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FIAPRO MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

Aashray, Jaipur
Help in Suffering, Jaipur
LEAF India, Jaipur
RAKSHA, Jaipur
Seva Smarpan, Jaipur
Animal Aid Unlimited Trust, Udaipur
Tree of Life for Animals (TOFLA), Ajmer
Gujrat SPCA, Vadodara

Animals Matter to Me, Mumbai
Bombay SPCA, Mumbai
In Defence of Animals, India (IDA), Mumbai
Save our Strays, Mumbai
Welfare of Stray Dogs, Mumbai
Indian Society for Human Animal Welfare, Nagpur
PARTH, Netiwali Kalyan (E)
PAWS, Dombivili
Thane SPCA, Thane
People for Animals Goa, Mapusa
Goo Animal Welfare Trust, Salcete
International Animal Rescue Goa, Bardez

Noida SPCA, Noida
All Creatures Great and Small, New Delhi
Stray Relief and Animal Welfare (STRAW), New Delhi
The Happy Foundation for Animal Welfare, Gurgaon
Vishnu Charitable Trust, Gurgaon

JBF (India) Trust, Guwahati
Action for Protection of Wild Animals, Kendrapara
PFA Odisha (Nayagarh), Bhubaneshwar
Charitable Welfare Society fpr Human Kindness, Bhopal
People for Animals Morena, Morena

Animal Care Land Society, Tirupati
Blue Cross of Hyderabad, Hyderabad
Foundation for Animals, Nellore
Society for Animal Welfare, Khammam
Institute of Jeevakarunyam and Research, Vijayawada
International Animal and Birds Welfare Society, Anantapur
People for Animals, Hyderabad and Secunderabad, Hyderabad

Animals Birds Nature Foundation, Bangalore
Compassion Unlimited Plus Action, Bangalore
Samabhava, Bangalore
Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Bangalore
Animal Rescue Kerala (ARK), Trivandrum
Indian Vegan Society, Byndoor
Lets Live Together, Bangalore
DAYA, Muvattupuzha

SHARAN, Auroville
Blue Cross of India, Chennai
Humane Animal Society (HAS), Coimbatore
India Project for Animals and Nature (IPAN), Nilgris
Worldwide Veterinary Service (WVS), Nilgris
As you may know, I have been volunteering for FIAPO since 2006 and have been extremely proud of our growth. Most of us even remotely involved in FIAPO have shared in the hope that together we could build an organisation worthy of being called “national”; worthy of calling ourselves India’s “umbrella body” for animal protection groups.

During the past few years, and particularly 2012/2013, FIAPO has “come of age.” We have led and participated in the campaigns to keep dolphinariums out of the country; we have curtailed the spread of industrial dairies; we have held workshops and two national conferences; we have intervened in 100 emergency issues through the Current Events Response Center; and, we have maintained an often lively networking forum through online platforms in which hundreds of ideas have been shared, criticized and shaped. Local federations have been formed through FIAPO’s leadership by local organisations in Jaipur, Pune and in Kerala. India’s toxicity testing regime has been researched and dialogues initiated to reduce and eliminate the use of animals in testing. During 2012 FIAPO, along with other organisations and individuals, played an important role in inspiring the Minister of Environment and Forests to ban the capture and captivity of dolphins in India. FIAPO has been working, since 2011, to stall India’s first “mega dairy”-IFFCO-which proposes to confine 40,000 cattle within a single facility. FIAPO’s actions against IFFCO Dairy are certainly among the reasons why this horrific project has not gotten off the ground.

Farm animal outreach, education for compassionate food choices, beginning the massive work needed to help the creatures of our oceans and waterways, intervening with animals used in entertainment, facilitating mentorships, workshops, conferences, local federations—this is exactly what I had hoped to see when I helped set up FIAPO back in 2006.

Please know that on behalf of the Trustees of FIAPO past and present, and our hard-working and enthusiastic staff, I thank the 50 FIAPO member organisations and our many associates, friends and colleagues in compassion for an important past year for Indian animal protection.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Norma Alvares
Chairperson, FIAPO
Building India’s first local federations: Last year, FIAPO started a ground-breaking programme to galvanise animal protectors at a local level. Local federations of animal protection organisations exist to share ideas, staying connected, increase their strength by coming together and becoming a local body to respond to local issues.

Jaipur Federation to the Rescue! When Jaipur animal protectors realised the plight of ‘neglected, exploited and often abused adult dogs used for breeding purposes, FIAPO suggested they band together as a collective to end this and other animal cruelty and the Jaipur Federation of Animal Protection Organisations (JFAPO) was established. These groups federated, met often to discuss the complexity of the dog breeding and pet shops issues.

Most dog breeders are in the business to make money, many abusing the dogs they breed and sell. Treating dogs as just commodities, pedigree dogs are sold to those who want dogs with pre-selected physical characteristics from “stock” originating outside India. Many people don’t realise that desi Indian dogs who live in the streets and villages of India may be even more intelligent, equally beautiful and far better suited to the Indian climate.

JFAPO has conducted research, designed strategic advocacy, and begun a public campaign to revise regulations on the pet trade and to write guidelines for pet shops. Transforming the guidelines into municipal law is currently in process.

FIAPO understands that strength increases with unity. JFAPO is a now formidable force and advocate for animals in Jaipur, and has educated thousands of people on animal protection issues in the city.

More Local Federations: JFAPO has inspired other parts of the country to actively collaborate to help animals. FIAPO has now also organised the establishment of local federations in Pune and Kerala.

1400 subscribers updated fortnightly about local activities
100 people engaged and actively networking through various events
20 meetings organized and attended by various stakeholders
12 active organizations and counting
6 public awareness events
3 capacity building workshops
FIAPO Protects Marine Mammals: Businesses cashing in on capturing and displaying wild animals misled the public into believing that animals want to perform. Animals want their freedom. For a dolphin, life in a ‘swimming pool’ performing the same tricks day after day, living often in isolation or mismatched groups, is a poor substitute for the complex, diverse natural life of these extraordinary animals. In fact, most dolphins and whales die during capture and in captivity.

When FIAPO heard that several states were proposing to start dolphin parks of their own, immediate action was taken by deploying dedicated resources to research, network, draft dossiers and campaign against the establishment of such theme parks. In collaboration with the Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (WRRC) in Bangalore, FIAPO advocated with the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) and the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) to bring about regulation against such proposals.

FIAPO’s campaign, after months of research and lobbying together with others, met resounding success in May 2013 when Minister of Environment and Forests, Ms Jayanthi Natarajan made a landmark decision and policy stating that establishing dolphinariums or confining dolphins for entertainment is prohibited in India. This makes India a beacon of hope for the global movement to protect cetaceans from captivity, by recognising dolphins and as “non-human persons” who have specific rights.

FIAPO IS THRILLED WITH THE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS OF ALL INVOLVED, AND PARTICULARLY THANKS THE MINISTER FOR HER BOLD AND COMPASSIONATE DECISION
PUTTING THE FARM BACK IN FARM ANIMALS

FIAPO Campaigns for Cows: Mega-dairies are massive production plants for milk. The “Mega Dairy” model industrialises dairies so that more cows are squeezed onto smaller properties, and expanses of fresh green grass traded in for concrete flooring. When her milk producing years are over, a cow is unshackled – only to be sent straight to the slaughter house. FIAPO SAYS NO.

FIAPO is determined to prevent ‘industrial’ – assembly line farms, and is campaigning against the first of such proposed mega-dairies in India. IFFCO mega dairy is ramping up to house 40,000 cows in a single facility in Andhra Pradesh. FIAPO’S campaign includes lobbying with the Andhra Pradesh government, mobilising local groups in Hyderabad and Nellore, and outreach across India through petitions, media awareness, events, newsletter stories and leafleting programs.

FIAPO STALLS IFFCO PROJECT. At this writing, IFFCO is stalled, failing to obtain permission to import the thousands of exotic breed cows upon which their business plan was built. FIAPO intends to ensure that it stays stalled and never resurrects.

FIAPO Champions Chickens: In a concurrent poultry campaign backed by Humane Society of India (HSI), FIAPO supported work with the Bureau of Indian Standards committee to upgrade the standard related to housing and rearing of egg laying hens in battery cages. FIAPO is now proposing to challenge in court the very concept of holding egg laying hens in battery cages. A senior counsel in the Supreme Court has agreed to contest this petition.

FIAPO Influencing Policy, Standards and Regulations: FIAPO is now a member of ISO/TC 34/WG16, the animal welfare working group of ISO (the International Standards-Setting Organisation) which empowers FIAPO to provide input while various standards are being set internationally, specifically those standards that impact animals raised for food.

FIAPO is also working to bring about regulation that will prevent factory farming practices from coming into Indian dairies. This includes drafting a code of practices and having it incorporated in regulation by the central and state governments.

FIAPO Exposes Farm Animal Abuse: Exhaustive communication to the public through print, online and social media is the sustainable “heart” of FIAPO’s campaign for cow protection. FIAPO is conducting research, has written (and continues to write) reports, and build awareness with (and from) lawyers, MPs and media persons.

LIFE CYCLE OF A DAIRY COW
BIRTH
ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION
CALVING
MILK PRODUCTION
SLAUGHTER
FIAPO Works to Prevent Dog Culls: For several years evidence has mounted suggesting the Srinagar municipal government has engaged in mass culling of stray dogs. Some of the factors triggering these illegal killings may be the irregularity or absence of a dog population management program and lack of awareness on what individuals can do to prevent human-dog conflict.

FIAPO responded to this emergency by collaborating with the media via a popular English news daily, Kashmir Images, to publish a weekly column devoted to increasing understanding of dogs’ behaviours and needs to increase positive relationships between people and dogs. FIAPO recruited 12 experts in the field to contribute the articles during 2012.

FIAPO Intervenes for Animals: FIAPO inspected, on behalf of the Animal Welfare Board of India, the Animal Birth Control programme in Surat, Gujarat and found that the program compromised with significant dog deaths as a result of the surgeries. FIAPO’s fact-finding mission persuaded the Surat Municipal Corporation and AWBI to dismiss the responsible organisations and to form new partnerships to carry out ABC in a more professional and ethical manner.

National Dog Welfare Strategy: FIAPO has completed preliminary work on developing a national strategy for the welfare of dogs in India. Two workshops were held at the India for Animals Conference in November 2012 and Dogs Trust conference in February 2013 where a variety of stakeholders were consulted on the issues and strategies possible surrounding dog welfare in India.

FIAPO and the Law: FIAPO is party to a submission of an intervention petition in the Supreme Court, addressing issues about the destruction of stray dogs in the context of central and municipal legislation.
LIVING IN A CRUELTY-FREE WORLD

FIAPO and The Animals’ Side of The Story: Living Free is an awareness campaign to expose the well-concealed horror that comes from the production of animal products for human consumption. Its focus is on the consumer, emphasising the immense power each individual has to help animals by making compassionate food and lifestyle choices.

www.livingfreeindia.org

Animals Need Reaching out: FIAPO produced material for distribution in several metropolitan cities – where the consumption of animal products is highest. Outreach volunteers target 18-35-year-olds because research suggests those in this age range are most amenable to influence and change. 6,000 leaflets through several events have now been circulated in 15 cities.

FIAPO’s outreach thrives on volunteer and multi-organisational participation. Building a multi-branched tree, FIAPO is tying up with animal protection groups and individuals in many cities and providing the support to organise outreach events, explaining methods using FIAPO’s Comprehensive Guide to Effective Leafleting.

Additionally, FIAPO collaborated with the Taj Vivanta in Bangalore to organize vegan cooking demonstrations and food festivals.

INDIA FOR ANIMALS
CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

The 2012 India for Animals Conference and Expo brought together 200 animal protectors representing more than 50 animal organisations from every state in an inspirational and educational 3-day event. Held in Goa at Don Bosco School, the event buzzed throughout the November 16-18 weekend. Special guests included international delegates from the world’s largest animal organisations. One (of the many) highlights was the fact that all meals served were 100% vegan! This introduced many to the nutritious and delicious world of cruelty-free food options.
RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES

Crisis Calls: FIAPO responds to emergency situations which can either be resolved or advanced within two working days. These crises interventions are usually resolved by mobilizing effective people and resources for short-term, intensive involvement. Last year, FIAPO was involved with 48 emergency cases. Some are highlighted below.

FIAPO Blasts Bad Ad: When activists informed FIAPO of an advertisement in DNA, Mumbai edition (19th Feb, 2012) by Euro Fashions - naked men holding cockerels against their pelvic region asking “What size are you’ - FIAPO found the advert particularly offensive for its depiction of animals in a specifically sexual context. FIAPO wrote to the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) – who then ordered that the indecent, vulgar and repulsive advertisement be withdrawn.

FIAPO Honours Fire Brigade: When a Mumbai resident called FIAPO to report a pigeon entangled in a string mesh, FIAPO suggested that he inform the Fire Brigade. Within five minutes, the firemen arrived and freed the pigeon. FIAPO awarded the Dahisar unit of Mumbai Fire Brigade a Certificate of Appreciation for such prompt action, and for treating all animals, large or small, as equally important in times of distress.

Rejecting Bull-Fighting Press: When an article glorifying bull-fighting was spotted in JetWings, (Jet Airways in-flight magazine) FIAPO sent a complaint to the Chairman, Vice President and the Editor and Executive Publisher, resulting in their promise that Jet Airways “would not want to come across as an organisation and publication that encourages unjust endeavours. We assure you that there wouldn’t be any more features on the same in JetWings.”

Hawk the Peacock – No more
Until May 2013, it was legal to trade peacock feathers as long as they had naturally been shed. It would be naïve to believe that illegal means weren’t being resorted to, especially since the demand for these strikingly beautiful feathers far outstrips the supply. FIAPO, along with other stakeholders, brought this issue to the attention of the Ministry of Environment and Forests. We are now delighted that the ministry has proposed an amendment to sections 43 and 44 of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972, banning the trade of peacock feathers altogether. It is only when the buying stops that the killing can too.

Other CERC stories are on the website - http://www.fiapo.org/prevcerc.php
MEET THE TEAM
Norma is an advocate of the Bombay High Court and an activist and campaigner on social and environmental issues of public concern, especially in her home state of Goa. Over the past two decades, she has argued, pro bono, over a hundred public interest litigation cases, tirelessly taking up issues concerning environment pollution, animal rights, women’s issues etc. She was instrumental in obtaining judicial orders banning the killing of stray dogs and the cruel sport of bullfighting in Goa. During the mid-nineties, she started the Goa branch of People for Animals. She is a member of the Animal Welfare Board of India since year 2000 and has also served as member of the Committee for the Purpose of Supervision and Control of Experiments on Animals for three terms. In 2002, Norma was awarded the Padma Shri for her work for the protection of animals and the environment.

Amala co-founded the Blue Cross of Hyderabad in 1992. The organization currently reaches out to over 30,000 animals each year. Amala is a well-known actress in Andhra Pradesh, and uses her celebrity status to promote animal welfare at every opportunity she gets.

Abodh quit a lucrative corporate career with DHL to work with Mumbai’s Welfare of Stray Dogs (WSD), an organization that focuses on dog birth control by sterilization. Abodh is also a co-opted member of The Animal Welfare Board of India.

Lynn is the founder of Social Access Communications, an organization that translates creative ideas brought forth by NGO’s and corporates into tangible plans that work towards social change. Before founding Social Access, Lynn was the CEO of Lintas Media Group, India’s third-largest media agency.

Timmie’s passion for animals was evident even during her early childhood. She began as a volunteer at Jaipur-based NGO ‘Help in Suffering’ and by 2002, twelve years later, took over as Managing Director. Timmie was also awarded the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award by Humane Society International in 2013. Help in Suffering has successfully eradicated rabies in Jaipur. In April 2011, HIS opened its second centre, a Camel Rescue Center, exclusively for the treatment of camels.

Vasanthi is the co-founder of Stray Relief and Animal Welfare (STRAW), an organization that endeavours to sow seeds in three dimensions - empathy towards people, compassion towards animals and respect for the environment – through humane education.

D.R. Mehta is a former Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board of India. He is also the founder of and chief patron of the world’s largest organization for the handicapped – Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS). He is a recipient of one of India’s highest civilian awards, Padma Bhushan, for his contributions to the world-renowned Jaipur Foot.

Sathya serves on the Board of Blue Cross of India which is one of India’s oldest and largest animal welfare organisations. An MBA in Marketing from the University of Mumbai he has over 14 years experience in the corporate sector in Advertising, Marketing and Senior Management roles with MNC’s like Nissan, Mitsubishi and General Motors.

Erika, as one of the co-founders of FIAPO, has been a Board member of FIAPO from inception through March 31, 2013. She now serves as an Ambassador for the organisation in its movement building and fund raising efforts. She spearheads FIAPO’s bi-monthly commentary. She is also a co-founder of Animal Aid Unlimited which runs a busy animal hospital and shelter in Udaipur.
Chinny served as Chairman of FIAPO since its inception until March 31, 2013. Chinny was conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award by Humane Society International. In 1964, he co-founded The Blue Cross of India which pioneered the Animal Birth Control and Anti-Rabies program to humanely reduce the dog population. He was the Vice Chairman of the Animal Welfare Board of India from 2001-2004 and was nominated by the Government of India for another three-year term from December 2010. Since 2004, he has been a member of the board of trustees of the World Society for the Protection of Animals.

Sudhir also serves as Chairman of Amembal & Associates, the world’s foremost authority in equipment lease education and consultancy. He has been an advocate for animal protection since 1974. He has served as President of many NGOs including the Humane Society of Utah and Psychologists for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. He co-founded the online magazine- The Animal’s Voice.

Arpan’s experience spans from consulting with international agencies, serving on India’s planning commissions working groups and research and hands on work with wildlife conservation. He has worked extensively in various parts of India on a range of social change issues including grassroots interventions as well as policy initiatives. At FIAPO, Arpan is responsible for resource generation, strategy direction and relations with external stakeholders.

As Director of Programmes, Varda is responsible for overseeing progress of all programmes, with a strong focus on movement building. Before FIAPO, Varda was in Scotland, where she set up the largest grassroots group working towards promoting animal rights. Varda’s background in cognitive sciences, philosophy and artificial intelligence helps her manage and achieve all this, and more.
CONCLUSION

FIAPO celebrates the 50 member organisations that have made 2012-2013 a dynamic year of increasing help to animals.

We encourage the participation of organisations and individuals involved in animal protection work in any capacity, to provide relief and rescue to the many animals in dire need of help right now. Together we are more effective, quicker to respond, and our reach is more comprehensive when faced with large-scale issues.

Our larger mission is to connect and bridge national and international organisations, enabling the sharing of experiences, knowledge and resources. From experience, FIAPO and all member organisations can say with confidence that together, we do more. From experience, FIAPO and all member organisations can say with confidence that together, we do more.

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