



ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL (ACGS)

Annual Report

2024-2025

Meet our Founder



Ms. Anjali Gopalan is a visionary leader and a dedicated advocate for both human and animal rights. In 2012, Ms. Gopalan was named by "Time" Magazine as one of the world's 100 most influential people for her pioneering work on HIV/AIDs and LGBT rights in India. She established Delhi's first one-of-a-kind HIV clinic in 1996 and the Naz Foundation (India) Trust. Renowned for her extensive work in social activism, she is the founder of All Creatures Great and Small (ACGS), a sanctuary built on the belief that every animal, regardless of species, deserves compassion, dignity, and a safe home. Her deep love for animals and her unwavering commitment to their welfare led her to establish ACGS in 2012. Through ACGS, Ms. Gopalan actively promotes education, community awareness, and responsible caregiving for animals. Her efforts have provided a second chance to countless animals that would otherwise be forgotten. Ms. Gopalan is also a board member of the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI), and her journey is a testament to the power of compassion, showing that saving one life, no matter how small, can make a world of difference.



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Introduction

All Creatures Great and Small (ACGS) is dedicated to providing a safe haven for **abandoned, neglected, and abused animals**. Founded on the principle that every animal deserves a chance at a better life, ACGS has grown from a small rescue operation into a comprehensive sanctuary that caters to a wide variety of animals, including dogs, cats, cows, buffalos, and horses. Our mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome animals while promoting humane treatment and animal welfare.



Brief History

All Creatures Great and Small (ACGS) is founded by one of India's leading human and animal rights activist, Ms. Anjali Gopalan. In 2010, after volunteering at a shelter in Delhi that lacked proper care and compassion, she was inspired to create a sanctuary where animals could heal and find joy. ACGS was founded to be a sanctuary for sick, old and disabled animals, offering them a safe and loving environment until they could be rehabilitated or adopted. The sanctuary was named after the book *All Creatures Great and Small* by Dr. James Herriot, a British vet who wrote about his experiences with animals in a humorous and compassionate way. ACGS has grown from its initial focus on dogs to include a wide range of animals, including goats, cows, horses, buffaloes, mules, donkeys, birds, rabbits, cats and monkeys. The sanctuary has expanded its facilities to accommodate these animals, including building stables, barns, ponds, warrens, and aviaries.





VISION

ACGS believes that animals have a **right to a non-speciesist, cruelty-free life**. They need to be recognized as **sentient beings**, no different from humans, and must be included in the global social justice movement along with all other liberation movements.

MISSION

ACGS's mission is to create a **gentle, nurturing, loving, and compassionate sanctuary for old, sick, abandoned, and lonely animals**. We believe that every animal that comes through our gates is special and is worthy of quality care, good nutrition, medical attention, and tons of affection. Our aim is to create a **happy forever home** for each permanent resident until the end of their lives, whether at the sanctuary or through our adoption program.

The Animals Under Our Care : 2024-2025

This year, ACGS went above and beyond, extending its compassionate care to an astonishing **21,000+ animals**—an incredible testament to our unwavering dedication to animal welfare. Our expertise touched the lives of majestic cows, sturdy buffaloes, gallant horses, loyal dogs, graceful cats, intelligent monkeys, vibrant birds, and even the exotic emus. Each creature received meticulous attention, ensuring their well-being, recovery, and happiness.

Our expert team worked around the clock, performing countless medical interventions, life-saving procedures, and rehabilitative efforts to ensure every creature had a chance at a healthier, happier life. This year has been nothing short of remarkable, solidifying **ACGS as a beacon of hope for animals in need.**



Our Programmes:

1. Sanctuary Clinic:

This year, the ACGS Sanctuary and Clinic proudly cared for over 21,000 animals, offering a lifeline to creatures in need through dedicated medical attention, surgeries, and critical rescues. Our numbers reflect both the scale and the heart of our work: 19,000+ dogs, 400+ cats, 120+ small animals, and 230+ large animals, each receiving compassionate, expert care regardless of the severity of their condition. From minor ailments to life-threatening emergencies, our team of skilled veterinarians and paraveterinarians worked around the clock to provide everything from routine check-ups to complex, life-saving surgeries. Every animal that enters our sanctuary is treated with respect, empathy, and an unwavering commitment to their well-being. These numbers are more than just statistics—they represent thousands of second chances, stories of healing, and the impact of a team that refuses to give up on any life.



Our Programmes: Sanctuary Clinic

Impact Metrics 2024-2025

Breakdown of animals treated

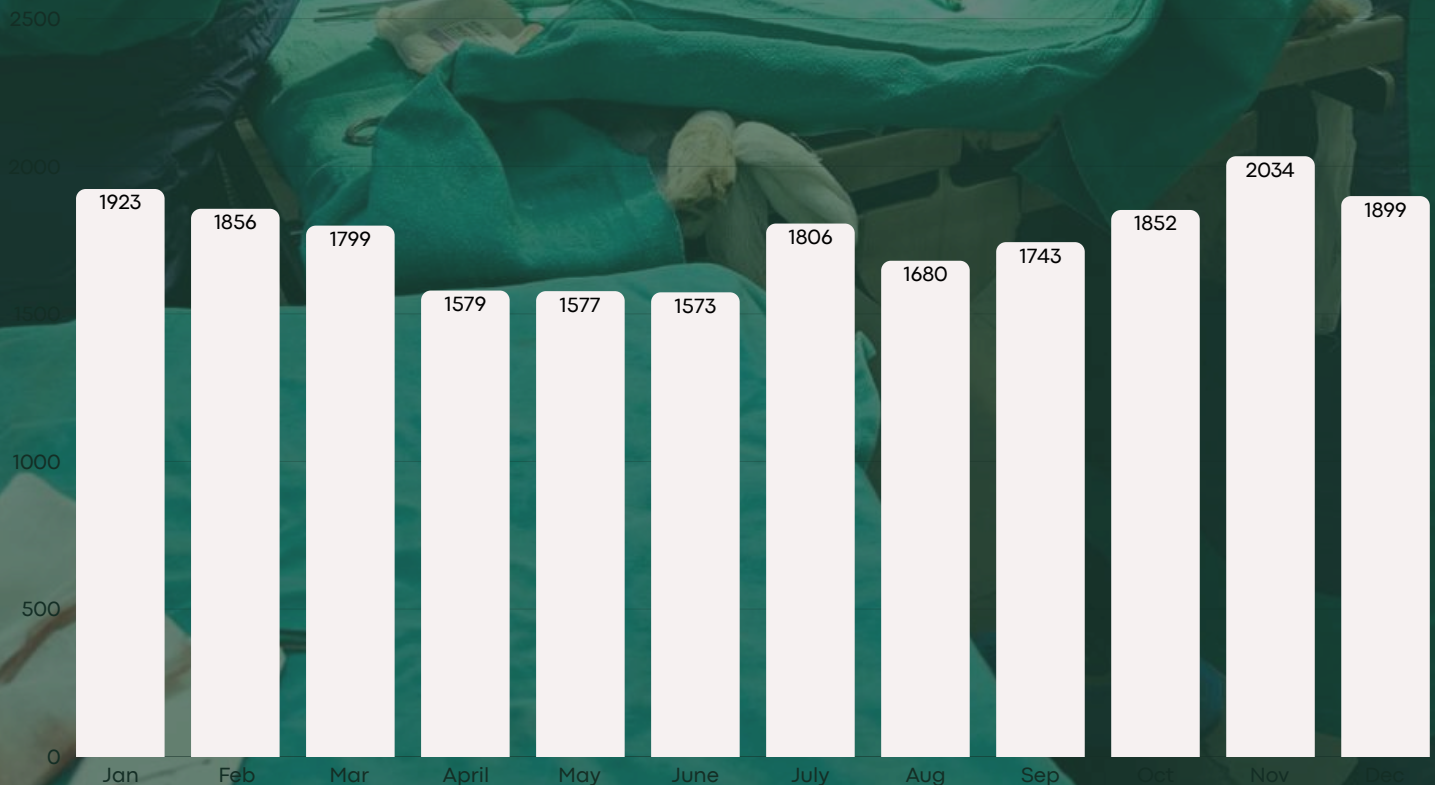
Dogs: 19,000+

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Small Animals: 120+

Large Animals: 230+

Total: **21,000+** animals impacted (including surgeries, other treatments and rescues.)



Our Programmes:

2. Stray Buddy: COEXISTENCE PROGRAM

Stray Buddy, a flagship initiative of All Creatures Great and Small (ACGS), champions a humane, community-driven approach to managing free-living dogs in urban spaces. Anchored in a model that mobilizes and builds the capacity of caregivers in residential neighborhoods, college campuses, public green spaces, and local markets, the program 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.



WE THE PEOPLE SEEK SOLUTIONS - NDTV SHOW ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

In the NDTV show "We the People," broadcast on 29th of September 2024, we promoted coexistence through the Stray Buddy community adoption approach. The RWA perspective was well versed by Anantimala ji (ex-president in Saket D-block). On the show we also heard from Guncha, a pet owner who adopted two streeties from Saket G-block. Rishika, the NDTV host, seems to be one of the first journalists to shine the light on SOLUTION directions, rather than inculcating fear and exaggerating stray dog-related problems in the media. The benefits of a model based on community engagement and coordinated action were put across loud and clear to a larger audience. We are grateful for the opportunity to explain the positive outcomes and impact of the Stray Buddy program and how we are implementing solutions. We wish to widely disseminate practical tools, tactics, and good practice examples of collective and positive action. It is time to replicate and scale our community adoption model - for the benefit of people and animals alike.

Our Programmes: Stray Buddy

In 2024-2025, 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. 22 caregiver networks received structured support across the year. 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. Interns and community leaders were trained under global standards, and efforts were made to align local action with broader One Health and rabies elimination frameworks. Over 1,000 citizens engaged through creative campaigns, festive events, and direct interventions—many of them young people leading awareness workshops, designing posters, and crafting reflective collars to improve visibility, safety and positive recognition. From collaring drives with reflective tags to creative workshops and local carnival-style events, community engagement was both joyful and strategic—building awareness while supporting urgent needs like vaccination, feeding, and first-aid.



New Addition: Noida Shelter

This year, ACGS got into official contract for managing the **Noida Animal Shelter** (Noida Animal Hospital and Shelter, Plot no 8, Gaushala road, Sector 94, Noida) for a period of **two years**—a significant milestone in our journey to expand ethical and compassionate animal care.

Taking over the management of the shelter came with **immense challenges**—from inadequate infrastructure and limited resources to deeply rooted systemic issues. However, **our team rose to the occasion with resilience, commitment, and unwavering focus.**

Through strategic interventions, dedicated veterinary care, and hands-on management, we have successfully transformed the shelter into a safer, more structured, and welfare-oriented space for the animals. While the journey is ongoing, the progress made thus far stands as a testament to what compassionate leadership and consistent effort can achieve—even in the most difficult environments.



Highlights of 2024-2025



ACGS hosted an engaging **open house** on 15th September 2024, featuring a variety of fun-filled activities, including a lively scavenger hunt, an exciting merchandise and adoption drive, and heartwarming interactions with our resident animals.

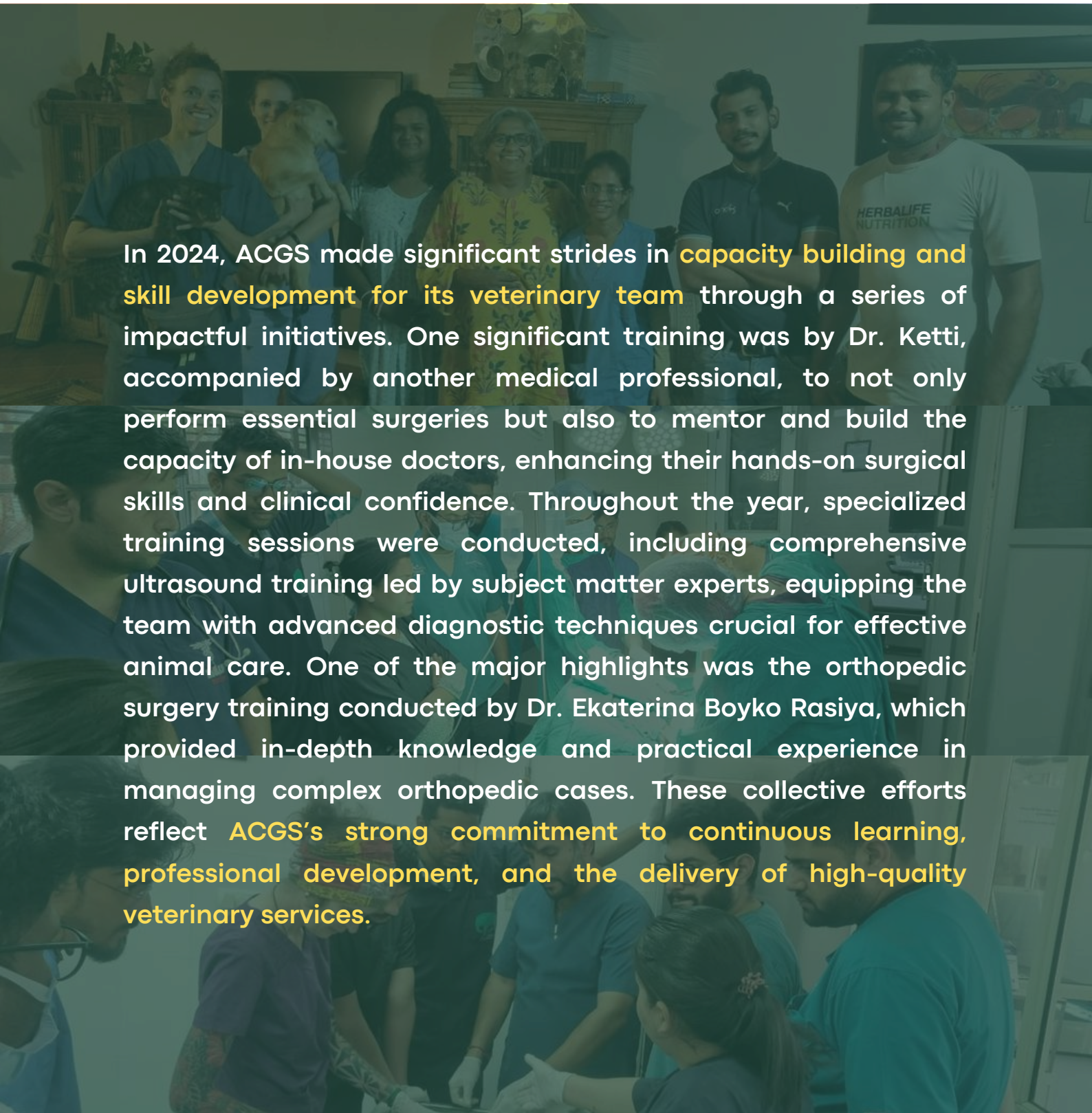


All Creatures Great and Small graciously hosted '**Storytelling for Animals**' workshop, in **collaboration with FIAP**O. Spearheaded by award-winning photographers Jo-Anne McArthur & Shatabdi Chakrabarti, the workshop was held on March 7 & 8, 2025, and trained animal advocates in the art of conveying animal stories through photographs!



On the 28th, 29th and 30th of March, ACGS held a successful **fundraiser** where multiple designers came together to generously donate clothing items. These stylish pieces were sold to the public and received an overwhelming response. Every rupee raised from the event went directly towards supporting animal welfare and the ongoing care of our sanctuary residents.

Training & Capacity Building



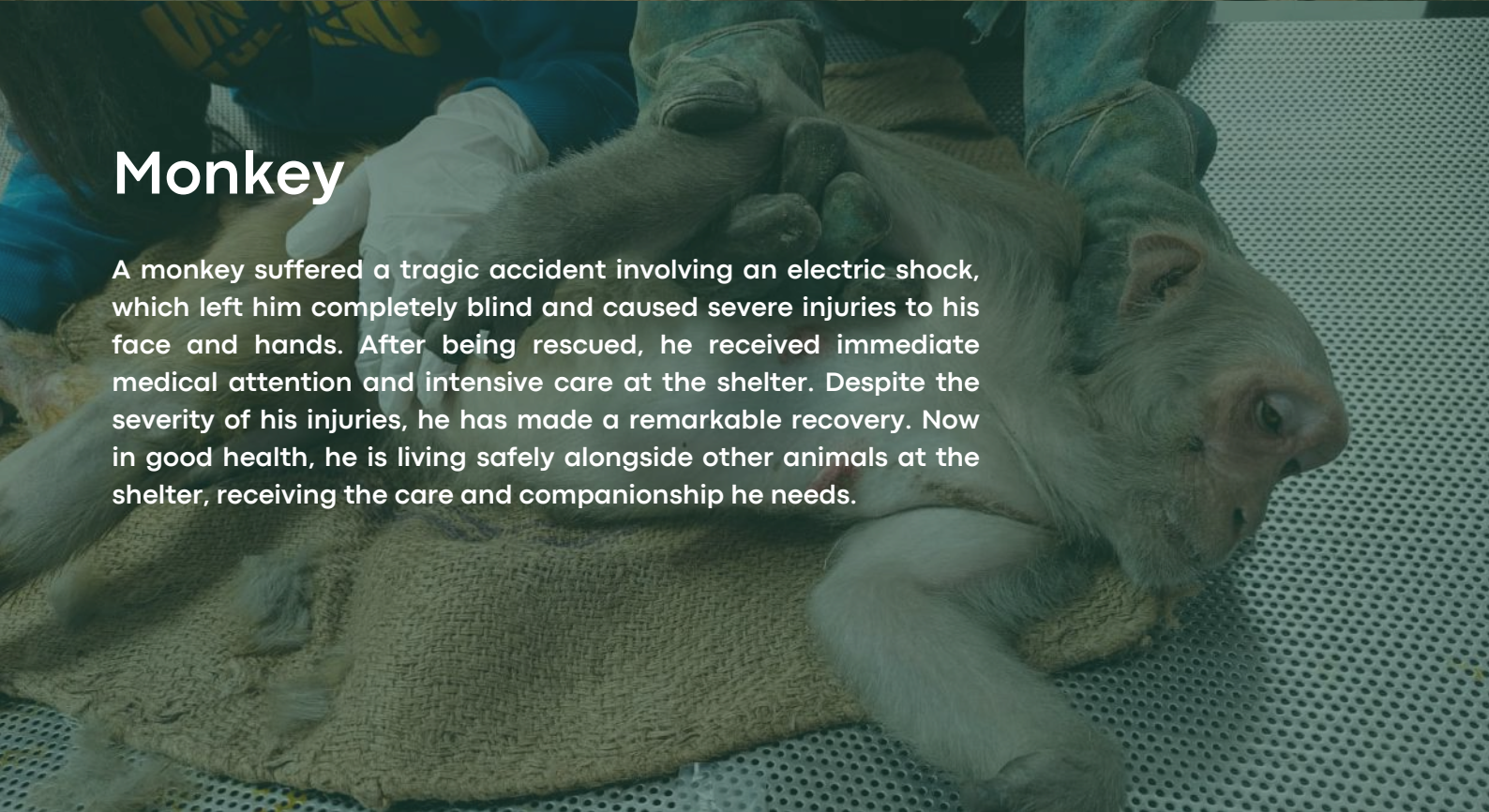
In 2024, ACGS made significant strides in **capacity building and skill development for its veterinary team** through a series of impactful initiatives. One significant training was by Dr. Ketti, accompanied by another medical professional, to not only perform essential surgeries but also to mentor and 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 led by subject matter experts, equipping the team with advanced diagnostic techniques crucial for effective animal care. One of the major highlights was the orthopedic surgery training conducted by Dr. Ekaterina Boyko Rasiya, which provided in-depth knowledge and practical experience in managing complex orthopedic cases. These collective efforts reflect **ACGS's strong commitment to continuous learning, professional development, and the delivery of high-quality veterinary services.**

Some Friends who joined us in 2024

A photograph of a grey and white horse standing in front of a brick wall. The horse is facing left and has a white blaze on its face. It is wearing a halter.

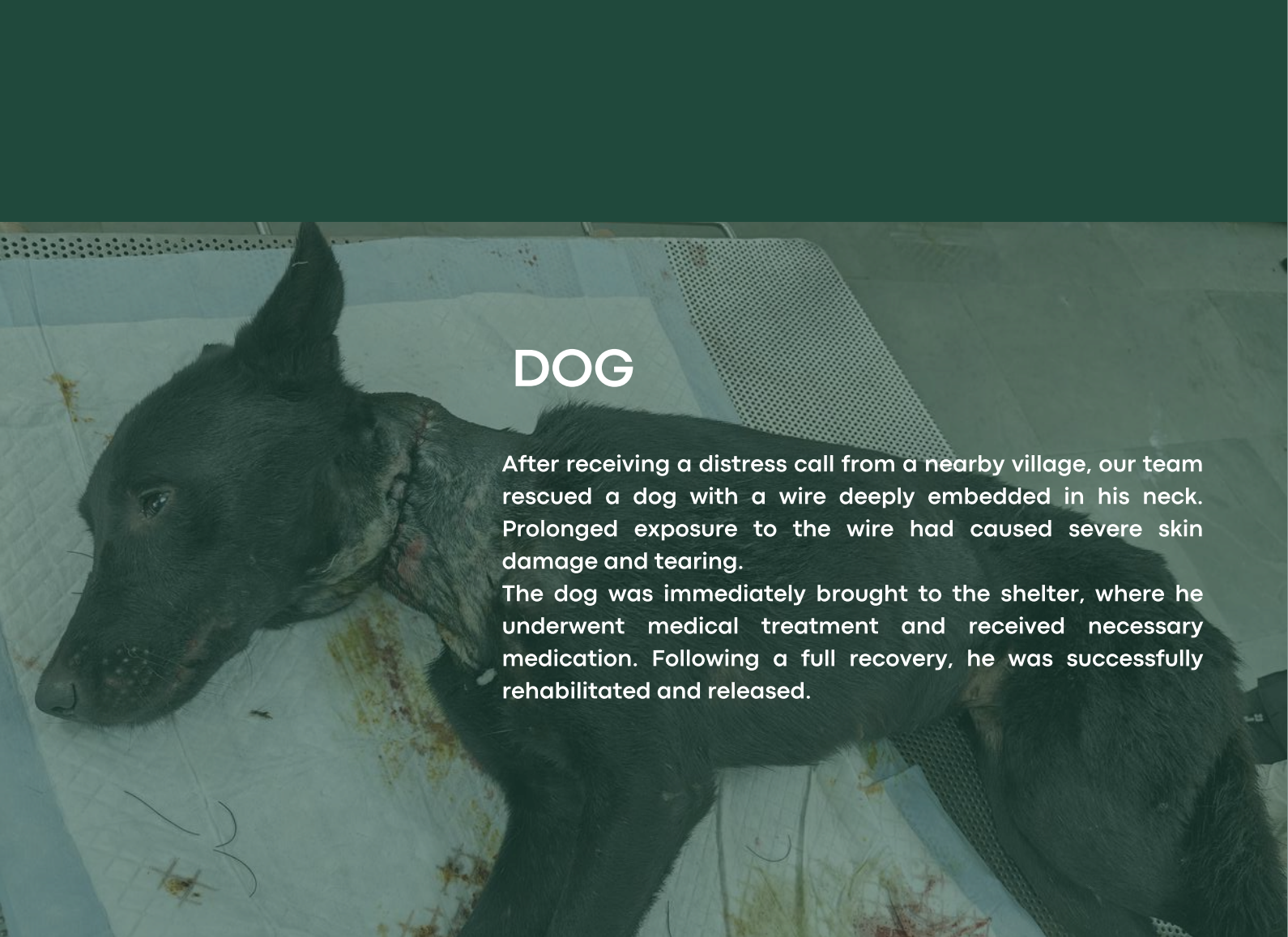
Blind Horse

Our team, with the assistance of residents in Chandigarh, successfully rescued a completely blind horse that had been found abandoned. The horse was transported to our shelter, where he received immediate care and attention. Upon arrival, the horse exhibited skin-related issues and was subjected to a series of medical tests. The horse underwent surgery to address his health concerns. With dedicated care and rehabilitation, he has now recovered well and enjoys a comfortable life alongside other animals at the center.

A photograph of a monkey lying down on a metal grate. The monkey is wearing a blue shirt and green pants. It is looking towards the camera.

Monkey

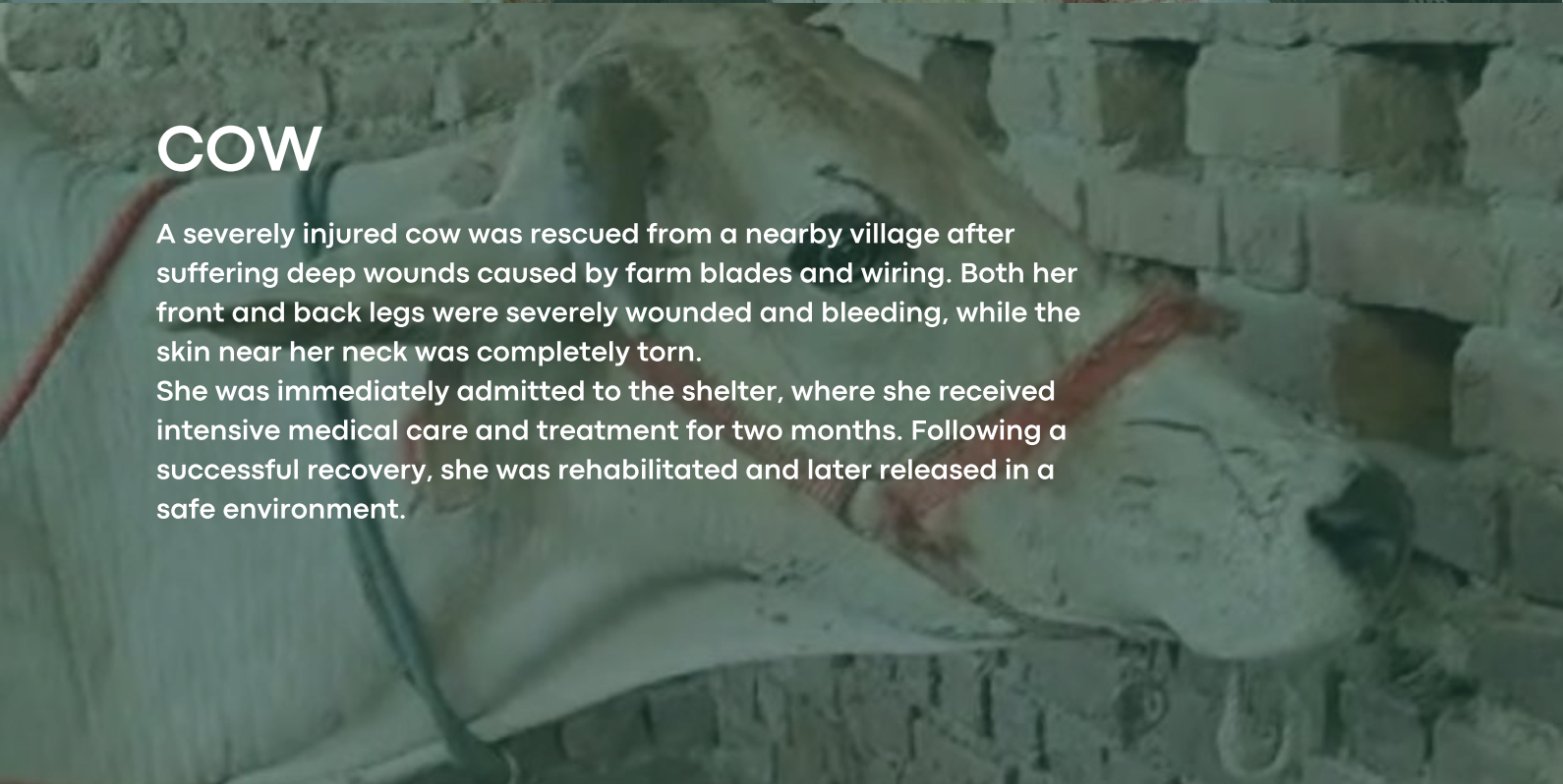
A monkey suffered a tragic accident involving an electric shock, which left him completely blind and caused severe injuries to his face and hands. After being rescued, he received immediate medical attention and intensive care at the shelter. Despite the severity of his injuries, he has made a remarkable recovery. Now in good health, he is living safely alongside other animals at the shelter, receiving the care and companionship he needs.



DOG

After receiving a distress call from a nearby village, our team rescued a dog with a wire deeply embedded in his neck. Prolonged exposure to the wire had caused severe skin damage and tearing.

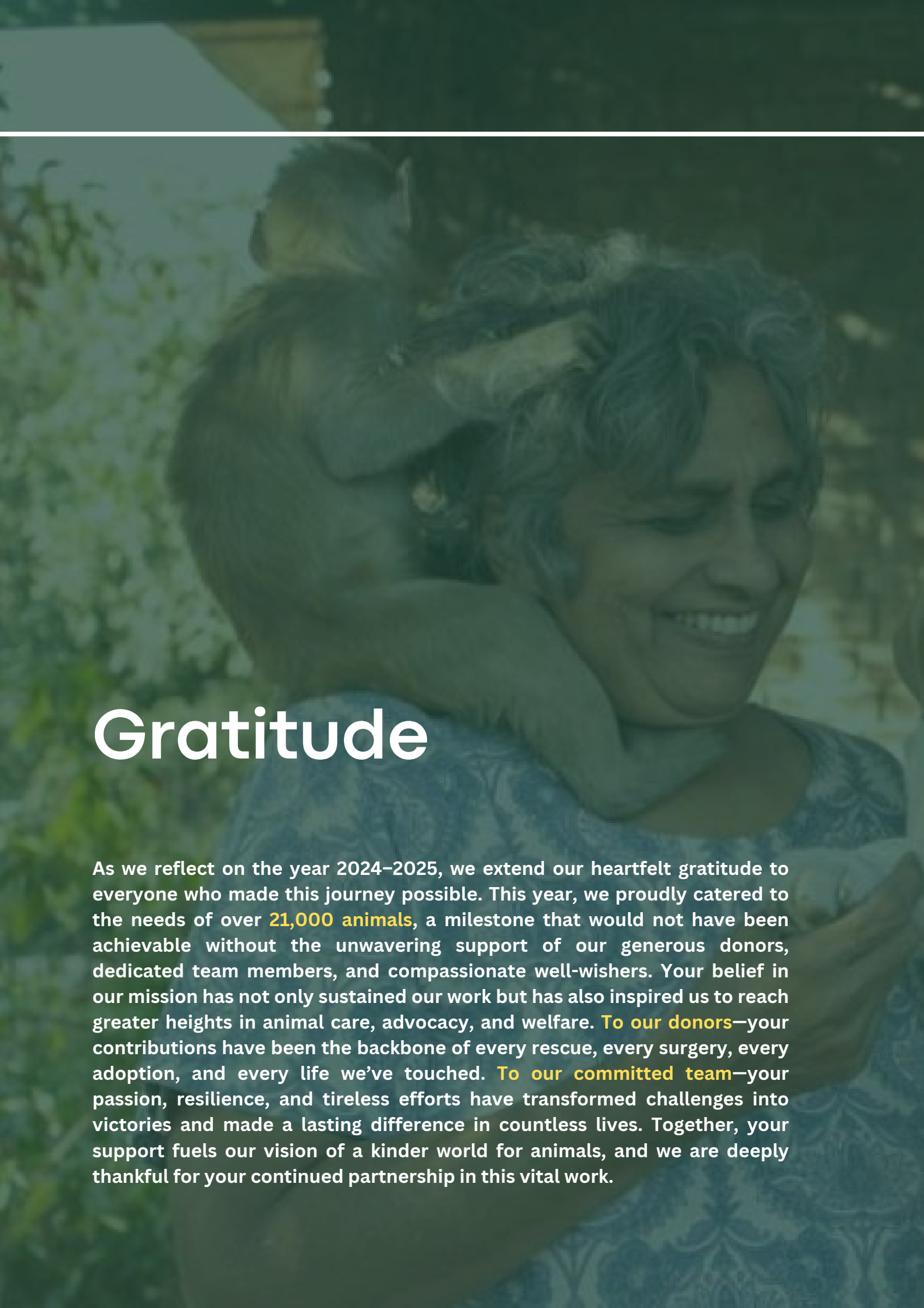
The dog was immediately brought to the shelter, where he underwent medical treatment and received necessary medication. Following a full recovery, he was successfully rehabilitated and released.



COW

A severely injured cow was rescued from a nearby village after suffering deep wounds caused by farm blades and wiring. Both her front and back legs were severely wounded and bleeding, while the skin near her neck was completely torn.

She was immediately admitted to the shelter, where she received intensive medical care and treatment for two months. Following a successful recovery, she was rehabilitated and later released in a safe environment.

A photograph of a woman with short, curly grey hair, smiling warmly. A small, light-colored dog is perched on her shoulders, resting its head on her hair. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green foliage. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark teal filter.

Gratitude

As we reflect on the year 2024–2025, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made this journey possible. This year, we proudly catered to the needs of over **21,000 animals**, a milestone that would not have been achievable without the unwavering support of our generous donors, dedicated team members, and compassionate well-wishers. Your belief in our mission has not only sustained our work but has also inspired us to reach greater heights in animal care, advocacy, and welfare. **To our donors**—your contributions have been the backbone of every rescue, every surgery, every adoption, and every life we've touched. **To our committed team**—your passion, resilience, and tireless efforts have transformed challenges into victories and made a lasting difference in countless lives. Together, your support fuels our vision of a kinder world for animals, and we are deeply thankful for your continued partnership in this vital work.

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Donate, and give 10,000+ animals a second chance at life.

Together, we have made 2024-2025 a year of compassion, care, and transformation. Your unwavering support and encouragement inspire us to keep making a difference!

