Our Journey As The Revolutionaries

Compassion, love and kindness is what drove our project. The constantly degrading living conditions of the stray life is very much visible in the urbanity but not much initiative is seen. When faced with the decision of choosing a goal, we went with Goal 15 - Life on land as we deeply resonated with it. Within Goal 15, we were working on Target 15.5 which aims to protect biodiversity and natural habitats.A lot of treachery against the domestic life around us goes unnoticed and their miserable living conditions in our plain view. Not only is this unfair to the creatures, disturbed domestic life has adverse effects on us as well. Thus, the main objectives of our project were to improve the living conditions of dogs, increase adoption rates and raise awareness about vaccinations.

Our first venture as a team and our most memorable field day, was an adoption drive in collaboration with the Telangana Pet Adoption committee and Army for Animals. They work in rescue, adoption drives, vaccination drives and sterilisation activities. We partnered up with a few volunteers and set up a makeshift adoption centre in one of the city's more populous areas. For some of us, this had been a first- participating in an animal welfare drive, intently interacting and looking after stray pups.

This event gave us the opportunity of meeting many inspirational people who've worked tirelessly dedicating their days towards ensuring the well-being of animals around us. We came in with no

prior expectations and ended up making a relatively considerable impact. Nearly 20 previously homeless pups were adopted on that day and that left us pondering of the change we could make with multiple meets like these.

We also helped conduct a vaccination drive at a local community along with Ms. Jesslina Sahni, an animal activist who has been very prevalent in the animal welfare scene for over ten years now. Along with taking care of hundreds of dogs in her community, she conducts workshops educating people on

animals on the daily. We are really grateful for being able to assist and work with such inspirational people. In the neighbourhood, we managed to find and vaccinate nearly 10 strays. Along with vaccines, some of the dogs were administered with deworming medications to help keep any internal infections at bay.

Many more drives similar to these were being planned before the pandemic forced the world into lockdown. We were also unable to obtain first aid certification and work with the Blue Cross of Hyderabad due to this. If executed, our reach and impact would have been exponentially larger but due to the circumstances, that has not been the case. We hope to continue the volunteering work after this period passes and help our four-pawed companions.

We have spent over 40 hours on this project, and we are hoping to see it through. During this time, not only did our team gain new skill sets, but we were also able to have a direct impact on Army for Animals- especially the three women we worked with. Indirectly, I strongly believe that we were able to aid the families who adopted the pups.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we were not able to carry out our awareness campaign and it has been very difficult for us to formulate the number of people who benefitted from our project. However, we have had a direct impact on the lives of strays and their wellbeing. This has also aided and benefitted the Telangana Pet Adoption committee.

This project, although halted very early, allowed us to learn of the problems stray dogs and domesticated animals face. Throughout the project, we fostered bonds of communication, leadership and trust. Our experience has been one of learning and determination, and we hope to get back on our feet soon!

"I feel like I've formed a deeper

connection with life around me."

- Anish Reddy

"The perseverance of the people

who worked towards this cause

inspired me to do the same."

- Nikhil Boddapati

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