

# Mayhew *International*



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**WELCOME** to all our supporters to the first Mayhew International supplement of 2011, a big year for The Mayhew and consequently our work abroad as well.

You will find in these pages some reviews of the projects in 2010 and we are delighted to be expanding on some of these in 2011. In India, we will continue our support of HOPE & Animal Trust and VSPCA and their ABC programmes in Ranchi and Andra Pradesh, but new for this year will be our support of a new veterinary training centre in Tamil Nadu. Working together with Worldwide Veterinary Services and several other UK and international animal welfare organisations, Mayhew International will be sponsoring the canine surgery training element at the centre, where courses will be open to vets and students from developing nations to further their skills in small animal surgery.

We are pleased that matters are moving ahead in Kabul, Afghanistan, thanks to collaboration between several organisations on the ground there.

And none of this vital work could be done without your support and generosity, so I hope you find these brief updates of interest and we look forward to telling you more as we progress through 2011.

## *Afghanistan*



**M**ayhew International is pleased to inform our supporters that we are now part of a pilot Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate and Release project for Kabul's street dogs in collaboration with other local activist expat groups and Kabul University Vet Clinic .

In November - December 2010 Mayhew International sponsored the spay & neutering of 20 dogs to help kick-start the programme and will be working with our partners on the ground to create a long-term sustainable programme which will benefit both the dogs and the people of Kabul. Tied in with this is a pledge to provide improved veterinary care and training of Afghan vets in modern, surgical techniques. With our help the Afghan Veterinary Association is now a member of the Commonwealth Veterinary Association which can facilitate training for Afghan vets in India.

We are excited about our plans for Afghanistan in 2011 and delighted that one of our vets will hopefully play a significant part when he travels there later this year to carrying out some clinical work and training for Afghani vets and students

Thanks also go to a wonderful Mayhew volunteer who is presently based out in Kabul and keeping us supplied with photos and case studies.





## *Animal Birth Control and A Programmes in Nepal*

In our previous issue we told you of our commitment to working with Animal Nepal by funding a fulltime vet, a year's supply of drugs and surgical supplies and production of some educational leaflets on rabies awareness and the benefits of neutering.

The project has been extremely busy, both with their clinics and community work. World Rabies Day was September 28th and Animal Nepal set out their stall in Lalitpur, Kathmandu with free rabies vaccinations for owned and community dogs, together with information on

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## *TNR in Portugal*

One of the Community Animal Care programmes run by The Mayhew's Animal Welfare Officers is the Trap, Neuter and Return of feral cats (TNR), an essential project to help decrease the over-population of feral colonies and stray cats living in urban areas. The programme improves the health of these cats

as neutering helps prevent a range of diseases and reduces the number of feral litters born.

Portugal has a large number of ferals and strays and we were pleased to be invited to join a trip to Figura da Foz in northern Portugal to assist a feral TNR programme there alongside a local charity Associacao de Proteccao Animal da Figueira da Foz (APAFF). One of our Animal Welfare Officers, Lucy Edwards, visited the region between 28 Nov – 6 Dec and helped with the trapping & neutering of 116 cats, 57% of which were females.



## *Anti-Rabies*

awareness issues. Mayhew International sponsored the production of a leaflet which was distributed to local residents and a presentation was given at local schools.

During August & September, Animal Trust organised three mobile treatment & vaccination camps in the Kathmandu area. They vaccinated 107 dogs and treated 26. The mobile camps are expected to be very popular and act as an entry point for further community based education work.



The ferals are fed early morning by local residents and by setting up manual and automatic traps in these areas at feeding time, the team were able to monitor the colony and trap a significant number for neutering.

Lucy Edwards said "I was extremely pleased to have the opportunity to visit Portugal and help APAFF with their TNR programme. They have been running their initiative for many years and have seen a noticeable decrease in the number of litters born in the colonies, proving just how valuable this work is for the welfare of these cats"

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## *India*

In India, HOPE & Animal Trust Ranchi neutered, vaccinated and released 373 dogs in December 2010 making a total of 3 854 dogs in 2010. Their work on encouraging adoption of street dogs is also beginning to take effect with some streets puppies finding their forever homes and the adopters becoming volunteers for HOPE!





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## *Working with AHSFA in Peru*



**I**n our Winter 2010 newsletter we told you about the work of The Mayhew vet team during a visit to a charity we support in northern Peru – Asociacion Humanitaria San Francisco de Asis. This organisation works in difficult conditions with limited resources, but

our vet team were able to leave them with some simple but effective tips to improve hygiene and animal care and welfare for their field clinics.

Our Mayhew vet team reported back from their trip that scrubbing up for operations was hard work due to the lack of running water and having to use the same jug and bucket which got increasingly contaminated throughout the day. Following the suggestion of our Chief Vet, a simple stopper and valve were attached to a bucket so water could flow freely without having to handle the container, thus ensuring a more sterile environment for procedures and reducing the chances of post-operative complications or infection.

In addition, the clinic had no proper scales, so weighing animals to know how much of a drug to administer was a very involved procedure. But now some simple bathroom scales have been purchased very cheaply and accuracy is vastly improved.

We have also sponsored the AHSFA vet, Dr Tinedo, to visit a remote mountain village, Moyobamba, in January to provide veterinary health checks and sterilisation to owners and animals that have had no access to services for years.

Mayhew International is looking forward to returning to Peru in 2011 to assist AHSFA further and to expand on our work with the veterinary faculty of Piura University.

