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**A BETTER LIFE FOR
INDIA'S STRAY ANIMALS**

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UJWALA CHINTALA

FOUNDER & PRESIDENT



I was born and raised in India, where like many of my compatriots, I was desensitized to the plight of the country's stray animals. However, after I moved to the United States and on return visits to Hyderabad, I was confronted with the heart-wrenching condition of the city's stray animals.

It became clear to me that the solution could not simply entail India's already overburdened shelters and animal welfare networks taking in more animals. Instead, the solution had to emerge from a transformation within Indian society itself.

This realization marked the beginning of our organization's journey, and it was no small feat to shape it into what it is today. Balancing my full-time job, children, and their education, all while dedicating myself to the organization, demanded tremendous hard work and dedication.

MOM OF 2 AND FULL-TIME IT ENGINEER

SAI SREE REDDY

SHELTER MANAGER



I am the founder of an NGO in India and the shelter manager. At the age of 23, my love for animals has always been unwavering, even when faced with financial constraints.

In 2019, I embarked on a journey into animal rescue when I found a puppy on the streets. After ensuring she received proper medical care and attention, I became so deeply attached that I ultimately decided to adopt her. This experience opened my eyes to a new reality, exposing the harsh abuse and neglect that many animals endure daily.

In response to this, I founded "Breath Animal Rescue." Our organization focuses on providing care for sick, injured, and elderly animals who have no other place to turn. This journey has undoubtedly been the most fulfilling and rewarding experience of my life.

Sai Sree

23 YEAR OLD VEGAN

Hyderabad, the capital of the Indian state of Telangana, is a city rich in culture and history. Batukamma, Deepavali and Ganesh Chaturthi are prominent vibrant festivals. The top attractions include the iconic Charminar, the Golkonda Fort, and the culturally rich Shilparamam. The city is renowned for its delectable cuisine, with dishes like Hyderabadi Biryani, Idli, and dosa served with chutneys and sambar.

Hyderabad is known for its opulent weddings and grand celebrations, and this extravagance often coexists with poverty. The city, like many others in India, faces economic disparities, with a significant portion of the population living below the poverty line.

Hyderabad, like much of India, grapples with the challenge of providing care and refuge for sick, injured, and hungry animals, highlighting the importance of animal welfare programs and rescue organizations in the region. The city's stray animal population is in dire need of welfare initiatives.



Our History

2014 Founder experienced abuse of street animals in India in her trip.

2016 Ujwala's daughter always wanted a dog. Instead of adopting, she decided to foster dogs from rural shelters in Florida, USA.

2020 Determined to make a difference in Indian street animal lives, Ujwala decided to start an organization dedicated to helping these animals.

2020 Lockdown feeding, rescue, vaccinations, adoptions, release, and sterilizations started.

2021 A 1/4 acre shelter with 25 kennels, four indoor rooms, and a container home is built to accommodate 50 dogs.

2022 1/2 acre extended to shelter. Large Sanctuary, puppy & senior sections, disease isolation area, clinic, cow area, sterilization kennels, recovery rooms etc

2022 Veterinary, cruelty, and adoption departments were added.

2023 Inhouse Clinic added. A blood hematology machine was purchased. 12 dogs traveled to the USA for adoption.

WHO ARE WE

SAFI is a 501(c)3 charitable organization headquartered in the United States, founded by Ujwala Chintala in Florida, with a mission to advocate for the welfare of animals in India. Our primary focus is shelter, sterilization, and anti-animal cruelty initiatives, aiming to establish a robust and compassionate animal welfare network in Hyderabad, India. We work to provide the development of shelter infrastructure, veterinary care, supplies, educational resources, guidance, and a dedicated workforce.



India's considerable population of stray and abandoned animals living in difficult conditions, lacking access to even basic care, food, and shelter. SAFI recognizes the pressing need to improve the lives of these vulnerable animals and strives to create lasting change by enhancing animal welfare infrastructure and providing the necessary resources and knowledge.

WHAT WE DO

► SAFI'S PROGRAMS:

- › Rescue & Rehabilitation
- › Spay & Neuter
- › Sanctuary
- › Vaccinations
- › Local Adoptions
- › International Adoptions
- › Humane Education
- › Animal cruelty counseling



SAFI was founded in 2020 with the goal of providing a safe haven for animals. We started from a foster home to a shelter and sanctuary with 130 Dogs, cats, cows, buffaloes, and goats.

SAFI is staffed with two Veterinarians, two veterinary technicians, and 16 more staff members. SAFI provides first-class care for animals in need, and our team is dedicated to providing the best possible care for each and every animal.

01

RESCUE & REHABILITATION

On average, SAFI rescues 25 dogs and cats a month. We want to be that change India's innocent lives desperately deserve and need.

03

SANCTUARY

When animals cannot survive on the streets or find adoptive homes, we have a place for them. Animals in a sanctuary require highly specific care and space.



02

SPAY & NEUTER

SAFI sterilizes over 50 dogs & cats a month. With India's stray population numbering nearly 70 million, population control surgeries is critical.

04

ADOPTIONS / RELEASES

The RRSR (Rescue, Rehabilitate, Sterilize, and Adopt/Release) model allows us to care for the maximum amount of animals.



05

EDUCATION & CRUELTY

India's animals face a culture of extreme abuse. We're working to change that. One of SAFI's main goals is to change the public opinion of many Indians who find street animals disgusting.



**FORGING NEW LIVES
FOR INDIA'S
FORGOTTEN ANIMALS**



"India's Stray Animal Statistics": A Closer Look"

80 Million Stray dogs & cats living on India's streets

8.8 Million Strays in India's shelters and running out of space

9.1 Million Stray cats

2 Million Cattle amble in India's streets

50% Pet relinquishment rate

80% of People think street dogs should be removed

20,000 Rabies deaths

17.4 million dog bites

Our 2024 goals are

- Increase sterilizations to 200 per month.
- Expand the education program to include more schools, universities, and residential associations.
- Increase adoptions of Indian breed dogs.
- Equip the clinic with a portable X-ray machine.
- Buy a van for mass sterilizations.



MEET THE INDIA TEAM



Vikas Kothwal
Sterilizations Manager



Sai Sree
Shelter Manager



Madhuri Abhiram
Shelter Quality Manager



Sudha
Shelter Supervisor



Dr Aravind Kanukula
Veterinarian



Dr Krishna Sri Devandla
Veterinarian



Ravi Teja Chappidi
Veterinary Technician



Varun Chinnapaga
Veterinary Technician



Goutam Adulapuram
Cruelty Officer



Mushyam Prasanna
Cruelty Officer



Monica Williams
Cruelty Officer



Pravallika
Legal Advisor



Santhoshi Srirangam
Adoptions Coordinator



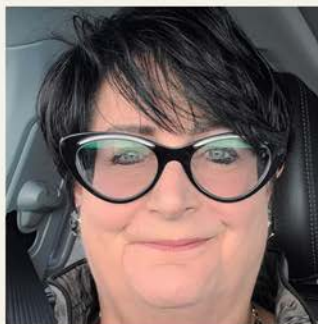
Meghana B
Adoptions Coordinator



SAFI USA BOARD



Ujwala Chintala
Founder & President



Kimberly Ferren
Vice President



Rajendra Samaluru
Asst Secretary



Swetha Ainampudi
Secretary



Gyanesh Chintala
Treasurer



CLINIC OPENING

Following relentless fundraising efforts, the procurement of essential medications, computer equipment, supplies, and training of our veterinary team for sterilization procedures, we are thrilled to announce the grand opening of our clinic.



Thanks to supporters, we were able to purchase computers and a CBC hematology machine that enables us to conduct in-house testing for 29 blood parameters. This means we can now quickly and accurately diagnose and treat the dogs. In India, 95% of street dogs are anemic, 70% have low platelets, and 90% have ticks and fleas, causing skin issues and life-threatening tick fever.



TRANSCONTINENTAL TALES: FROM INDIAN STREETS TO AMERICAN HEARTS

FROM INDIAN STREETS TO TEXAS RODEO STAR

Barfi, an Indian street dog, was found at just a month old with a broken jaw and no mother to be found. After recovery, his journey took a turn when he was adopted by Krystle Russo in Texas, USA, who recognized his inner beauty.



KEN AND BARBIE'S FURRY ADDITION

Funny, as cute as can be, was rescued two years ago with a severely broken leg in India. Thanks to the efforts of Misplaced Mutts Rescue, Funny has found his forever home in North Carolina with a loving nurse and her family who welcomed him with open arms, despite his tripod status.

FROM PARALYZED TO PAMPERED

Lakshmi found her fairy tale ending in Salt Lake City, USA. As a paralyzed stray from India, her prospects were bleak. Adoption offers were scarce until Malini and Craig's extraordinary act of compassion. Now, Lakshmi revels in a life filled with sledding in the snow, sunbathing, and RV vacations to Canada



BRIDGING BORDERS, HEALING HEARTS: INDIA'S STREET DOGS FIND FOREVER HOMES WORLDWIDE



CHIKKI'S AMERICAN DREAM

Chikki, born on the streets into a highly discriminated breed and with a visible deformity, her adoption prospects in India seemed bleak. However, a compassionate couple Kshitija & husband in Boston, USA, stepped forward to adopt Chikki. Now, Chikki lives with his fur brother Bali, filled with love.

SURVIVING AGAINST ALL ODDS

Babu underwent a miraculous transformation from hospice care to a beloved family member. Found with a traumatic head injury, Babu's survival was uncertain. However, the dedication of a foster mom and adoption by Nadia and Jacob, in Seattle, USA, brought Babu back from the brink.



TRIUMPH AT SEA: INDIAN STREETS TO A BEACH HOME IN THE USA

Hailing from India, tripod Cream calls a picturesque beach home in North Carolina, where Brittany and John Hedl shower her with love. They are no strangers to the world of tripod dogs; they previously adopted another three-legged Indian dog, Indiana, from us in 2021, who is an internet star featured on The Dodo and BYU TV.



RESCUED HEARTS: INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS OF INDIA'S SPECIAL STREET DOGS

STREET SMART TO SWEETHEART

Kalu was found on the streets of India with a fractured leg. The only interested couple backed out upon seeing his shaved limb post-surgery. Kalu's journey took him all the way to North Carolina, USA, where an incredible couple saw past appearances to welcome him into their hearts and home.



LOVE KNOWS NO BORDERS

Rescued at just two months old with a broken jaw, Chloe's indomitable spirit won the heart of Shantell Ogden, who, after a work trip to India, decided to provide Chole with a loving home in Nashville, TN, USA. Chole's journey takes an even more melodious turn as her mom, a talented country singer, fills their home with sweet tunes.

ALPHA'S ROAD TO HAPPINESS

Born with a congenital deformity, Alpha faced immense odds and remained unadopted for over a year in India. Then, Sherri Richard, a compassionate soul, stepped in to give Alpha the love and care he deserved. Today, he thrives in a spacious lakeside home filled with happiness and companionship.



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A UNIQUE ADOPTION STORY!

Meet Aadi, our first rescued cow who has found his forever home with Sneha Poojary and Vasantha Rayalu Ravula. Aadi embarked on a journey from our shelter in Hyderabad to a spacious 5-acre farmhouse in Kambalapally, where he now has abundant space to graze and cow & dog friends by his side.

Aadi came to us as a young calf with a hernia, sadly discarded by the dairy industry. The hernia couldn't be fixed. We believed that our sanctuary was his forever sanctuary. To our surprise, some wonderful people have chosen to adopt him!

Hindus believe that cows are sacred animals. Yet high dairy consumption and the leather industry cause 5 million cattle to amble in traffic-choked streets.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sneha Poojary and Vasantha Rayalu Ravula, who not only embraced veganism but also run a vegan pet food business in India: myaistra.com.

Their compassion and love for animals have brought Aadi into their lives and given him the loving home he truly deserves.



AN INSIDE LOOK INTO OUR ANTI ANIMAL CRUELTY INITIATIVES

Meet Our Cruelty Team

Goutam Adulapuram, MTech - Cruelty Officer

An MTech graduate with an unshakable commitment to animal welfare. Currently pursuing a law degree to become an even more effective advocate for animals.

Prasanna Mushyam LLB, LLM - Cruelty Officer

A dedicated cruelty officer fighting for animal justice with her education and passion. Her commitment and skills make her a valuable asset in the fight against cruelty.

Sai Sree - Shelter Manager

Graduate of the prestigious Ahimsa Fellowship. Expanding her role to handle significant cruelty cases, especially those involving wildlife.

Monica Williams - Part-Time Cruelty Officer

Brings valuable experience and a deep dedication to our mission. Plays a pivotal role in supporting our team's efforts to combat cruelty.

Pravallika Nagam - Legal Advisor.

Medchal Malkajgiri district SPCA member, TEDx talk participant, and High court advocate. An animal lover with a compassion towards animal welfare.

INFRASTRUTURE

SHELTER & SANCTUARY

- ✓ 3/4 acre spacious open place
- ✓ 46 kennels, six rooms,
- ✓ Clinic, waiting room, and recovery room
- ✓ Disease isolation rooms
- ✓ Party Area
- ✓ 8 Sterilization kennels
- ✓ Full-fledged sanctuary
- ✓ Paralyzed dog area
- ✓ Puppy area
- ✓ Senior dog area
- ✓ Dog Bathing areas
- ✓ Owner surrenders
- ✓ Mobile Container homes
- ✓ 8 Staff Living quarters
- ✓ Restrooms
- ✓ Containment phobia Kennels
- ✓ Cow & goat area

Stray Animal Foundation of India works with dedicated advocates on India's front lines to make a difference for the country's most vulnerable animals.







Teddy, the Labrador, was discovered on the streets, abandoned, and suffering from chronic skin issues. Additionally, numerous other breeds were found abandoned, each with their own set of health problems, including cancer, thyroid issues, and eye conditions.

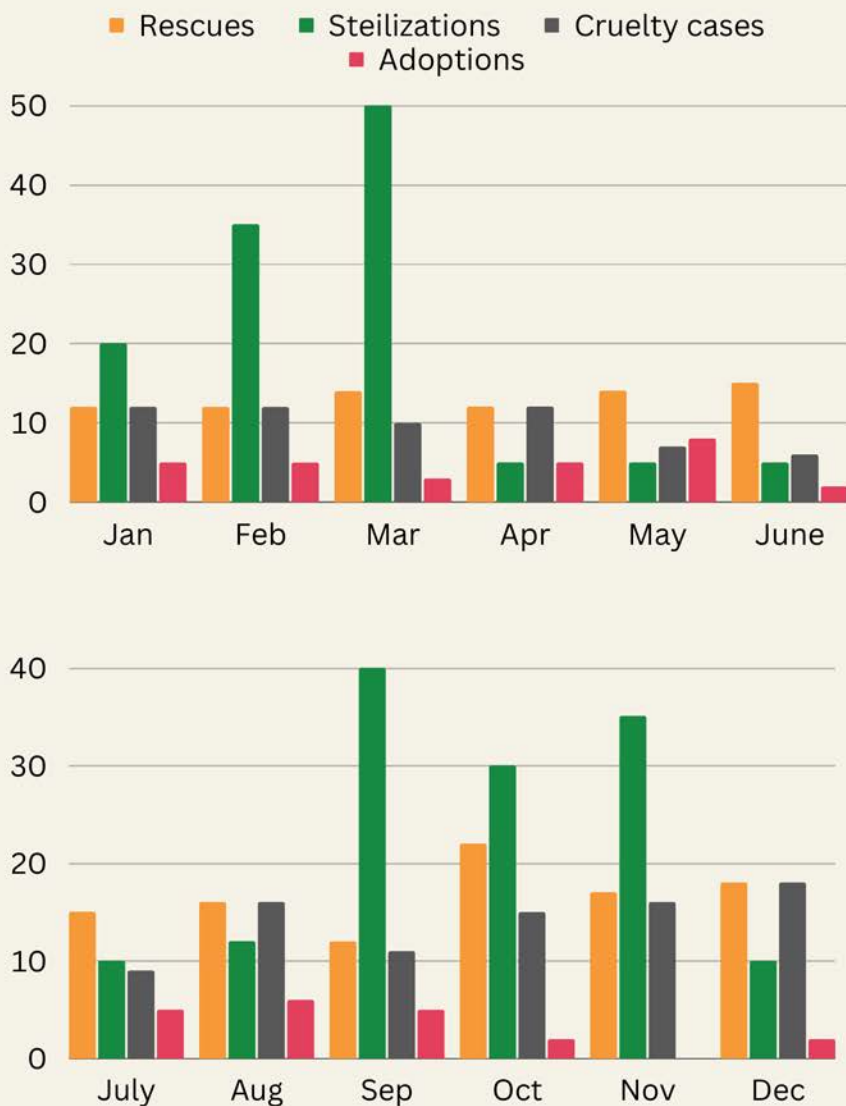
**INDIA HAS THE HIGHEST
KNOWN PET
RELINQUISHMENT RATE,
STANDING AT 50%.**

ADOPT RAJA - A FRIENDLY, CUTE PUP.

At only six weeks old, Raja, the puppy, was discovered with severe skin problems. Despite making a full recovery and being a friendly companion, adoption applications were scarce due to the unfortunate curse associated with his breed. He will soon travel to the USA.



STATS BY MONTH





VIKAS KOTHWAL

STERILIZATIONS & RESCUE MANAGER

SAFI has been the best opportunity for me to assist hundreds of animals. It's incredible how I've rescued severely distressed animals that I couldn't have done alone. Through SAFI, I've found a wonderful family of dedicated staff and teams, and I'm living my dream earlier than expected. Recognizing that sterilizing dogs is the key to alleviating their suffering, I'm committed to making a substantial impact.

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सड़कों पर आवारा थे,
ना पूछता कोई लाचार बेसहारा थे।
ना रोटी दी और मारा भी,
भगाया और दुत्कारा भी।

तब कुछ देवों ने रखा हाथ,
खाना दिया और रखा साथ।
हर दिन कुछ स्वादिष्ट खिलाते,
खुशियों से वो हमें मिलाते

प्यार दिया, सम्मान दिया,
झुके सिरों को ऊँचा तान दिया।
जैसे हो उनके बच्चे ही,
उतना ही हमको भी मान दिया।

हर दिन सैर सपाटे होते,
अगर दूर होते तो वो भी रोते।
अगर ज़िंदगी में ये देव ना आते,
तो हम दर-दर की ठोकर खाते।

इन देवों को दुआ सलाम,
आपने किया है भला काम।
ग़म की आंधी ना इन पर आए,
घर खुशियों से इनके भर जाए।



RABIES FREE INDIA VACCINATION DRIVE



According to WHO, "India is endemic for rabies" and "accounts for 36% of the world's deaths". Eliminating rabies requires vaccinating and sterilizing the stray dog population.

Rabies is 99% Fatal and 100% Preventable through vaccination. For World Rabies Day, SAFI vaccinated 1000 street dogs. The vaccination drive focuses on dogs and human health both.

Each of our two teams has one dog catcher, a vaccinator, a record keeper, and someone to apply paint to the dog once it is vaccinated so we do not vaccinate the same dog twice.

We record how many dogs are vaccinated per area and if they have been spay/neuter or not. The goal is to hit a minimum of 70% of the dogs in each area. 70% is the number needed to eradicate rabies.

SANCTUARY

PERMANENT RESIDENTS



VOLUNTEERS & STAFF **LOVE OUR ANIMALS**





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