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# RESQ NEWSLETTER

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Four horned antelope (*Tetracerus quadricornis*) © RESQ Charitable Trust

*Born in captivity, raised for freedom:* The successful return of four chousingha fawns to their natural habitat, where they sprint into the wild, truly at home.

## Statistics April '24



1,507 Helpline Calls Received



🚫 **Rescue, rehabilitate animals, reach people.**

Ambulances Travelled 28,971 Kms



PUNE 26,098 Kms



NASHIK 2,873 Kms



371 Wildlife currently admitted under veterinary treatment & rehabilitation care in Pune TTC & Nashik centre.



Awareness sessions, education programs & training conducted for 610 individuals.



994 Community (large animals) provided support to viz. animal feed and vaccines.



909 Wildlife provided aid to

Pune Units + TTC

Nashik Division



Wildlife

829

80



Birds

522

43



Mammals

174

14




Reptiles

133

23

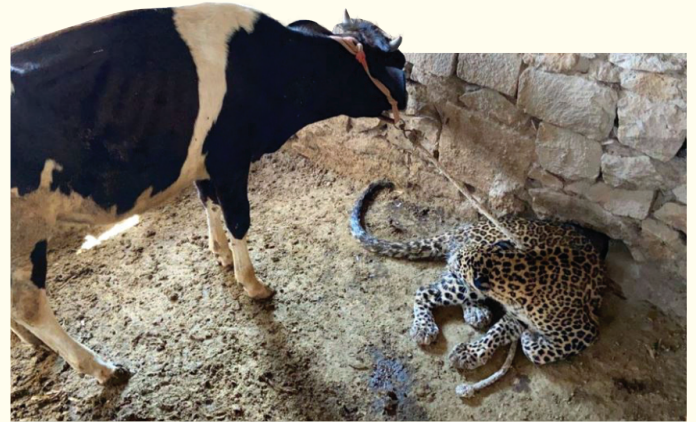


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# Updates

## RESQ team on field

**Homecoming for this leo!** The leopard that had been captured by the RESQ Nashik team from a cattle shed in Sinnar last month was injured and weak, necessitating medical intervention. Following several weeks of recovery and rehabilitation, the leopard, appearing and feeling more like its usual self, has been released back into its familiar habitat.

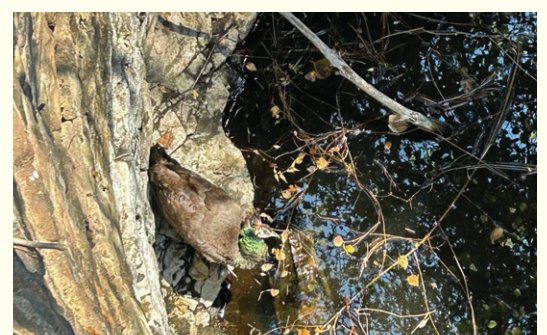
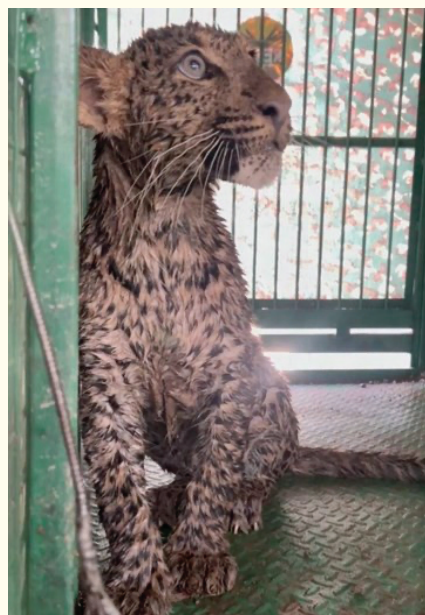


**The tale of two leopard cubs: hope and heartbreak!** During the sugarcane harvesting near Daud, a leopard cub, appearing dehydrated and weak, was discovered. Our team, filled with hope, endeavored to reunite it with its mother, and thankfully, they succeeded. There's no better outcome for wild offsprings than being back with their mothers.

Sadly, another cub, likely just born with its eyes yet to open fully, was found during the harvest near Pune. Despite the team's best efforts, the attempt to reunite it with its mother failed as she did not appear. Given the cub's urgent need for medical care, it was transferred to the RESQ Centre. Tragically, before any treatment could be administered, the cub passed away.

Leopard cubs typically spend up to 2 years with their mothers, learning essential skills for survival. Any separation before this critical period can have adverse consequences for the cub, and sometimes for the communities that encounter it.

**Well-come back!** The RESQ team completed three well rescues this month, each resulting in the safe rescue of different animals: a peafowl, a small Indian civet, and a leopard.





**Rusty spotted kittens back in their mother's embrace!**

Discovered during sugarcane harvesting near Pune, the RESQ Team successfully reunited two rusty spotted kittens with their mother. This success highlights how the right assessment, followed by an accurate setup, can facilitate successful reunions, which are the best possible outcomes for wild babies.



**Monkey see, monkey do!** The RESQ Nashik team safely captured a rhesus macaque after it was reported causing disturbances around human settlements in Nashik. The monkey was then handed over to the Forest Department. While it's tempting to label an animal as troublesome, it's crucial to recognize how human interactions can provoke such behavior in wildlife. The key to coexisting with wildlife is to share space without directly engaging with them.

**Merry mongoose!** In Phaltan, a grey mongoose was found with a leg injury for which it received treatment at the RESQ Centre. We are delighted to report that the mongoose has fully recovered and has returned to its natural habitat. It quickly scampered away from our team, showing its readiness to resume its wildlife.



**Peafowl prowess!** In Nashik, a peafowl was found lying injured after an attack by free-ranging dogs. Local rescuers promptly intervened, alerting the RESQ Nashik team. They transported the peafowl to the RESQ Nashik Centre where it was stabilized and given necessary medical care. The next day, after showing signs of recovery, the peafowl was deemed fit to return to its natural habitat and was safely released.



# At the RESQ Centre

**Gaur hoofing to safety!** The Satara Forest Department notified authorities of an injured adult gaur with a spinal injury,



rendering it immobile. After the team rescued the animal, Dr. Kalyani provided essential on-site treatment to stabilize it before arranging its transfer to the nearest forest office for further care.



**Jackal rescued and revived!** An adult Indian jackal was found lying recumbent and weak in a farm near Daund. The Forest Department notified the RESQ Daund team, who brought the jackal to RESQ Centre Pune.



Medical assessment revealed no injury or sickness, but the jackal was severely weak and dehydrated. It is currently receiving treatment for these conditions and will soon be released back to the wild.



**Quick action saves deer in distress!**

A spotted deer wandered into Pune's streets and was attacked by a pack of free-ranging dogs. Local residents rescued it and alerted the RESQ Team, who stabilized and treated it on-site for deep wounds. Afterwards, the deer was brought to the RESQ



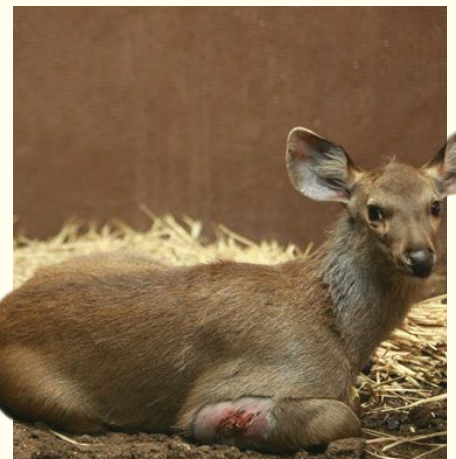
Centre for further care. Two more deer have been admitted for similar dog attacks this month. One of the above three deer has fully recovered and returned to the wild, and we're hopeful the other two will follow suit.

**Deer barking up the right response!** A sub-adult barking deer found itself in a similar predicament when it was attacked by free-ranging dogs. Thanks to the timely



intervention of the RESQ team, the deer is now receiving treatment and will undergo careful rehabilitation to facilitate its return to its native habitat!

**Once bitten twice shy sambar!** A sub-adult sambar, also wounded severely in a dog attack near Satara, underwent treatment for its injuries at the RESQ Centre. Even though its condition was critical, with the medical intervention, it improved gradually but drastically. Making a full recovery, the sambar



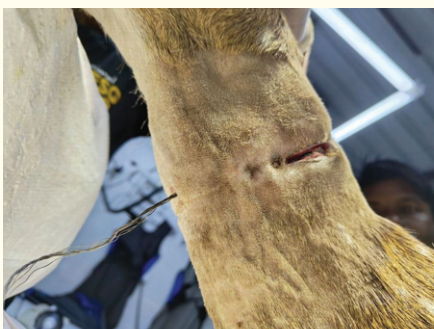




returned to its own habitat within just a few days.

**Spotted deer surviving the odds!**

A spotted deer has been rescued and admitted to the RESQ Centre after being reported attacked by dogs from near Pune. The deer has multiple major dog bite wounds on its hind legs and thigh region, indicating it may have been attacked twice by dogs at different times, as some wounds appeared older. Additionally, the deer has a chronic injury caused by clutch wire entanglement around the neck. The skin has

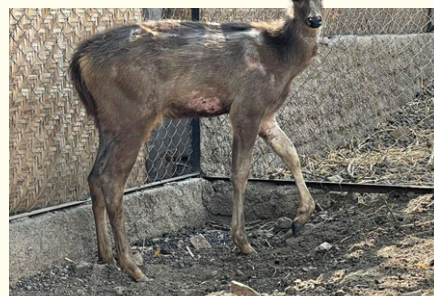


healed over the wire, indicating that it must be an old wound. Although the deer seems active overall, it'll remain under treatment and rehabilitation until it makes a full recovery.

**Sambar's road to recovery!** A young sambar deer was brought to the RESQ Centre with severe injuries from dog bites from near Koregaon. It had multiple deep wounds, some large enough for a veterinarian's entire arm to fit into, and a piece of its ear had been chewed off. Its condition was critical, with survival chances almost non-existent.



However, RESQ vets never give up on their patients, and this case was no different. Despite the infection in the sambar's injured ear and the deep wounds, the surgery and treatment were successful. The sambar is not only standing on its own but has also begun eating well, a positive sign of recovery. We are now looking forward to its full recovery and eventual return to the wild.



**Baby porcupine goes from quills to thrills!**

An orphaned porcupine was found on a farm near Velhe and handed over to the Forest Department, who then notified us. The porcupine is now at RESQ Centre, Pune, receiving care and being hand-raised. It is



otherwise healthy, and once it gains weight and achieves its rehabilitation milestones, it would be considered for a release back into a suitable habitat.

**Little bonnet's fight for survival!**

An orphaned bonnet macaque has been brought to the RESQ Centre with severe burns from electrocution. Its condition appears critical, but we remain hopeful that we can provide assistance or at least alleviate its pain for as long as possible.



**From py-thin to python!**

A passerby near Pune discovered an Indian rock python motionless on the side of the road in Velhe. Rescued and brought to the RESQ Centre by the RESQ Team, the python was visibly thin and underweight, exhibiting multiple signs of trauma to its internal organs.





Despite its critical condition, the python has made significant progress in just a few days. We remain hopeful for its complete recovery and eventual return to the wild.

**Dehydration a HISSStory for this python!**

A dehydrated python has been brought to the RESQ Centre exhibiting signs of infection. It is already showing positive responses to treatment, and we are excited to see it return to its natural habitat soon.



**“Ouch” said the owls!**

**Knot a problem: mottled wood owl survives manja menace!**

The RESQ Nashik team safely rescued a mottled wood owl reported trapped in manja. It has



been admitted to the RESQ Nashik Centre, receiving treatment for its injuries. Afterwards, the owl will then undergo rehabilitation with the ultimate aim of releasing it back into its natural habitat.

**Chirps of hope for these Indian scops owls!**

Two Indian scops owlets were admitted to the RESQ Centre after being displaced from their nests, which were destroyed by stormy rains near Chiplun. Since their mother was not found nearby and the owlets were in distress, they were rescued and brought to the



RESQ Centre. They have been stabilized and will undergo rehabilitation until they are ready to survive on their own in the wild.



**A tragic turn for this jackal**

After being discovered with multiple wounds near Satara, an injured jackal was brought to the RESQ Centre for treatment. Displaying signs of weakness and dehydration, the jackal received comprehensive care at the facility. Despite efforts, its condition deteriorated, and it passed away. While death is at times inevitable, ensuring the animal is pain-free and cared for in its final moments allows us to persist in our mission.



**Victim of empathy- stork loses life!**

A wooly-necked stork was discovered on a farm, immobile. The farmer, concerned for its safety, took it in to shield it from other predators. Upon discovering its injured leg, the farmer contacted the Forest Department and the stork was brought to the RESQ Centre for treatment. Unfortunately, despite efforts, the stork's injuries and distress proved too severe, and it passed away. This incident underscores the fact that, no matter how well-intentioned, keeping wildlife in captivity, particularly when they are in distress, is often unsustainable.





# Community Outreach & Education

**SAFE Snakes!** One community awareness session on this topic was conducted this month.

**Pune:** session conducted by RESQ team members Shreenath Chavan and Aakash Raut for 30 individuals of the Kalpataru Society in Baner, Pune.



**Coexist - Living safely around urban wildlife!** Three community awareness sessions on this topic were conducted this month.

**Mumbai:** sessions conducted for 190 students across grades 7th, 8th and 9th of DAV school by RESQ Team member Manasi Warde!

## Leopard awareness!

Five community awareness sessions in person and one online session on this topic were conducted this month.

**Kusur, Shiota, Pune District:** session conducted by RESQ Team members Naresh Chandak and Sayali Pilane for 50 locals.

**Daund, Pune District:** two sessions conducted by RESQ Team members Nachiket Awadhani, Akshay Borate and Shreyas Kamble for a total of 55 locals.

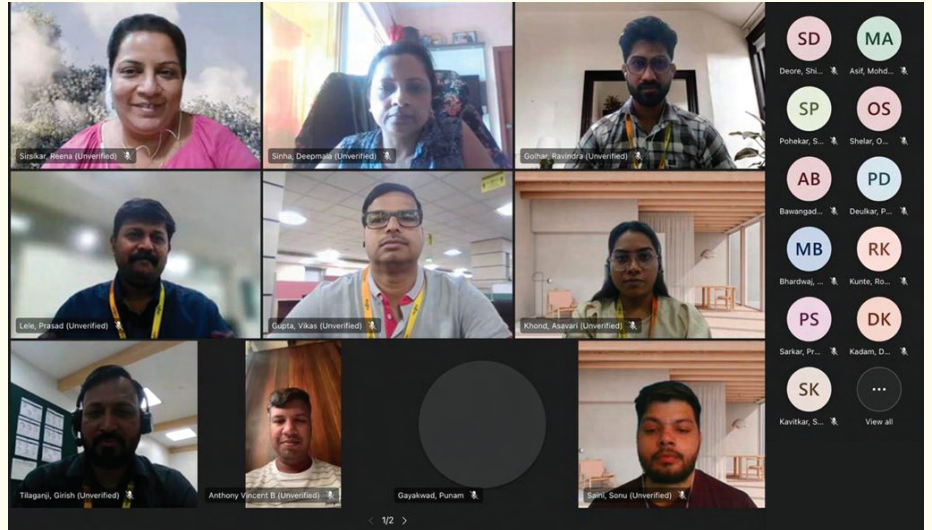
**Nashik:** session conducted by RESQ Team members Abhijeet Mahale and Hemraj Sharma for 20 members of the Rotary Club, Midtown.

**Phaltan, Satara District:** sessions conducted by RESQ Team members Nachiket Awadhani, Akshay Borate and Shreyas Kamble for a total of 50 locals.





**Pune:** an online session conducted by RESQ Team member Nachiket Utpat for 110 employees of Fujitsu Consulting.



## Capacity Building & Training

**Wildlife Law Enforcement @ Shahapur Forest Guard Training Institute:** a training session on wildlife law enforcement and understanding of the new amendments in our Wildlife Protection Act was conducted by RESQ Team Member, Kiran Rahalkar for 85 Forest Guards from across Maharashtra.



**Performing at their maximum potential, lauded for their dedication, innovation and hardwork, Vimal Kumar is our star RESQ employee of the month.** Vimal is a quick learner and dedicated team member, bringing his determined attitude to the challenging environment of the RESQ Wildlife Nursery. He plays a crucial role in hand-raising and closely monitoring orphaned animals that require constant care. With his collaborative, cooperative, and composed demeanor, he is an invaluable asset to the rehabilitation team.



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## मादी बछड्याचा अडीच महिन्यांपासून वनविभागात मुक्काम

पुण्याची रेस्क्यू संस्था करतय देखभाल; प्राणिसंग्रहालयात प्रवेशाची प्रतीक्षा

गंगापूर रोड : आनंद बोरा

येवल्यापासून जवळच असलेल्या कोटमावसमध्ये एका शेतात वनविभागाला १३ पेड्यावारी येथी बछड्याचा दोन महिन्यांचा मादी बछडा आढळून आला होता. वैद्यकीय तपासणी करून प्रमाणपट्टीनुसार ती साफडळी, त्याच ठिकाणी पाच रात्र देऊनही आई न आल्याने अखेर बछड्याला नाशिकला आणण्यात आले. अडीच महिन्यांपासून पुण्याची रेस्क्यू संस्था आणि नाशिक पश्चिम वनविभागाचे अधिकारी तिचा संपादक करीत आहेत.



गंगापूर रोड : नाशिक पश्चिम वनविभाग देखाभाल करीत असलेला हाच तो बछडा.



या बछड्याला योग्यतेने येथील संजय गांधी राष्ट्रीय उद्यानात दिले जाणार आहे. सध्या त्याच्याकडे जगा नसल्याने काही दिवस आंध्रप्रदेशात त्याला संपादकाने लावणार आहे. सध्या ट्रान्झिट ट्रीटमेंट सेंटरमध्ये ठेवून त्याची काळजी आम्ही घेणार आहोत. तो माणसाळू नसे याची दक्षता घेत आहोत.  
- वृषाली माडे, वन परिक्षेत्र अधिकारी, पश्चिम विभाग

### उत्तर महाराष्ट्रातील पहिले ट्रान्झिट ट्रीटमेंट सेंटर म्हसूरूमध्ये

नाशिकमध्ये जखमी वन्यप्राण्यांच्या उपचारासाठी ट्रान्झिट ट्रीटमेंट सेंटर असावे, ही वन्यजीवधर्मिणी मागील २२ वर्षांच्या प्रदीर्घ प्रतीक्षेनंतर आता अखेर संपुष्टात आली आहे. म्हसूरूमध्ये येथील वनविभागाच्या दोन एकर जागेपैकी एक एकमधील उपचार केंद्राचे अद्ययावत बांधकाम पूर्ण झाले असून, हे एप्रिल महिन्यात सुरू होणार आहे. परंतु, त्यास विलंब होत आहे. अनेक वन्यप्राणी जखमी होत असल्याने उपचारांनंतर त्यांना संपादकाने घ्यायचे प्रत्येक जिराफात एक रेस्क्यू सेंटर होणे आवश्यक आहे. यासाठी वनविभागाचे गांधीवर्ती विचार करणे आवश्यक आहे.

संस्थेचे कार्यकर्ते वैभव भोगले, अभिषिक्त महाले, समर्थ महाजन, आयुष पाटील, राकेश मोरे हे संपादक करीत आहेत. रोबू सहायकी फीनिंग केले जाते. सुवातीला एमोर्ट फूड फॉर्म्युला दिली जायना. आता ही परी मांस खाण्याला लागली आहे. रोबू विचकावून व्यायामदेखील करून घेतला जातो. बाळ्या उभ्यापासून बचावसाठी परीच्या पिंज्यासमीर कूलरचौदेखील व्यवस्था केली आहे. असे वती

असले तरी दुसऱ्या बाजूला या बछड्याला पुनरुज्ज्वलन सोडता येणार नसल्याने तिची रेस्क्यू संस्थेच्या प्रमाणिसंग्रहालयात ठेवून रेस्क्यू सेंटरमध्ये काळजी लागणार आहे. सध्यातील सर्व रेस्क्यू सेंटर व प्राणिसंग्रहालयात वन्यप्राण्यांनी भरलेले असल्याने परीला कुठेच जगा नसल्याने कळते. मुंबई येथील संजय गांधी राष्ट्रीय उद्यानात तिला देखभालविषयी प्रयत्न सुरू असल्याचे वन अधिकाऱ्यांनी सांगितले.

### लोकमत



चार नमुने पॉझिटिव्ह : वनपाल, वनरक्षक, वनमजुरांना सतर्कतेच्या सूचना

## 'राणीखेत'चा वाढतोय धोका; आठवडाभरात सहा मोरांचा मृत्यू

स्पेशल रिपोर्ट

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लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क  
नाशिक : जिल्हात मोरांचा अधिवास असलेले क्षेत्र ज्या वनपरिमंडळाच्या सीटामध्ये मोर आहेत, अशा वनपाल, वनरक्षक आणि वनमजुरांना अधिकाऱ्यांकडून सतर्कतेच्या सूचना

आले होते. त्यापैकी चौघांचे नमुने पॉझिटिव्ह आले आहेत.  
नाशिक, इगतपुरी, त्र्यंबकेश्वर, हरसूल, सिन्नर, येवला, चांदवड, दिंडोरी, नानारी, पेठ, सुरगणा वनपरिमंडळांमध्ये मोरांची संख्या लक्षणीय आहे. गेल्या आठवडाभरात उपचार केंद्रात अत्यवस्थ अवस्थेत वनकर्मचाऱ्यांकडून दाखल करण्यात



... 'राणीखेत' म्हणजे काय?  
भारतात सर्वप्रथम उत्तराखंड राज्यात १९३९-४० साली हा आजार येथील पक्ष्यांमध्ये आढळून आला होता. भारतात या विषाणूजन्य आजाराला राणीखेत नावाने ओळखले जाते. विशेषतः फुफ्फुद्व्याधीय पक्ष्यांमध्ये हा विषाणूजन्य संसर्गाने परसणारा रोग होतो. परमावायुसोदाहरण असे या विषाणूचे शास्त्रीय नाव आहे. हाच आजार १९२७ साली इंग्लंडमधील न्यूकॅमल शहरात आढळून आला होता. त्यामुळे 'न्यूकॅमल डिसिज' (एनडीडी) म्हणूनही पर्यटकशास्त्रात त्याला संबोधले जाते.

### दे गांवकरी

## सप्तशृंगगडावर धुमाकूळ घालणारे माकड जेरबद

सप्तशृंगगड : वार्ताहर

जेथे चार दिवसपासून वास्तव्य असलेल्या व आपल्या लबलांनी सप्तशृंगकरांना इतत करणाऱ्या एका नर जातीच्या माकडांना ( परशा) वन विभागाने जेरबंद केले आहे. या माकडांने तीन ते चार जणांना चाबा घेतल्याने वन विभागाकडे तक्रार करण्यात आली होती वन कर्मचाऱ्यांनी त्याला पकडण्यासाठी मोहीमदेखील राबविली होती, पण उपरबंग झाला नाही.

दरम्यान, नाशिक वनविभागाचे उपवनसंरक्षक उमेशा वावरे व सहायक वनसंरक्षक अनिल पवार

जो. जे. बागूल, बारशक गावा रटोड यांनी माकडे पकडण्यासाठी विशिष्ट पिन्या बनवून घेतला होता. तो बागील गुरुवारापासून माकडांच्या वास्तव्याच्या परिसरात लावण्यात आला होता. त्यात परशा (ताडाने गावातील लोकांनी त्याला परशा नाव देवले होते.) पिंजऱ्यातून पडून जख्म्यात यामुळे घाला होत. काळ सक्ताली शेवटी रेस्क्यू टीमचे कर्मचाऱ्यांनी त्याला पकडण्यासाठी मोहीमदेखील राबविली होती, पण उपरबंग झाला नाही.

अधिकारी दोरावली गायकवाड, रेस्क्यू टीमचे डॉ. हेमराज मुकवाल, आयुषा पटेल, अभिजित महाले व वनरक्षक

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- Neha Panchamiya (Founder & President, RESQ CT)

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