

PROJECT OF THE MONTH "GUARDIANS OF THE VOICELESS" Creating a cruelty free generation

This month we have chosen the Project **Guardians of the Voiceless** developed in Patalia, Punjab, India, a non-government organisation (NGO) founded by Pankaj Arora which mission is to create a cruelty free generation. They care for the less fortunate in India, children, the most affected by poverty and social inequality and animals. The project also has an educational nature, promoting values such as empathy, sensitivity and respect among others, with an active participation of children and adolescents in order to build a society with strong pillars, causing an unprecedented change in the country.



How do they carry out their mission?

Each day they receive between 15 and 20 local calls of injured stray animals in the streets that have either been abused, accidentally injured, or are ill and will most certainly die without their help. Then Pankaj and Rohit visit that place, if it's a minor wound then they allow their younger volunteers to operate the wound, but if the animal is furious, a wounded animal is a frightened and unpredictable animal that can become violent because of pain, then Pankaj, helped by Rohit deal with it. They catch the suffering animal with a net and take it to Pankaj house to look after it. Later the animal comes back to the streets.



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They receive the help not only from local volunteers but even from the USA, France, Australia and England. In January 2014 they have already rescued over 80 dogs, done sterilization of four of them and nearly 50 cows have been treated, in India the cow that gives no milk, who is ill or old is neglected around the streets.

They supply medical care to street animals every day, it's usual to see in the streets of Patalia a group of volunteers, mostly children, who have acquired basic knowledge of first aid to help an animal. Due to the lack of resources, their performances are held on public roads in poor conditions.

Guardians of the Voiceless rely solely on donations to provide for the care of the animals as well as the children and families in need. Pankaj and his team would like to give a safe refuge for abused, unwanted, orphaned animals and homeless, underprivileged children. The dreams of these guardian angels go beyond, "we have to change at first a city, then a state, a country and the world", says Pankaj Arora.



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