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In pursuit of Gross Animal Happiness

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Word from the President

This year, the Bhutan Animal Rescue and Care has been acknowledged by the new Royal Government of Bhutan (RGoB) as a valuable partner in promoting animal welfare, in providing animal treatment services and in reducing free dog populations through collaboration on dog management programs. RGoB has initiated a collaboration agreement between the Ministry Of Agriculture and Forest and BARC, to build upon the complementarity of civil service and civil society. BARC is honored by the trust placed in its organization and will strive to expand its animal rescue and care services, as well as endeavor to structurally strengthen animal welfare services in Bhutan.

On behalf of the Board members of the Bhutan Animal Rescue and Care, I would especially like to express my sincere gratitude to the many animal lovers who have brought sick and injured animals to our rescue centers. Without your compassion in action and pro-active engagement, the BARC could not have reached the growing number of animals in need, over these past many years. We are very grateful to have you as part of our growing network of animal-care volunteers!

The BARC Board endorses and is pleased to present the Annual Report 2019, which comprises an overview of key achievements and financial accounts of the BARC over the year 2019. BARC has been able to provide medical care and sanctuary to an ever-increasing number of animals. We have also presented our strategies for the near future, for the establishment of the Centre for Animal Happiness and taking up the community-based dog care and sterilization programs. We hope that we can raise adequate funds for the Centre for Animal Happiness and programs, so we can help more animals in need and further improve the care we give. With your support we can do so much more! I therefore hope that you will enjoy reading the Annual Report 2019.

Thank you for walking with us on the path of compassion-in-action for Gross Animal Happiness.

On behalf of the BARC Board,

Marianne Guillet - President



Rinpoche Mynak R. Tulku; Mrs. Chime Wangmo; Khandroma Dorji Phagmo Rinpoche; Mr. Kinlay Gyaltshen; Mrs. Peldon Tshering; Mrs. Yeshey Choden; Mr. Hendrik Visser.



Gross Animal Happiness

The vision of the BARC is to promote Gross Animal Happiness, which entails stimulating the progression of Bhutan's society towards Gross National Happiness (GNH), where animals are treated and cared for with respect, kindness and compassion, and where a healthy and happy co-existence of animals and humans is the norm. BARC conducts advocacy, awareness and education programmes to promote the importance of animal welfare and of practicing kindness and compassion-in-action towards all animals.

Our purpose is to promote the welfare and health of animals

We base our existence and actions on the intrinsic value of animals, independent from the utility value which animals may have for humans.

We protect the welfare of animals in the broadest sense; and

We promote healthy co-existence of animals and humans



Picture: Baby Macaque 'Sophie' enjoys a bottle of milk after being rescued just after birth in the forest by a passer-by and brought to BARC in March 2019



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How we came about

The Bhutan Animal Rescue and Care (BARC) emerged over the past 20 years from a personal initiative of Marianne Guillet (also known as “*Rochi Ama*” or “Mother of Dogs”), a French architect and geographer turned veterinarian and Hendrik Visser, a Dutch civil engineer and sociologist. With an increasing attention for animal welfare in Bhutan over the years, the number of animals in need of care kept growing and in June 2013 Marianne, Hendrik and their close friends and supporters therefore established the BARC as a civil society organization in Bhutan.

Who we are

The Board members of the BARC are all animal lovers and promoters of animal welfare in their personal lives. The BARC is very grateful and pleased to have the following Board Members:

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Mrs. Marianne Guillet - President | 5. Khandroma Dorji Phagmo Rimpoche |
| 2. Mr. Kinlay Gyaltsen – Treasurer/ED | 6. Mrs. Peldon Tshering |
| 3. Rimpoche Mynak R. Tulku | 7. Mrs. Yeshey Choden |
| 4. Mrs. Chime Wangmo | 8. Mr. Hendrik Visser - Secretary |

What we do



Picture Left: young dog in Olakha Thimphu with head stuck in PVC pipe, which we managed to liberate and is now taken care of by nearby residents. **Right:** Young dog paralyzed by distemper at Changlingmetang Thimphu, rescued and treated at BARC.



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Animal Rescue

The BARC is rescuing animals in need and provides sanctuary to those who have no chance to survive without our support. We have a 24/7 rescue service, pick-up animals in need and organize transport through our caring supporters. We strive to re-integrate or relocate recovered animals, but those who are handicapped or suffer from chronic diseases find a warm permanent welcome at our shelters.

Medical Care

In our Intensive Care Unit with quarantine, our clinic with surgery and treatment rooms and our post-care facility, we provide medical treatment for wounds, infectious diseases, cancer/tumours, gastroenteritis and skin infections, as well as orthopedic surgery, prosthetics and cesareans.



Pictures Above. Left: Puppy, which was stuck in a pool of bitumen for road surfacing works. The tar chemically burns the skin and needs to be removed with great care. **Right:** Bajo, rescued from Bajo Wangdiphodrang with undernourishment and skin disease.

Sterilization

To support a small and healthy stray animal population, we also conduct weekly sterilization campaigns with DHPPI-L vaccinations. Our animal care programme is building upon a network of caring citizens who bring stray dogs from their neighborhood or assist us in catching them. This makes release of sterilized dogs back into the community and follow-up care also successful. We promote Animal Happiness in support to Community Happiness!



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Advocacy

Many people who visit us are interested to know more about animal care as well as how to genuinely practice humanitarian values and compassion in action. This often results in a lively engagement with mutual reflection and learning; and indeed an empowerment for doing 'good'.



Picture: Rescued cats gather for a warm afternoon nap.



Picture: Puppy, malnourished and suffering from pyoderma rescued from Thimphu, now happy with new coat at BARC

Key Achievements over 2019

Patient numbers

The average number of in-patient animals at BARC Thimphu over 2019 was 326, of which 245 dogs, 25 cats, 37 macaque monkeys and 19 others as birds, rodents and large animals. In 2019 we rescued 2 baby and 2 adult macaque orphans, which need(ed) intense nursing and care, bringing the total group size of macaques by end 2019 to 37. Bhutan is facing an ever-longer distemper epidemic every year, with thousands of dogs dying a terrible death in the streets. BARC promotes DHPPI vaccinations and provides shelter and supportive care to those in need, but most distemper patients have sadly little chance to survive and palliative care is often all we can do.

Of the dogs in our care, on average about 40 are under Intensive Care treatment; 65 have chronic disease as e.g. epilepsy, diabetes or kidney disease; 30 are handicapped, as e.g. paraplegic, blind; 35 are abandoned or orphaned puppies; and 30 are geriatrics. The remaining dogs are recovered, now healthy, dogs, which have no other place to go. We were able to have 10 dogs adopted in



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2019. Adoption rates are low in Bhutan, as most compassionate people already care for free dogs around their homes.

Over 2019 we provided out-patient care to about 1010 animals in total, of which 319 were pets, 211 were rescued animals brought by people to our rescue centre and 480 were rescued by BARC itself. Out-patients are mostly dogs (956) and cats (37), but can be any kind of animal as birds, cows, bulls, mules, horses (others: 27).

Patient Treatments

Many thousands of patients have been treated by Marianne Guillet, starting in 1997 in Zhemgang, and over the last many years at the Bhutan Animal Rescue and Care facilities in Yoeselpang.

Surgery

The BARC conducts a variety of surgeries as part of its animal rescue and treatment services. Marianne Guillet performed about 450 surgeries over 2019, of which 250 OVH on female dogs (removal of uterus and both ovaries); 40 testiclectomy on male dogs; 45 orthopaedic surgeries; 30 mastectomy (tumour removal); 15 eye surgeries; and numerous other less invasive surgeries (cysts, abscesses, bite wounds, burn management, fistulas, hernias, as well as general health check-ups.



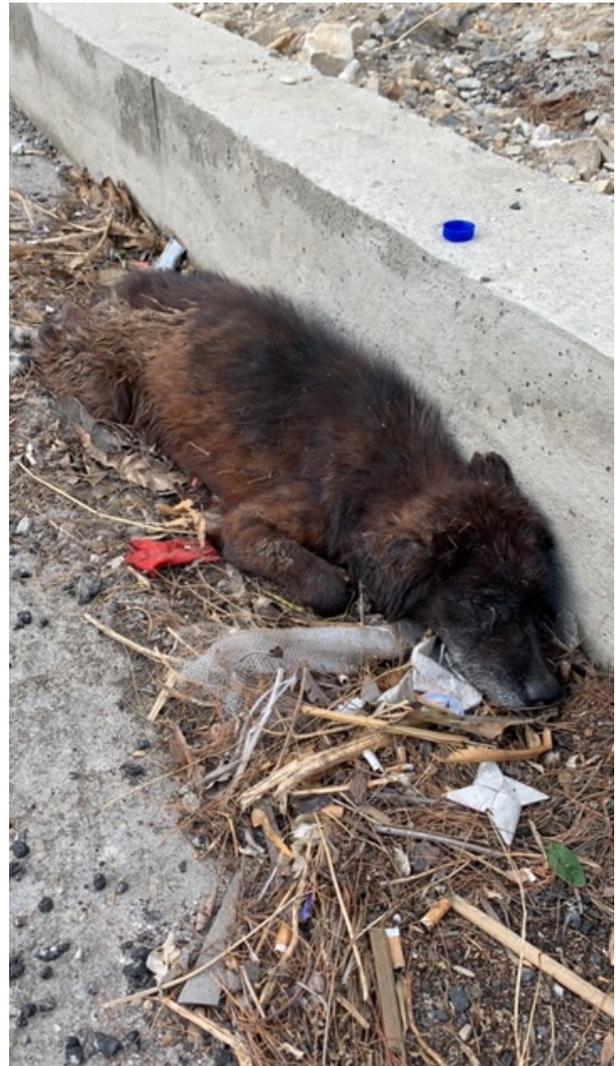
Picture above: Marianne performing an amputation of front leg of dog with a progressive irreversible tumour. **Picture below:** Dog with external (Thomas) splint for broken femur.





Nursing/Care

In 2019 we nursed 2 baby macaque monkeys, 23 orphaned puppies and 7 kittens.



Pictures above: Old dog rescued from drain in Chubabchu Thimphu. Found immobilized by passer-by who phoned BARC for assistance. Diagnosed with tick-disease causing paralysis. He is healthy again and now in our elderly ward; his changes outside on the streets being very minimal.

Medical Treatments

Over 2019 BARC provided medical treatment to many patients in need.

- 120 Pyoderma (skin infectious disease);
- 500 Scabies (contagious skin infestation by the mite *Sarcoptes scabiei*) and Mange (skin disease caused by parasitic mites);
- 32 Fungal infections of skin or ear;



- 150 Gastro-Enteritis;
- 500 Parasites (deworming);
- 110 Tick-Borne Diseases (Lyme Disease, Anaplasmosis);
- 45 Eye patients (e.g. glaucoma, cataract);
- 40 Arthritis;
- 20 Heart related diseases; and
- 2 Burn patients.



Dogs caught in illegal wildlife traps - snares

A sad occurrence over the years is dogs being caught in illegal wildlife traps. The snares poachers use are meant to catch deer and wild boar, which is prohibited but still a regular feature of rural Bhutan. Dogs are regularly trapped in these snares and the lucky ones manage to escape. The very lucky ones are brought to, or taken by, the BARC for treatment. BARC aims to develop an awareness campaign to prevent illegal traps and to therewith avoid such cases of dog injuries.

Picture Left: Dog injured by wildlife trap (steel cable snare) causing terrible injuries. BARC has dozens of such cases every year. Most animals are, however, unable to escape the snare and die an agonising death. Such traps are illegal in Bhutan but it is difficult to enforce.

Picture Right: Young wild cat rescued by BARC from a building under construction in Thimphu and released the same day in the forest above Thimphu





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Expansion of BARC facilities

To deal with an ever increasing (and overwhelming) number patients, BARC expanded its rescue and rehabilitation facilities over 2019 with 1 new doghouse. BARC is extremely grateful for the support it received from the **Giant Step Foundation** in the USA, for the construction of the dog quarter and for live-saving equipment. The dog quarters has been designed as a temporary structure to ensure it can be assembled again at the new location for which BARC is processing land clearances.



BARC participated in the Fair for International Day for People with Disabilities.

BARC had a stand at the Fair organized by SELWA, a civil society organization in Bhutan, to celebrate the International day of people with disabilities. BARC presented animals with physical handicaps, as paraplegic dogs in wheelchairs and a monkey with an amputated arm, to stress the need to also care for handicapped animals. The fair was successful in creating awareness on animal welfare, the work of BARC and raising some funds.



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The Future: Leaving no Animal Behind!

1. Collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture and Forests

MoAF has agreed to provide support to BARC (and other Animal Welfare Organizations) in the following areas:

- Facilitate visa for the foreign veterinarian doctors and professionals to work at BARC and in sterilization campaigns;
- Facilitate on import of medicines from DRA;
- HR development;
- Support land lease for AWOs on a case by case basis;
- Technical support for sterilization which includes Veterinarians, para-vets and medicines;
- Technical support for treatment which included Veterinarians, para-vets and medicines;
- Technical support for emergency rescue;

For the functioning of BARC the support in providing visa for vet volunteers and other experts, as well as support to obtaining critical medicine are the most important.

MoAF/DoL (National Vet Hospital and livestock) have also developed a program document with Humane Society International for sterilization of female pet dogs in Thimphu and Paro, where community engagement should lead to dog owners bringing their dog for a sterilization appointment to the vet hospital. There do not seem to be efforts for dog sterilization programs and campaigns for stray dogs in Thimphu, Paro as well as nationally to deal with a growing stray dog population.

2. BARC Proposed Programs

2.1 Dog Sterilization Programs

BARC will develop a program for stray dog sterilization and care in one or two selected Dzongkhags, jointly with international animal welfare organizations:

- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and RCSC have agreed to provide BARC with a Japanese veterinary doctor on a voluntary basis for two years. Recruitment is ongoing by JICA and the vet will arrive in 8-12 months;
- Foundation Brigitte Bardot (FBB) is interested to support a dog sterilization and training program in Bhutan and has identified BARC as the most appropriate entry point for more strategic engagement in Bhutan. FBB is already providing support to Jangsa Animal Saving
- Worldwide Veterinary Services UK has a vet training centre in south India and they work with a continuously rotating volunteer veterinary doctors pool. WVS is willing to include BARC/Bhutan in the volunteer rotation schedule (next to India and Sikkim) so we can benefit from long-term (at the BARC centres) and short-term vet volunteers to help in dog care and



in sterilization campaigns and to train local government staff and graduates from College of Natural Resources (CNR Lobeysa);

- World Vets USA has shown interest to also provide support to BARC and to provide volunteer vets for sterilization campaigns and training;

- Vet Beyond Borders Australia (VBB) has shown interest to also provide support to BARC and to provide volunteer vets for sterilization campaigns and training.

Picture Left: Dog with three puppies, taken from Royal Thimphu College for sterilization, check-up, vaccination and deworming. Returned to RTC after certification of good health.

Picture Below: Rescued young owl.

2.2 Strengthening knowledge and skills College of Natural Resources graduates

The community-based dog sterilisation programs in selected Dzongkhags will be linked to support to the College of Natural Resources (CNR) in Lobeysa under the Royal University of Bhutan. BARC will aim to establish collaboration with CNR. It is hoped that Vet Beyond Borders Australia would be interested to support such a program with CNR as they have good linkages with Australian Universities.

BARC aims to develop jointly with CNR and VBB a program which may cover e.g.:

- Assess the present curriculum of the CNR BSc in animal sciences and identify areas for strengthening veterinary medicine curriculum and (especially skills). A present the curriculum has very limited study and practical skill training which would be required for future BSc graduates in their





animal care work as extension agents or for dog sterilization programs. It can be identified if e.g. half a year specialisation in veterinary medicine can be integrated under the BSc degree;

- Develop post-graduate practical skill training in collaboration with VBB and the WVS UK institute in south India. These trainings can be given in-country at the BARC and subsequently trained graduates can participate in BARC organised dog sterilization campaigns in selected Dzongkhags for further skill development. Such practical training and attachment to BARC dog sterilization programs can be made compulsory by CNR for final certification (as for Technical and Vocational Education);

The new Centre for Animal Happiness!

The BARC hopes to finalise in 2020 the land lease for the land identified for the new Centre for Animal Happiness (C4AH). BARC also hopes to develop the facility designs and initiate a fundraising campaign over 2020, so construction can start by second half 2020. The C4AH area will have an integrated 24/7 animal hospital for in- and out-patient treatment, as well as an animal rescue and care facility and a sanctuary for animals that will not be able to survive without support.

With the C4AH in place, BARC will also implement a community-based dog care and sterilization program, which is to **contribute effectively to controlling the stray dog population in Dzongkhags and major public and tourism areas**, starting in the capital city Thimphu. This will be achieved through sustained and closely monitored sterilisation, full-coverage vaccinations, and de-worming campaigns, coupled with awareness, education and advocacy programmes to create caring relationships between humans (local population and tourists) and dogs.

Outreach Programs for Compassion in Action

BARC will also develop outreach programs for stimulating a society based on a happy and healthy co-existence of humans and dogs. Through the engagement with citizens, and especially children and youth, a large network of animal welfare actors will be established, which will create a larger outreach of the BARC. C4AH programs will include:

- **Awareness programmes** and events for youth, citizens and hotels/restaurants on all aspects of dog welfare, as well as building a network of hotels/restaurants to look out for sick/injured dogs and to care for dogs within their environment;



Picture Above: Cow rescue in Thimphu. She sought shelter near a private shed and was unable to move. Taken to BARC for treatment and sanctuary



- **Educational programmes** and events for schools on all aspects of dog welfare, including establishing school clubs;
- Provide programmes in collaboration with other CSOs, for an **integrated approach to caring for people with social challenges through interaction with dogs**, as e.g.:
 - Work opportunities for the less fortunate in society as e.g. women-in-need (RENEW), former drug-abusers under rehabilitation, interaction between differently abled children and handicapped dogs (e.g. SELWA, Drak-Tsho, Ability Bhutan);
 - Provide in collaboration with RBP and the judiciary alternative punishment and sentences for juveniles, where they can work as volunteers at the C4AH in lieu of a prison term (we have already created a few opportunities in the past);
 - Training of dogs as special companion animals, e.g. for people suffering from severe anxiety or disabilities;
- **Tourist** visit and meditation programmes for practical exchange with dogs at the C4AH and more in-depth discussions on Gross Animal Happiness;
- Providing opportunities for **volunteer work** and organising events to create practical experiences with caring for dogs, to strengthen the bond between people and dogs;
- **Training of pet owners** on pet care and provision of pet-care services;
- **Behavioural adjustment programmes** for dogs with behavioural challenges and training people how to deal with 'aggressive' stray dog groups and pets (next to the sterilization programmes conducted);



Picture Above: Rescued kitten finds comfort and milk with a lactating mother dog, which happily adopted the orphaned kitten.



Your Support makes BARC Possible

We would like to sincerely thank those who have donated to and volunteered with the BARC in support of our animal rescue and care work. We are really touched by the many citizens and foreigners who have provided us with in-kind donations as e.g. rice, milk, biscuits, dog/cat food, soya chunks; as well as by the monetary contributions received. Animal rescue work is inherently challenging because of all the suffering we encounter and the knowledge that there are always more animals in need than we can reach. The BARC team believes that preventing and mitigating this suffering is an important way to live a meaningful life and the BARC team experiences immeasurable gratefulness and joy from the rescued and recovered animals.

We are also touched by the support we receive every year from hundreds of compassionate people and we would like to thank you for helping us as your compassion makes us believe that a happy society based on Gross National Happiness is possible and you help us to continue on the path we all have chosen.

BARC would like to especially thank **Bhutan Airlines** and **Drukair** for transporting animal supplies and pet food from Bangkok and Singapore respectively, free of cost. Your support has been lifesaving and is very much appreciated. Furthermore we like to thank the many shops that have given discount rates on items BARC needs and for donations of food items.

***Pictures Below:** Compassionate youth called BARC about a paraplegic dog in Motithang Thimphu and helped to rescue the dog. The dog recovered from an apparent car accident and found a safe place at BARC as it will not be able to move quick enough to survive in the streets of Thimphu.*





Key Achievements over the Years

Year 2018

BARC further improved on functionalities of facilities. A further dog cage was constructed to accommodate more dogs. The average number of in-patient animals at BARC Thimphu over 2018 was about 358, of which 295 dogs, 18 cats, 32 macaque monkeys and 13 others as birds, rodents and large animals. In 2018 we rescued 4 baby macaque orphans, which need(ed) intense nursing and care, bringing the total group size of macaques by end 2018 to 32.

Of the dogs in our care, about 40 are under Intensive Care treatment; 80 have chronic disease as e.g. epilepsy, diabetes or kidney disease; 25 are handicapped, as e.g. paraplegic, blind; 40 are abandoned or orphaned puppies; and 30 are geriatrics. The remaining dogs are recovered, now healthy, dogs, which have no other place to go. We were able to have 12 dogs adopted in 2018.

Over 2018 we provided out-patient care to about 625 animals in total, of which 218 were pets, 195 were rescued animals brought by people to our rescue centre and 212 were rescued by BARC itself. Out-patients are mostly dogs (552) and cats (30), but can be any kind of animal as birds, cows, bulls, mules, horses (others: 18).

BARC provided medical treatment over 2018 to many patients in need:

- 150 Pyoderma (skin infectious disease);
- 250 Scabies (contagious skin infestation by the mite *Sarcoptes scabiei*) and Mange (skin disease caused by parasitic mites);
- 190 Fungal infections of skin or ear;
- 120 Gastro-Enteritis;
- 600 Parasites (deworming);
- 90 Tick-Borne Diseases (Lyme Disease, Anaplasmosis);
- 32 Eye patients (e.g. glaucoma, cataract);
- 32 Arthritis;
- 24 Heart related diseases; and
- 3 Burn patient

Year 2017

BARC further improved on functionalities of facilities. Three more dog cages/pounds were constructed to accommodate more dogs, and 2 open shelters were constructed for sheltering of the increasing dogs population at the center. BARC continued its animal rescue services, by providing animal ambulance service to injured and sick free dogs and occasional large animals (cows, horses, mules, pigs, goats).

Over 2017 BARC provided the following animal rescue and treatments:

- Sterilizations: dogs 258 and cats 18.
- In-patient dogs/cats: 412.
- Out-patients dogs/cats: 521.



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- Large animals: 22.
- Total animal population at rescue center (year end): 329.
- Macaque monkey population (rehabilitation): 28.

The present animal rescue center in Yusupang is constructed on rented private land and has a temporary character. BARC agreed to over time relocate the centre, for which BARC identified jointly with Chang Gewog, Thimphu Dzongkhag, a new location. On the new location BARC will establish a Centre for Animal Happiness, for which a comprehensive program proposal has been developed for government support and fund raising.

Year 2016

BARC received the **National Order of Merit Gold, from His Majesty The King**, on National Day 2016, which is the highest civilian medal for service to the nation. The medal was given to BARC *“For volunteering time and effort towards promoting humanitarian values, our culture and tradition, and our national objectives; for working passionately and tirelessly for the benefit of others; for taking on the responsibility to provide support and assistance wherever the government is unable to reach, and for keeping alive the sacred values of compassion and empathy.”*

BARC participated in the CSO Fair with a stand to promote its animal welfare and rescue work, and provided a free pet clinic. The work of BARC was much appreciated by Her Majesty The Queen, who paid a prolonged visit to the BARC stand.

Over 2016 BARC provided the following animal rescue and treatments:

- Sterilizations: dogs 202 and cats 16.
- In-patient dogs/cats: 379.
- Out-patients dogs/cats: 456.
- Large animals: 16.
- Total animal population at rescue center (year end): 274.
- Macaque monkey population (rehabilitation): 25.



Year 2015

BARC was elected as a member of the CSO Core Committee, which represents all registered CSOs in Bhutan and which promotes the strengthening of civil society in Bhutan through dialogue and advocacy.

BARC conducted maintenance and repair on the animal rescue center at Yusupang, and improved on functionalities of facilities. Two dog cages/pounds were constructed to accommodate more free



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dogs, especially for paraplegic dogs (car accidents and neurological diseases). BARC also developed its website to increase outreach and transparency.

BARC continued its animal rescue services, by providing animals ambulance service to injured and sick free dogs and occasional large animals (cows, horses, mules, pigs, goats).

Over 2015 BARC provided the following animal rescue and treatments:

- Sterilizations: dogs 206 and cats 18.
- In-patient dogs/cats: 279.
- Out-patients dogs/cats: 384.
- Large animals: 10.
- Total animal population at rescue center: 233.
- Macaque monkey population (rehabilitation): 22.

Year 2014

BARC is utilizing the animal rescue center constructed at the location in Yusupang, which is provided for free by Hendrik Visser and Marianne Guillet. The center has a clinic/hospital, Intensive Care Unit, animal food preparation kitchen, washrooms, office, guesthouse and macaque rehabilitation center.

BARC continued its animal rescue services, by providing animal ambulance service to injured and sick free dogs and occasional large animals (cows, horses, mules, pigs, goats). BARC is also utilizing the three vehicles owned by Hendrik Visser and Marianne Guillet, for free, for animal rescues, daily dog food collection, weekly vegetable/fruit collection for the macaque monkeys staff movement and for daily operations.

Over 2014 BARC provided the following animal rescue and treatments:

- Sterilizations: dogs 181 and cats 10.
- In-patient dogs/cats: 211.
- Out-patients dogs/cats: 323.
- Large animals: 7.
- Total animal population at rescue center (year end): 186.
- Macaque monkey population (rehabilitation): 21.



Funding and Sustainability



Picture Above: *Macaque Bergy, also called Sister Namgay, takes care of an intensive care patient. Bergy lost one had climbing into an electricity pole while escaping an truck driver at Olakha Thimphu workshop area. With third degree burns over her upper body Bergy spend 6 months in our bedroom for recovery, where she learned to care for other patients and showed her compassion.*

The exact financial requirement for building the Centre for Animal Happiness is still to be worked out on detail as part of the design. We hope the Government of Bhutan and Municipalities will also be motivated to contribute to the programmes of the C4AH, considering its clear benefits to human health and animal welfare.

BARC will make every effort to implement a sustainable fundraising program for maintaining its programs and assets. Funds raised both within and outside the country will be utilized in a transparent manner in accordance with the laws governing Civil Society Organizations in Bhutan. The following are some of the elements of the BARC fundraising program:

- Establishing a (small) trust fund for animal welfare in Bhutan;
- Active fundraising through contacting animal welfare organizations and interested individuals;
- An annual membership scheme and targeted fundraising events;
- Collaboration with ethically responsible tourism businesses, by allowing donations through their websites, as well as 'tourist programmes' at the C4AH, to allow visitors to experience a meaningful connection with animals and to contribute to day-to-day care activities;
- A fee structure per sterilized and treated dog from Thromdes, who in essence have the responsibility to provide this service;
- A fee structure for pet-care activities (e.g. grooming) and training for dog owners on dog care and behaviour;
- Collaboration on programmes with likeminded national and international organizations, who could support in terms of expertise, volunteers and financial contributions;
- Income generating activities, such as sales of animal inspired products.



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How to Help Us

With your help and co-operation, we can continue to provide animal rescue and care services to the numerous stray animals and wildlife in need in Bhutan. Your donations are directly and 100% helping animals in need!

There are many opportunities for people to contribute in-kind to rescuing and caring for animals. On a daily basis collect left-over food from larger hotels and restaurants, which is mostly sufficient for feeding our dogs. We also use e.g. hotel's disposed shampoos, bath foam, soaps for cleaning purposes at the rescue facility and e.g. unwanted bed linens, towels and uniforms for creating warm sleeping places for our dogs.

We have experienced a wealth of warmth from many people who help us in many different and important ways, such as running adoption programmes for our recovered dogs, developing PR materials, scouting for sick and injured dogs in town, volunteering for our animal rescue and care facility work, maintenance and programmes, as well as donating food items, buckets, building materials or any other items of use to us.

Building upon the evident compassion present in Bhutan's society, our goal is to create a self-sustaining organization, which over time can continue independently with rescue and care for dogs in need and promote Gross Animal Happiness. You can volunteer at the shelter and participate in the daily care and rescue. You can also adopt or sponsor an animal and become a BARC member. We are always in need of: (used) blankets, clothes, fabric and buckets; soya chunks, dog dry food and goodies, floor cleaners and bleach.

Financial Accounts

Donations received

Below a brief overview is provided of the main donators of 2019. Details on all monetary donations received are provided in the 2019 Audit Report. We would like to especially thank:

- The **Giant Step Foundation** USA for a generous donation of US\$ 20,000 for purchasing equipment and construction of an additional dog quarter;
- The **Brigitte Bardot Foundation** for a generous donation of US\$ 14,960 for purchasing a pick-up vehicle for dog rescue and sterilization campaigns;
- **Marianne Guillet and Hendrik Visser**, founding BARC Board members, for their cash contribution of Nu. 486,560, for making their personal assets available and for their tireless 24/7 work for BARC without remuneration.

We are immensely grateful for all donations received, 'big and small'. Your acts of compassion and generosity allow us to continue and there are no small acts of generosity!



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Clean Audit opinion over 2019

On the next pages the Financial Accounts of 2019 are presented, which have been audited by the Royal Audit Authority in June 2018, through appointment of the auditing company 'Menuka Chhetri & Associates'. The audit took place over March/April 2020 and BARC received the Audit report in May 2020.

The Royal Audit Authority assessed that all financial statements of the BARC are in all material respects in accordance with the financial rules and regulations and RAA therefore issued an unmodified or clean audit opinion on the financial statements of BARC.

The BARC Board is pleased with the clean audit opinion and will strive to continue to further strengthen performance and transparency. The audited financial accounts for 2019 are presented below.

Pictures Below: 3 puppies rescued by tourists in Bhutan, have been transported by BARC to the USA after the tourists requested to adopt them. Clockwise from top left: the 3 pups at the BARC centre ; Pups going through customs at Bangkok Airport; Pups at the Vet in Bangkok; Pups checked in for their flight to USA.





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Statement of Receipts and Payments
For the year ended December 31, 2019

Receipts	Schedule	Details	Amt (Nu.)	Payments	Schedule	Details	Amt (Nu.)
To Opening Balance:							4,005,014.69
Cash on Hand			12,380.00	By Expenditure:	5	324,000.00	
Cash at Bank				Rent	6	133,656.09	
Bhutan National Bank			890,757.42	Other operating expenses	7	6,790.00	
				Repair & Maintenance - Equipment	8	71,005.95	
To Advance			200,000.00	Telephone & Internet Charges	9	140,302.46	
				Utility Bills	10	89,235.07	
To Grants Received:				Repair & Maintenance - Vehicle	11	16,740.00	
Donations	1	4,990,597.99	4,990,597.99	Insurance	12	152,648.71	
				Fuel Expenses	13	7,140.00	
				Advertisement Expenses	14	400.00	
				Animal Food & Supplies	15	1,349,373.00	
				Salary	16	11,070.00	
To Other Income:			104,204.09	Dues & Subscription	17	111,794.63	
Income from Recycling	2	8,062.00		Medical Supplies	18	845,808.79	
Interest Income	3	96,142.09		Purchase of Fixed Asset	19	35,000.00	
				Professional Fees	20	150.00	
				Bank Charges	21	709,900.00	
				Miscellaneous Expense			
				By Closing Balance:			
				Cash at Bank		2,089,424.5	2,089,424.50
				By Advance	4		103,500.00
TOTAL			6,197,939.50	TOTAL			6,197,939.19

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