

INNOVATION AND BEST PRACTICES FOR ABC & SHELTERING





OBJECTIVES

- Adequate structure for housing
 - Shelter from the elements, ventilated, easy to clean, safety of animals
 - Make sure there is NO CHANCE of escape.
 - Once you have transported the animal she does not know where she is and If she escapes, she very likely will die.
 - Take no chances
 - Cats can escape from almost anything
 - Periods outside the kennel for dogs who need to be confined
 - Keeping environment clean—not necessarily ultra-hygienic, but at least no poop and pee for longer than an hour or two Inside the kennel
 - If possible, mattresses to lie on for cows or donkeys who can't stand



OBJECTIVES

- Availability of resources – for the long-term
- Policies for admission and exit for animals
- Systems, schedules and procedures for feeding, cleaning, admission, first-aid & isolation (SOPs)
- Provision for water round the clock and food as needed
- Ability to offer “special food” when needed or hand feeding or syringe feeding for animals who can’t or won’t take food independently



OBJECTIVES

- Minimum staffing requirements
 - Vets, nurses, cleaners etc. (creating caring staff)
 - In the case of large animals, enough staff /volunteers to help regularly turn an immobilized cow
 - If such staff cannot be hired, then the shelter must have a policy not taking large animals
- Good Record keeping



OBJECTIVES

- Ensuring Quality of Life
 - “Enrichment” —what does this term mean? Why is it important?
 - What is quality of life, and why if we cannot ensure a good quality of life for animals at the shelter, we need to be concerned!
 - How to assess quality of life?
 - Specific clear methods on ensuring enrichment and quality of life in a shelter, especially on a budget, with limited staff.



OBJECTIVES

- Best Practices (ABC)
 - Best method of catching dogs or cats for sterilization
 - Mode of Transport and housing animals during transport
 - Sufficient in-hospital care after sterilization
 - Release into the same locality to avoid unwanted territorial fights
 - How to identify an area where ABC is required
 - How to develop contacts with the relevant local authorities
 - How to persuade government authorities for ABC



OBJECTIVES

- Best Practices (Shelter Management)
 - Proper division of labour amongst staff
 - Using social media to recruit more volunteers
 - CSR relationships with corporates to have a steady flow of volunteers
 - Frequent orientation sessions for new volunteers
 - What are the essential elements of a good shelter?



ACTIVITY

- Divide into groups.
- Each table should write a letter to their local authorities for ABC to be conducted in their area
- The most comprehensive, persuasive letter can be read out to everyone

Thank You!

