celebrated 10th World Rabies Day along with the international community on 28th September 2016.

A simple public awareness function which marked the day had Mr. Dhangyi Tzultrim la, the Secretary Department of Health,



Central Tibetan Administration as the Chief Guest. Dr. Ajay Sharma, the Additional Secretary, State Animal Husbandry Department and Mr. Dawa Rinchen la, the Tibetan Settlement Officer, Dharamsala were the Guests of Honour at the function. Many guests consisting of representatives from monasteries in the region, local Tibetan office bearers, school heads and foreign dignitaries also attended the function.

Dog Lovers Felicitated

Tibet Charity felicitated some of the dog lovers of Dharamsala by presenting them with an award. The awards of appreciation were presented to three individuals who have adopted street dogs from the clinic of Tibet Charity Animal Care Section.



The recipients included Mr. Joginder Singh, a cobbler by profession, who adopted two dogs from the clinic, a vegetable vendor, who also adopted a pup when she was just a few days old and the third recipient was Ms. Tseten Dolkar, the founder of Tibet Tech.

Tibet Charity then presented JAMTSE AWARD to 80-year old Ani Sonam Tsering. She was awarded this trophy for her lifelong service to the dogs.

World Rabies Day Observed in 2 Tibetan Settlements

Inspired by the animal care activities of Tibet Charity, two Tibetan settlements observed World Rabies Day with great success.



Tibetan Settlement Paonta Sahib observed World Rabies Day by inviting local senior veterinary officer to the public awareness function in the main hall of the settlement. More than 50 people attended the function which also had the Tibetan Settlement Officer as one of the guests. The function was organised by the Settlement Health

Coordinator Mr. Pema Tsering and funded by USAID.

Mass anti-rabies vaccination program was also organised at Tibetan Settlement Bylakuppe to mark World Rabies Day. Starting from 08:30 a.m. in the morning, Ms. Bronwen Evan, Mr, Lhakpa and Mr. Jampa Choedak carried out vaccination program for stray dogs in the region. In total 136 dogs were vaccinated out of which 106 were stray dogs and 30 pets. They were ably supported by Mr. Sonam Yougyal la, the Health Officer of the settlement. Like Paonta Sahib, the program in Bylakuppe was also funded by USAID.

710 Dogs Vaccinated

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 2016.



This year, 710 dogs were vaccinated. The vet team covered places such as McLeod Ganj, Bhagsu Nag, Dharamkot, Gangchen Kyishong, Naddi Village, Norbu Lingka, Sarah and Trilokpur.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTION

Tibet Charity Awarded for Outstanding Performance in Social Works

Mr. Sudhir Sharma, the honourable Urban Development Minister, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh awarded a special trophy to Tibet Charity for its outstanding performance in Social Works at the 28th All India Shaheed Durga Mal Dal Bahadur Memorial Gold Cup tournament. The Director, Mr. Tsering Thundup la received the trophy on behalf of Tibet Charity.

“Tibet Charity within a short period of time has made remarkable contribution in the fields of social work... In recognition of their highly commendable initiatives, we have pleasure and pride in presenting the Trophy for Outstanding Performance in Social Work 2016 to Tibet Charity”.



Friends from Austria Visit Tibet Charity

Members of Save Tibet Austria, a very close and old friend of Tibet Charity India, visited India on 5th October.



Tibet Charity Austria presently supports some elderly Tibetans and provides scholarship to Tibetan students to pursue higher studies. They also make some contribution in paying the rent of the building that houses Tibet Charity.

On 7th October, Tibet Charity India invited them for a dinner with all the staff of Tibet Charity. The dinner enabled them to see the

real faces behind the success of Tibet Charity.

Ration Distributed to Hermits

Tibet Charity was happy to have distributed ration consisting of 5 kg of rice, 5 kg of flour and 1 big packet of tea leaves to the hermits living in the forests near Tushita Retreat Centre and around the TCV school.

Tibet Charity has also distributed winter coats, walking sticks, socks etc. to many people in and around the McLeod Ganj area.



Workshop on Legal Aspects of NGOs Organised



Tibet Charity organised a workshop on Legal Aspects of NGOs with special reference to Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) on 25th and 26th of November, 2016 at conference hall of Hotel Tibet, Dharamsala. A total of 46 participants representing 27 organisations/institutions in Dharamsala attended the workshop.

We thank SOIR-IM for funding the workshop. This workshop has been of tremendous help to the participants keeping the frequent changes taking place in the Acts in mind.

Tibet Charity Awarded for Social Service

During the first general meeting of all the Non-Governmental Organisations and Institutions under the jurisdiction of Tibetan Settlement Office, Dharamsala, Tibet Charity, was given an award for outstanding social service for the community.

This was the second time that Tibet Charity has been officially presented with an award, though many have often publicly praised the achievements of Tibet Charity.



Losar Get Together for the Elders

Losar the 'Tibetan New Year' is an occasion for the Tibetans to celebrate with great joy with their families and close ones. However, there are still people in Dharamsala, who have no choice but to celebrate the occasion on their own.



We at Tibet Charity therefore, felt that it would mean a great lot if they were invited for a celebration together. Therefore, Tibet Charity celebrated Losar with 35 such people in the region including some of the hermits who were on retreat. The elders were received at the gate by the Director with the

traditional Tibetan scarf. Sweet butter rice and butter tea were offered to the elders as per tradition. After breakfast, the elders took part in various fun activities including singing of songs, playing fun games etc., making it a truly special and exciting Losar.

The success of this year would not have been possible without the support of our well-wishers and hardworking staff.

We therefore take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors, prominent among them being Tibet Charity Denmark, Tibet Charity Sweden, Brigitte Bardot Foundation France, Save Tibet Austria and Graines d'Avenir France.

We also thank all our staff, both past and present, for working with utmost dedication for the service of the others.