



**ALL CREATURES
GREAT AND SMALL**

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NEWSLETTER





Dear friends of ACGS

Patrick Swazye, a well-known actor was once told that his house smelled of dogs. He turned around and asked them if they knew what the smell of dog was. He went on to elaborate, 'It is the smell of gratitude, of unconditional love, of abundant joy, of nobility, loyalty and affection. And in spite of all that they have gone through there is no smell of resentment.'

These are so many wonderful and heartwarming reasons to bring home an abandoned or homeless dog and have your home smelling of love and hope! And we have them- big and small, lean and fit or fat and indolent! We have homed so many of these wonderful creatures. We want you to come to the sanctuary and take your pick from the wonderfully alive and so responsive a bunch.

As we reflect on the past year, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for your kindness and generosity. Your unwavering support has allowed us to continue our mission of providing a safe, loving home for animals in need. Whether through donations, volunteering, or spreading the word, you have been an essential part of our sanctuary family.

On behalf of all the rescued animals and our dedicated team, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Be well and be kind.

**With heartfelt gratitude,
ACGS Family**



Fun and Edifying Events:

The Fundraiser

Last winter, ACGS hosted a truly special fundraiser at the Swiss Embassy. Tarini, the home store, generously donated their amazing creations for sale and all of the proceeds went to ACGS. Everybody's enthusiasm, support, and love for this cause turned this event into something truly engaging. Every purchase people made helped ACGS get one step closer to building a more compassionate world for animals. From stunning home linens, to hand crafted pottery, from cool dresses in ethnic styles to fashionable western wear, it was all there in colourful and discerning splendour!



The Open House

The Open House held on September 15, 2024 at the sanctuary, was a vibrant event featuring a scavenger hunt, an adoption drive, and engaging interactions with animals, making it a memorable day for all attendees.



Storytelling for Animals

ACGS graciously hosted a 'Storytelling for Animals' workshop organised by The Federation of Indian Animal Protection Organisations, that encouraged the idea of creating more thinkers, animal photographers and storytellers. Spearheaded by award-winning photographers Jo-Anne McArthur and Shatabdi Chakrabarti, the workshop held on March 7 & 8, 2025 at the sanctuary, trained animal advocates in the art of conveying animal stories through photographs.



The Auction

Fashion and Philanthropy took centre stage on 25th April, 2025, at a beautiful residence in Vasant Vihar in New Delhi on a balmy evening, when our trustee, Sumant Jayakrishnan, along with Ameeta Seth, Aparna Behl, Sonali Mongia and Gayatri Shiveshwarkar hosted and curated a very special fund raising event for ACGS. The designers came with their stunning creations and Delhi's crème de la crème came with enthusiasm and generosity in their hearts to bid for their favourite pret and haute couture. Some of the designers on display were JJ Valya, Anju Modi, Namrata Joshipura, Payal Jain, Ashish Soni, Gauri and Nainika and others.

A magical setting was created in the perfectly manicured gardens under a starry night sky. Fairy lights and colourful flowers, tinkling wine glasses and elegant humanity completed the setting for a night of celebration and caring for the voiceless animals living amidst us. The evening started with cocktails and a delectable selection of hors d'oeuvres. This was followed by the fashion walk. Friends joined the professional models on the ramp and there was much cheering and laughter as they sashayed down the catwalk. And then the live auction took place. There was frenetic bidding with paddles going up and down with much alacrity! Most of the pieces on display were swooped up as our very efficient auctioneer Ms. Fatima Mahdi called out the magic word 'sold'(!) and brought down the gavel after every final bid.

A silent auction for select items was held in the hall indoors which also evoked great interest. A generous kitty at the end of the day left people with a feeling of bonhomie and a day's work well done!





Stray Buddy



A vital fact to remember is that stray dogs have the right to stay in the locality they have grown up in, without any intimidation, hurt or fear from humans. This is mandated by the Supreme Court and people can be prosecuted under the law for violating the order. But despite the law, conflicts do arise and the happy coexistence of humans and animals often take ugly turns.

Stray Buddy, a flagship initiative of ACGS, was started just to prevent such situations from developing. It is a unique effort to bring people and stray dogs closer and to eliminate the conflict that has existed for decades. It champions a humane, community-driven approach to managing free-living dogs in urban spaces in harmony with human interventions. Anchored in a model that mobilizes and builds the capacity of caregivers in residential neighbourhoods, college campuses, public green spaces, and local markets, the programme fosters coexistence and empowers citizens to care, advocate, and respond. From digital mapping to awareness workshops, from youth campaigns to collaring drives, the program continues to make the case for structured, grassroots-led care as a pathway to coexistence and public well-being.



Stray Buddy

In the past year, the program deepened its roots across Delhi, nurturing local ecosystems of care through outreach, tools, and storytelling. Stray Buddy's strength lies in its ability to bridge small but significant gaps—whether that means stepping in during a local crisis or helping caregivers navigate harassment and housing challenges. Over 22 caregiver groups received structured support this year, and aligned efforts with municipal actors have added further weight to the model. What makes the model durable isn't just its footprint—it's the ecosystem it nurtures. In-kind partnerships—with Blep Foods, 'Heads Up For Tails' Foundation, Motopaws and others—helped supply everything from meals and medical kits to collars, bowls, and treats, proving that resourcefulness and collaboration can go a long way. Over 1,000 citizens engaged through creative campaigns, festive events, and direct interventions. Many of them were young people, leading awareness workshops, designing posters, and crafting reflective collars to improve visibility, safety and positive recognition. We saw how community engagement was both joyful and strategic—building awareness while supporting urgent needs like vaccination, feeding and first-aid.

For more details, visit straybuddy.in or follow us on Instagram (@straybuddy.in). Learn on-the-spot first aid, responsible stray feeding, Rabies control, and more. The programme is led by trustee Annalieke Laninga. For support, log in or call 8800412274.

Just remember the dogs maybe stray but they can certainly be our buddies!





Learning and Growing

Last year, ACGS made significant strides in capacity building and skill development for its veterinary team through a series of impactful initiatives. One significant training was by Dr. Katie Holmes, accompanied by Dr April, to not only perform essential surgeries but also to mentor and build the capacity of in-house doctors, enhancing their hands-on surgical skills and clinical confidence. Throughout the year, specialized training sessions were conducted, including comprehensive ultrasound training to equip the team with advanced diagnostic techniques, crucial for effective animal care.

Another major highlight was the orthopedic surgery training conducted by Dr. Ekaterina B. Rasiya, for in-depth knowledge and practical experience in managing complex orthopedic cases.

These collective efforts reflect ACGS's strong commitment to enhancing learning, professional development, and delivery of high-quality veterinary services.

Care in our clinic extended to over **21000** animals in the last one year. This staggering figure includes over **19000 dogs, 400+ cats, 120** small animals, and **230** large animals like horses, cows and buffaloes.



Some of our Successful Adoption Stories



Chunmun our 'always wagging her tail indie' was the chosen one for Dr Aisha Bali from Gurgaon.

Chetana Misra from Noida fell for our rambunctious Labrador, Jack.



Basavaraja, from Bangalore was obviously a bird person. He only wanted our pigeons and took seven.

Nem Donny Gangte, from Faridabad was smitten by our kitten Mr Grey!



Gaurav Hazra came with sis and dad and took away Jerry, our friendly Labrador.

Our Grateful Thanks

As always, we would like to thank La Opera for the regular donation of gourmet breads and the host of other organisations and people who are always there when we need them.

Meet ACGSfamily on YouTube!

Our shelter staff has launched a new YouTube channel — ACGSfamily — sharing real stories and daily moments from life at the shelter.

Subscribe for an authentic look behind the scenes, brought to you by the team who makes it all happen.

How can you help?

We have permanent residents of horses, donkeys, goats, cows, dogs, cats, emus, rabbits, pigs and several species of birds and other animals, all in need of critical attention and then long-term care. We need huge funds to keep them fed and for all their medical needs. Please donate generously.

If you cannot take a pet home for any reason, then for just ₹ 4000/ a month, the dog or cat is yours but continues to stay at the sanctuary. It will be yours to visit, love, pamper and spoil whenever you come.

If a large animal has taken your fancy (and we don't blame you for falling for our beautiful horses, the curious goats or the grunting pigs!) you can donate : ₹ 5000/ a month and we will ensure that your baby is well cared for. We will update you regularly with reports and photographs of your pet.

One other way to join this special family at ACGS is to enroll in the prestigious 'One K Club'. This can be done with just ₹ 10000/ a year contribution. We hope to reach out to a 1000 caring people from around the world and India. This small contribution will enable the sanctuary to operate without the constant worry about affording feed and health care for the many hundreds of animals it shelters.

And again, you might prefer our 'Paws for 500' programme, wherein just ₹ 500 is automatically deducted from your account every month towards ACGS under your instruction. Just call us and we will help you with the necessary paperwork. Easy peasy!

Members of ACGS family will get

- Receipts of donations to an approved FCRA bank account which is already in place.
- Regular Facebook / Instagram updates on ACGS activities (you can see how your donation is being used)
- The ACGS newsletter
- Opportunity to visit ACGS anytime



Support us to make a difference

Direct bank transfers (for Indian Rupees-INR) may be sent to:

Name: All Creatures Great and Small

Name of Bank: HDFC BANK LTD

Branch Name: East of Kailash - II

Branch Address: A71 East of Kailash, New Delhi - 110065

Bank A/C no: 50100201139238

MICR no: 110240216

IFSC no: HDFC 0001666

Direct bank transfers (for foreign currency) may be sent to:

Account Name: All Creatures Great and Small

Account Number: 39938316818

Name of Bank: State Bank of India

Branch Name: New Delhi Main Branch

Code: 00691

Branch Address: FCRA Cell, 4th Floor, 11

Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001, India

IFSC: SBIN0000691

Swift Code: SBININBB104

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