

A BETTER LIFE FOR INDIA'S STRAY ANIMALS

Stray animals roam the streets of India without food, veterinary care or refuge from the elements. Help us give them a chance.

-Ujwala Chintala



About Stray Animal Foundation of India

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Bio of Founder Ujwala Chintala: I m full-time IT Engineer and mom of 2. I m born and raised in India, moved to US when I was 23 in the year 2000.

How Stray Animal Foundation of India started:

Like many Indians, I grew up immune to the suffering of stray dogs. In a country where suffering smacks you in the face daily, sometimes it is easier to look the other way.

After moving to the USA and having a kids, it turned out my daughter was a big dog lover – a funny twist of fate. My daughter was always begging for a dog but I kept shrugging it off. But then, during a trip back to India with my family, my daughter befriended a stray dog and everything changed.

The dog ended up having puppies, so my daughter began to feed the mom so she could keep her pups alive. Unfortunately, many of our neighbors were not happy about this because they did not want any more dogs in their area. They decided to take action by moving the mom and the pups to another area away from their homes.

The neighbors could not catch the mom, but the unweaned pups were tossed elsewhere. The daytime temperature had been reaching 115 f, and I knew the puppies would die if they could

not be found. I frantically looked for the puppies for 24 hours. I found most of them and returned them to their mom, but as expected, 4 of the puppies did not survive.

The incident haunted me for a long time, even after I returned to the USA. I realized I wanted to keep helping dogs which led to becoming a foster.

This fostering experience solidified it for me. I loved helping dogs. It made me so happy. Since, I've fostered 59 dogs: Moms, puppies, adult dogs, orphaned underage puppies, injured dogs, and dogs in need of rescue from a hurricane. I visited India for a wedding after a year fostering. At the wedding, people were eating lots of food. Stray dogs were trying to eat the food that had been tossed, but the wedding guests did not want any dogs there. To make the dogs go away, people were hitting them.

At that time, I realized I was not even hungry, yet I was eating the lavish food along with the others. I did not understand how people could not be okay with the stray dogs eating the wastage. I realized just how cold people can be. I decided to do more.

Started as foster, I'm Secretary for Poochies Pet Rescue based in Florida rescuing dogs from high kill shelters. Fundraised and started sending to shelters and rescues in India. After 2 years, decided to officially open a non profit.

Why Stray Animal Foundation of India started:

As I wanted to help animals in India, I needed to connect to rescues, shelters and animal lovers. When I started helping them, I realized they are way under funded, no proper

resources to complete the rescue mission. After working for rescue in US, I felt rescuers in India are way under resourced. The city Hyderabad in India where I come from lack even basic animal welfare.

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

8.8 Million strays in India's shelters, and quickly running out of space

9.1 Million stray homeless cats in India

50% Pet relinquishment rate

80% People think street dogs should be removed

Hyderabad City has

1. Estimated 50,000 street dogs and cats.
2. City has very small over crowded shelter for accident and injury cases. Many don't even make it alive. 80-90% euthanize rate.
3. Has 1 sanctuary which is expensive.
4. Has 2 ABC centers which are not enough for 50,000 animals.
5. No shelter for Buffalos.
6. 1 animal control hotline which is always busy.
7. City animal care GHMC (Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation) is not equipped with enough vets, resources and equipment to treat critical cases.
8. Animal activists struggle for funds, and there are very few who foster injured animals.
9. People perceive street animals as dangerous, thus widespread abuse.
10. Very less street dogs and cat adoptions.

11. No education on safe way to handle street animals, spay/ neuter and animal behavior.

Our operations were purely funded by founders, with a very few donors monthly and campaigns, which often don't cover costs. In those instances I used my contribution. Its been years I have been contributing, and can no longer guarantee my ability to contribute unless we get regular funding of USD 4000 to 6,000/ month.

Our mission:

The Stray Animal Foundation of India (SAFI) makes miracles happen in the lives of stray animals in India. Our registered 501(3)(c) nonprofit organization based in Florida works for the best of under-funded rescues and shelters in India. SAFI is building a village of rescue organizations, veterinarians, and animal lovers ready to team up to complete rescue missions with a goal of placing rehabilitated strays into loving forever homes. We want to be the change these innocent lives desperately deserve and need, giving them an opportunity to live happy and healthy lives.

Stray Animal Foundation of India works to change this through a combination of approaches:

- Increasing our own ability to help special cases no one else will
- Bolstering the animal foster and adoption system to match stray animals with loving homes
- Expanding animal birth control, rabies vaccination, and veterinary services to keep animals and populations safe

- Recruiting and training animal control and transportation staff to get critical interventions to stray animals in need
- Public education to reduce abuse and promote fostering and adoption

What did we do so far?

Since 2020

1. Rescued & rehabilitated 500+ dogs, cats, buffaloes, cows and goats
2. Sterilized 500+ dogs and cats
3. Built Shelter, sanctuary W Clinic, sterilizations, recovery rooms, puppy section, paralyzed, senior sections, isolation areas, worker living quarters and many more.
4. Adopted 55+ dogs
5. Educated 80+ children
6. Counseled and took action on 80+ animal abusers.

We managed to coordinate numerous rescue missions, sterilizations, adoptions, cruelty cases and grants

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