

Youth Organization in Defense of Animals (YODA) 'Circle of Compassion For all Living Beings'

Annual Report & Accounts FY 2020-21

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## WHY YODA?

From Mahatma Gandhi's passion for animal care to being one of the first countries to have a law against animal cruelty (The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960), animal care and welfare in deeply rooted in Indian History.

Today however, cruelty towards animals in India is far too common. From confining cows and over-using or abusing them for milk production or religious purposes to poisoning stray dogs on the street – the stories are far too many and disturbing.

Furthermore, India has the highest number of stray animal population and is currently one of the only countries in the world with the existence of diseases such as rabies which kill approx. 20,000 people each year.

Today, many times when a homeless animal is injured, due to lack of infrastructure and resources – he is usually left to die.

YODA was conceptualized to take a step towards a better future for animal and human co-existence in Maharashtra. From educating youth to emergency services for stray animals, we now positively help and impact approx. 1000 animals each month across Maharashtra.

#### THE YODA VISION

With 4 passionate Co-Founders (Priya A Hebbar, Pooja T Sakpal, Meenal Rajda, Akarsh Hebbar) we are dedicated to growing our cause to a scale where it will truly make an impact towards Animal Welfare.

Animal welfare is deeply rooted in our Indian culture – from the most notable individuals speaking of its importance to being one of the first countries to introduce an animal welfare law – the prevention of animal cruelty act in 1960.

YODA's Vision is to continue to work towards a truly compassionate society where humans and animals can co-exist in harmony.

YODA's Mission is to develop a community that values and respects animals.

YODA is a well-respected registered organization in the heart of Mumbai City. It is one of the leading resources in the city for animal welfare. We encourage communities to choose adoption over purchase of animals, provide emergency mental and physical medical rehabilitation for animals in distress, educate urban, semiurban and rural communities on the subject and work towards overall prevention of cruelty.







### NOTE FROM THE FOUNDERS

Youth Organisation in Defence of Animals' 2020-21 annual report shines a spotlight on our recent successes for animals and all the ways we work towards ensuring their safety, health, care and protection.

With your support, in 2020, we made immense progress in scaling up our sick and injured stray animal rehabilitation practice, rescued a large number of animals who were the victims of grave cruelty, and we scaled up our feeding program to cover over 5 Lakh meals for stray animals who were left starving on the road due to the pandemic.

2020 was a year of many challenges, opportunities and learnings. The pandemic made us realign our priorities – safety, health and wellbeing of our staff and admitted shelter animals was priority. The entire shelter management redesigned shelter protocols to ensure best safety standards for employees, animals and visitors. From temperature checking, social distancing, to regular testing – all protocols were immediately organised. Secondly, due to the complete lockdown, feeders were unable to procure food or go out to feed stray animals. With the timely support of our donors, YODA was able to raise Rs. 50 Lakh worth of food to feed over 5 Lakh meals. We enabled a team of 6 trucks, and 100+ feeders and volunteers to go across the state and feed as many animals as possible over the period of the lockdown. Never before had YODA seen such compassion and dedication from all our volunteers and contractors. Finally, many animals, in this process, were found sick or injured and due to lack of people on ground – they were left unreported. So we at YODA set up a large scale search and rescue team to go out and identify such animals in pain to treat on site or admit depending upon situation.

With more individuals working from home, YODA has a good opportunity to carry out large scale fostering programs. We had four times the usual number of individuals who were willing to foster orphaned, injured or sick animals until they were ready for rehoming. With empty roads, we were able to reach further and spread ourselves to areas we had never covered previously for our vaccination and sterilisation program.

Our purpose is to face any challenge that helps protect all animals in crisis. We aim to develop a country where animals and humans co-exist in harmony and thrive together. We are able to reach success in our mission and ever developing goals because we have animal lovers like you aiding our work. You encourage our fight, you stand by our cause, you promote our work and you make us more powerful than we could ever be on our own. With your continued support, we will only make sure we do even more in the years to come.

Priya Agarwal Hebbar Pooja Sakpal/ Akarsh K Hebba Founder Member Founder Member Founder Membe

#### **YODA'S CORE VALUES**

Humane & personal treatment with optimum medical care for all animals under our care

Raising animal health care standards for stray animals

Educating community about responsible care for animals that co-exist

Support and Promote the concept of Adopt, Don't Shop

Lead responsibly with quality treatment, compassion, and ethics.

Transparency in all services provided

Constantly adapt, educate and upgrade ourselves

Promoting continued health and safety of all employees and visitors.

# WHAT DO WE DO?

YODA was founded by 4 passionate animal lovers in 2010.

Our activities are majorly centered around:

- Prompt medical services for abandoned, injured or illtreated homeless animals
- Behavioral rehabilitation of animals who have been mentally disturbed
- Sheltering and Rehabilitation of homeless or old age animals until they are fit for adoption or release
- Adoption program for abandoned animals and orphaned puppies
- Vaccination and Sterilization of stray Dogs and Cats to reduce stray population and reduce Human- Animal transmittable diseases (Rabies etc.)
- Education and Awareness about animal protection and animal welfare

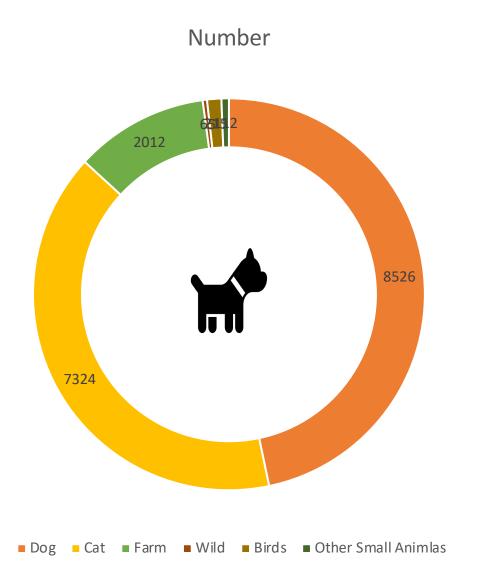
## MEDICAL SERVICES

- Lakhs of stray animals in India, when injured or unwell are left to die as is due to lack of medical facilities/access.
- YODA has 24/7 Ambulance Services with intensive and emergency care
- Experienced Veterinary Doctors available 7 days a week
- Trained shelter staff & Medics
- Stay, Observation and 24/7 medical care for critical patients
- We conduct large scale medical camps for large animals such as horses or cows









### **MEDICAL SERVICES**

YODA's core value is to make sure each and every animal that comes under our care is taken care of with complete medical perfection and detail.

YODA has free of cost OPD for all homeless animals who are unwell, have been injured or abused.

We do not put animals to sleep unless conditions are unbearable. Our preference for acutely unwell animals is to always relieve them of any pain, help them recover in any possible manner, or let them pass on peacefully and naturally at the shelter.

18,254 animals were medically rehabilitated at our shelter in 2020.

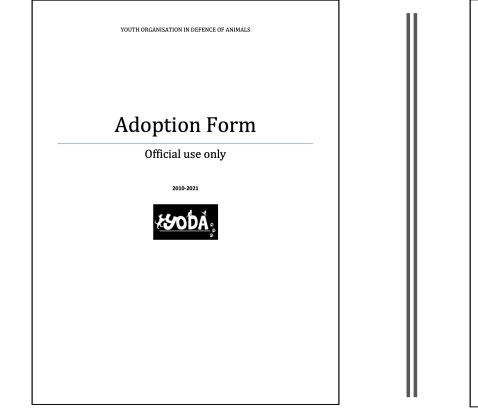
Out of those, we have had approx. 17,800 success stories of animals being rehomed or rehabilitated and release.

Approximately 400 cases were too devastating (severe internal bleeding, last stage cancer, paralysis of all four limbs etc.) – these either passed away or were PTS if the pain was too excruciating. 23 animals were PTS in 2020.

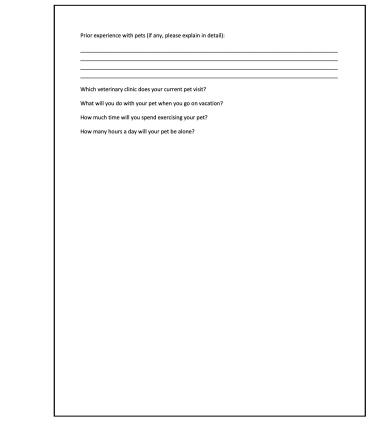


## **ADOPTIONS**

- We get over 2000 animals adopted each year.
- In 2020, we have successfully homed 2489 animals
- We have a strict process and follow proper procedure to ensure successful future of animal and family
- Each family goes through a round of 4 interviews and time with the pet they want to adopt. Post this procedure our experts will judge whether family is fit.
- We have records of each and every adoption from 2010
- Adoption Form (Included at the end)



Last Name:		
First Name:		
DOB:		
Address:		
*please attach proof of information provided ab	ove	
No. of members in household:		
No. of children (below the age of 12) in the hous	ehold:	
Adoption Details		
Species:		
Breed:		
Name of Pet:		
Sex:		
Age:		
Health Deficits:		
Sterilized:		
Food that will be given to pet:		



# Adoption Form



## SHELTER SERVICES

- Currently we have a shelter that can accommodate 80 animals (predominantly dogs & cats) - 2019 we have sheltered approx. 28,000 animals
- We keep injured, ill treated or abandoned animals until they are fit for release or adoption
- We have 8 dedicated staff to ensure proper care 24/7
- All our staff are trained for emergencies.
- We have air-conditioned enclosures with scientifically designed kennels to ensure hygiene and space.



## VACCINATION AND STERILIZATION

- India has more than 30 million stray dogs with more than 20,000 people dying of rabies every year.
- YODA scientifically vaccinates and sterilised dogs in Mumbai and suburbs to ensure reduction of strays and control of rabies.
- We have trained and experienced vets who conduct vaccination & sterilisation 6 days a week
- We conduct large scale vaccination and sterilisation drives twice a year in various parts of Maharashtra
- Till date we have conducted over 20,000 sterilisations and over 50,000 vaccination
- In 2020, we have vaccinated 8000 animals and Sterilized 1,822 homeless animals

#### BEHAVIORAL REHABILITATION

Many animals who have been ill treated, neglected, abandoned, or used for service develop serious behavioral issues. Internationally, many of these animals end up being put down.

To avoid such a harsh outcome, we have expert behaviorists who work with the animal closely and over time get them back to a healthier mental condition.

#### Examples:

Retired police dogs who have purely been worked through their life and are not able to easily adjust into a home – these dogs include those who worked with explosive and drug detection teams. With behavioral therapy, several have been successfully rehomed and flourish with their new families.

Dogs and puppies who come out of puppy mills – who have been locked up in tiny cages their whole lives and forced to breed repeatedly. They are rehabilitated and made physically and mentally fit for adoption.

### NEW INITIATIVES: THE COVID19 PANDEMIC LOCKDOWN





• We organized a robust emergency daily feeding program for thousands of street animals around Maharashtra who were left to fend for themselves during public lockdown periods.

• We provided more than Rs. 50 Lakhs worth of food to animals across Maharashtra areas that were hard-hit by COVID-19.

• Over 5 Lakh meals were fed to the animals during the three-month peak.





### NEW INITIATIVES: RETIRED POLICE DOGS





• YODA tied up with local police in Maharashtra and Bangalore to take in all retired police dogs for behavioral rehabilitation and adoption.

• 50 Retired Police dogs from explosive and drug detection teams were successfully rehabilitated and rehomed

• They went through a behavioral rehabilitation process at YODA and are now well settled with their new families.

• <u>https://www.mid-day.com/sunday-mid-day/article/in-your-fold-23157770</u>

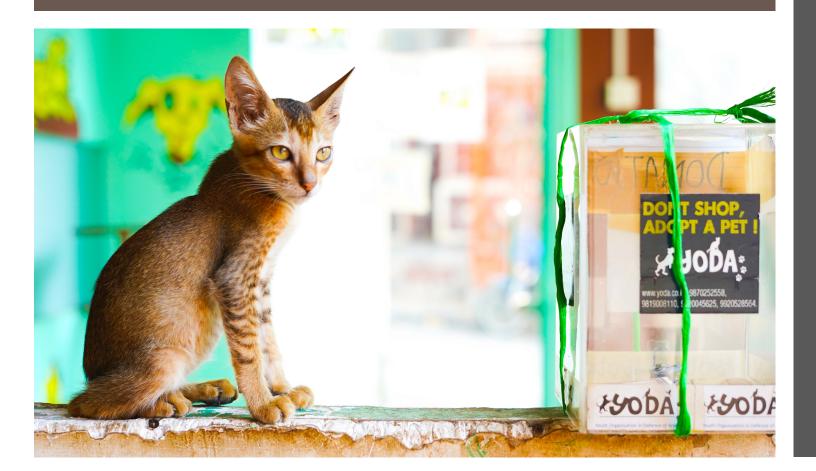


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# FUTURE ROADMAP



Due to the large demand for animal rehabilitation centers, YODA is building a 5acre rehabilitation center in Karjat.

This project will have three divisions for small domestic animals, large farm animals and wildlife.

#### Plan

- Finalize Land suitable for animals (safety, health, space)
- Architect design
- Scientifically designed spaces
- Team of Advisors
- Team of Experts (Domestic animal health, Wild animal health, Rescue, Behavior experts, Finance Team etc.)
- Phase wise project
- Corporate Funding/Partnerships

# Independent Auditor's Report

#### Independent Auditor's Report

We have examined the balance sheet of YODA- Youth Organization in Defence of animals (PAN: AAATY2714M) as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and the Profit and loss account for the year ended that date which are in agreement with the books of accounts maintained by the said Trust/ Institution.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief are necessary for the purposes of the audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the head office and the branches of the above named trust visited by us so far as it appears from our examination of the books and proper returns adequate for the purposes of audit have been received from branches not visited by us subject to the comments given below:

In our opinion and to the best of our information, and according to the information given to us the said accounts give a true and fair view-

- (i) In the case of the balance sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named trust as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and,
- In the case of the Profit and Loss account, of the profit and loss of its accounting year ending on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

The prescribed particulars are annexed hereto.

For Mandar Joshi & Company Chartered Accountants	For Youth Organisation in Defense of Animals
Sd/-	Sd/-
CA Mandar Joshi Proprietor, Mem No. 144292 Firm Reg No. 133423W FA-26, Lake City Mall, Kapurbawdi, Thane	Trustee
Place: Thane West Date: 25/04/2021	

#### REPORT OF AN AUDITOR RELATING TO ACCOUNTS AUDITED UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 33 & 34 AND RULE 19 OF THE BOMBAY PUBLIC TRUSTS ACT.

#### Registered Number: E 27758 (MUMBAI)

Name of the Public Trust: YODA-YOUTH ORGANISATION IN DEFEENCE OF ANIMALS For the year ending 31.03.2021

	year ending 31.03.2021	YES
a.	Whether accounts are maintained regularly and in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules:	IES
b.	Whether receipts and disbursements are properly and correctly shown in the	YES
c.	accounts: Whether the cash balance and vouchers in the custody of the manager or trustee on	YES
	the date of audit were in agreement with the accounts:	~~~~~~
d.	Whether all books, deeds, accounts, vouchers or other documents or records required by the auditor were produced before him:	YES
e.	Whether a register of movable and immovable properties is properly maintained, the	
	changes therein are communicated from time to time to the regional office, and the defects and inaccuracies mentioned in the previous audit report have been duly complied with:	YES
	Whether the manager or trustee or any other person required by the auditor to appear before him did so and furnished the necessary information required by him:	YES
g.	Whether any property or funds of the trust were applied for any object or purpose other than the object or purpose or the trust	NO
۱.	The amounts of outstanding for more than one year and the amounts written off if any	NIL
	Whether tenders were invited for repairs or construction involving expenditure exceeding Rs.5000/-	NO
	Whether any money of the public trust has been invested contrary to the provisions of Section 35:	NO
	Alienations, if any, of the immovable property contrary to the provisions of Section 36 which have come to the notice of the auditors	NIL
Ι.	All cases of irregular, illegal or improper expenditure, or failure or omission to	
	recover money or other property belonging to the public trust or of loss or waste of	
	money or other property thereof, and whether such expenditure, failure omission,	
	loss or waste was caused in consequence of breach of trust or misapplication or any	
	other misconduct on the part of the trustees or any other person while in the management of the trust	NO
-	Whether the budget has been filed in the form provided by rule 16A:	NO
m. n.	Whether the maximum and minimum number of the trustees is maintained.	YES
0.	Whether the meetings are held regularly as provided in such instrument	YES YES
р.	Whether the minute books of the proceedings of the meeting is maintained.	NO
q.	Whether any of the trustees has any interest in the investment of the trust:	NO
r.	Whether any of the Trustees is a debtor or creditor of the trust	
s.	Whether the irregularities pointed out by the auditors in the accounts of the previous year have been duly complied with by the trustees during the period of audit:	N.A
	Any special matter which the auditor may think fit or necessary to bring to the notice of the Deputy or Assistant Charity Commissioner.	NIL

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For Mandar Joshi & Company Chartered Accountants

Sd/-

CA Mandar Joshi Proprietor, <u>M.No</u>: 144292 For Youth Organisation in Defence of Animals Sd/-

Trustee

# Balance Sheet 31/03/2021

#### Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021



As per our report for even date

For Mandar Joshi & Company Chartered Accountants FRN: 133423W

CA. Mandar Joshi

For and On Behalf of YODA-YOUTH ORGANISATION IN DEFENCE OF ANIMALS

Trustee

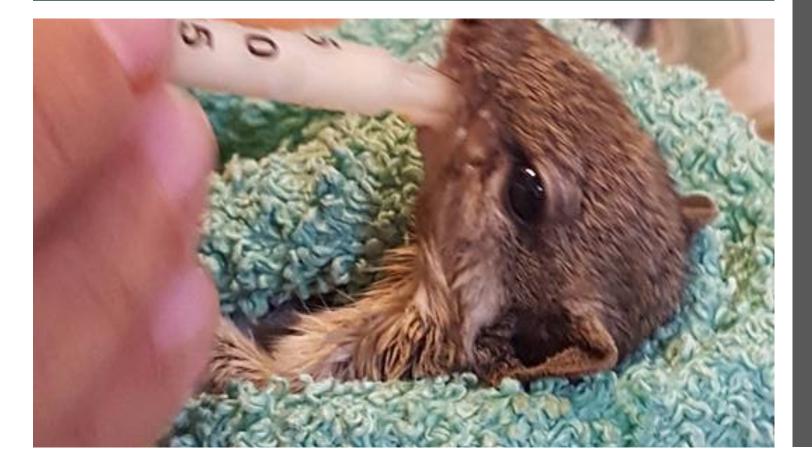
#### Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021

EQUITY & LIABILITIES	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	PROPERTY AND ASSETS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
Trust Funds or Corpus :-			Computer & Laptop		
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	2,40,058		Balance as per last Balance Sheet	13,084	
Less : During the year	-	2,40,058	Depreciation up to date	5,234	
iabilities :-			Equipment & Machinery		7,850
Duties and Taxes	30,000		Plant & Machinery Balance as per last Balance Sheet	15,30,212	
For Sundry Credit Balance	15,923		Less : sale during the year Depreciation up to date	22,525	15,07,687
			Balance as per last Balance Sheet	36,277	
		45,923	Depreciation up to date	3,627	32,650
Provision :-	50,000		Deposits & Advances		32,030
Provision for Audit Fees Provision	50,000		Deposit	2.05.000	
For Electricity Expenses	13,470	63,470	Deposit	3,96,000	3,96,000
For Electricity Expenses			Loans ( Secured or Unsecured)	12,16,695	
			Other Loan	12,10,095	12,16,695
Income and Expenditure Account :-					
Bal. as per last Balance Sheet	25,44,385		Cash and Bank Balances :-		
built us per lust buildinee sheet	11,07,492		a)In Current Account with HDFC BANKIn Fixed Deposit Account with	8,32,732	
Less : Deficit (As per I & E A/c)	11,07,432		b) with the trustee	1,527	
			c) with the Manager	6,187	8,40,446
		36,51,877			0,40,440
		50,51,077			

As per our report for even date For Mandar Joshi & Company Chartered Accountants FRN: 133423W CA. Mandar Joshi For and On Behalf of YODA-YOUTH ORGANISATION IN DEFENCE OF ANIMALS

Trustee

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