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RESQ NEWSLETTER

Helping animals, people and the places we call home, *since 2007.*

Monthly Newsletter

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RESQ Charitable Trust



Malabar Pied Hornbill (*Anthracoceros coronatus*)

Rapid response, relentless care!

Every case that comes through our doors sets off a chain reaction—of skill, speed, and species-specific care. From round-the-clock observation to tailored interventions, it's a race against time and injury. This month, the spotlight is on a Malabar Pied Hornbill, admitted with a serious wing injury, now undergoing intensive care with a dedicated team backing its fight for flight.

Statistics April 2025



1981 **Helpline**
Calls Received



Ambulances
Travelled **33,671** kms




PUNE
29,678 kms



NASHIK
3,993 kms



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

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



Awareness sessions, education programs
& training conducted for **2,212** individuals.

989

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



1,329

Wildlife
provided aid to



Wildlife

Birds

Mammals

Reptiles

Pune
Units +
TTC



Nashik
Division



1245

637

149

459

84

45

30

09

Updates

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RESQ team on field



Leopard on the tarmac: RESQ CT & Pune Forest Department respond swiftly! On the evening of April 28, 2025, a leopard was sighted within the premises of Pune International Airport, prompting immediate action from the Indian Air Force, airport authorities, and wildlife officials. The leopard was seen very close to the runway and could have potentially caused disruptions in the air traffic and untoward incidents. In response to the sightings, the Pune Forest Department, in collaboration with RESQ CT, initiated a comprehensive search operation. Safely capturing this leopard was inevitable to ensure the safety of both the personnel working in the space 24/7 and the animal. Camera traps have been installed to monitor its movement, and humane traps set up in strategic locations to safely capture the animal. Additionally, our skilled wildlife detection dogs, Cara and Baji, have been deployed to assist in tracking the leopard's movements. With incredible support from the IAF, we continue to monitor the situation closely.

Despite all we know about leopard behaviour, they continue to challenge our assumptions and surprise us. That a wild leopard would navigate its way into an active airport—undeterred by the roar of aircraft and human activity—speaks volumes about their adaptability. Incidents like this urge us to deepen our understanding and preparedness, especially as wildlife negotiates increasingly human-dominated spaces.



Well in time rescues! This month, our teams carried out five successful well rescues—saving lives that could have easily gone unnoticed. Two adult jackals, found trapped in separate open wells near Indapur and Daund, were safely extricated and returned to the wild after thorough health checks. Around the same time, two sub-adult wild boars were reported from a dry well near Alibag. A swift response ensured their safe extraction and release. Earlier this month, a gaur was found in a well near Phaltan, and was safely rescued by the Satara FD, with help from our team. The bull sustained no injuries and was immediately set free.



From trafficked to thriving: tortoises reclaim the wild!

In a landmark milestone for the Turtle Rehabilitation Project (TRP), 340 Indian star tortoises have been successfully released back into the wild in Chandrapur this month! These individuals were among the 400+ chelonians rescued and admitted to the TTC in Pune last November, following seizures from illegal trafficking and the pet trade — a stark reminder of the urgent threats faced by some of these highly protected species. Under the TRP, a collaborative initiative between Maharashtra Forest Department and RESQ Charitable Trust, each turtle underwent intensive medical care, species-specific rehabilitation, and conditioning for life back in their natural habitat. The release marks a major stride in our ongoing mission to combat wildlife trafficking and protect these turtle species with the highest level of protection.

The remaining individuals continue to receive expert care as they progress toward recovery and eventual release. This achievement is a testament to the power of collaboration between the Maharashtra Forest Department, wildlife rescue organizations, veterinarians and wildlife rehabilitators — all working tirelessly to give these animals a second chance at life in the wild.

At the RESQ Centre



Accident spot-ted! A juvenile leopard, injured in a vehicle collision near Nashik, is currently under treatment at the TTC in Nashik. Initially unresponsive due to head trauma, the leopard has now begun showing signs of movement and alertness—an encouraging first step on its road to recovery.

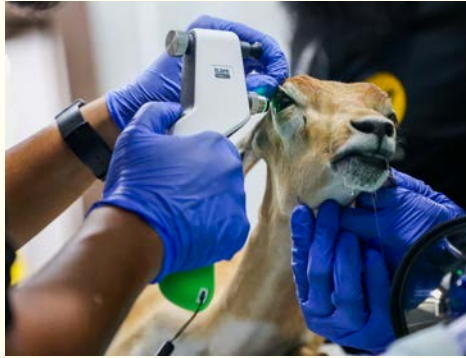


Cubs and canes: a tangled tale!

Three leopard cubs, discovered during sugarcane harvesting, were admitted to the TTC in Nashik after repeated attempts at reunion with their mother, failed. Sadly, one of the cubs didn't survive. The remaining two are under our care receiving the support, nutrition, and medical attention they need.



Tiny yet tenacious! A neonate rusty-spotted kitten was admitted to the TTC in Pune after it was discovered in a sugarcane field near Daund and rescued by the Forest Department. With the harvest already completed and the area thoroughly disturbed, coupled with a delay of over two days between the kitten being found and the Forest Department being notified, a reunion attempt was deemed unviable. In a fragile condition upon arrival, the kitten required immediate medical attention and was placed under orphan care, where it has since been stabilised.



Buck on track! An adult blackbuck has been stabilised and treated for minor wounds sustained during a dog attack near Solapur. The resilient ungulate is already showing promising signs of recovery, and we're optimistic about a release in the near future.



Buck up, little one! A juvenile blackbuck, rescued by the Forest Department with a severe forelimb fracture, is now stable and under care at the Pune TTC. Treatment and recovery are well underway, with the fawn already showing encouraging improvement in feeding and activity.



Strayed but saved chinkara fawn! A young chinkara fawn was rescued from near Baramati by the Forest Department, after its mother was driven away by a pack of free-ranging dogs. Despite extended monitoring, the mother could not be sighted — leaving the fawn vulnerable and alone. The fawn has been transferred to TTC in Pune for care and rehabilitation, where it is now under orphan care.



Jackal pup paw-ses for surgery!

A jackal pup rescued by the Forest Department near Nashik has been admitted to the Nashik TTC with a fractured limb. Now stabilised and under close observation, the pup is scheduled to undergo surgery soon, with hopes high for a full recovery.





‘Bill’t to last: parakeet gets a prosthetic! A rose-ringed parakeet, rescued from illegal captivity, was admitted to the TTC with its entire upper beak missing. Without the ability to feed, survival seemed difficult. But our veterinary team performed a rare procedure to fit the bird with a prosthetic beak — restoring not just function, but hope. Within a day, the parakeet began to self-feed, showing steady signs of recovery and reaffirming our belief that every animal deserves a fair second chance, regardless of the odds.



Flight on hold for this golden glow! Found in a recumbent state in a residential area in Pune, this golden oriole was brought to the TTC where it was diagnosed with an orthopaedic injury near its chest, affecting its balance. Now under treatment and rehabilitation, the bird has begun to regain some stability—but it still has a long road to recovery ahead before it can return to the wild.

No winging this! A Malabar pied hornbill is currently under treatment at the Pune TTC for a fractured wing. The bird was rescued by the local rescuers and Chiplun FD after it was found fallen from a height and brought in for emergency treatment. His size, strength, and the complexity of his flight anatomy make treatment delicate and highly specialised. Stabilisation, pain management, followed by orthopaedic surgery, he is now in recovery. From nutritional needs to physiotherapy, every step is tailored to maximise his chances of regaining full mobility and, our hopes are pinned on him getting released back to the wild.



Leo loses the race... After a severe vehicle collision left him with multiple internal injuries, an adult male leopard was rescued by Sangli FD and admitted to the TTC in Pune. Despite intensive efforts to stabilise and treat him, he sadly succumbed to his grave internal injuries. Every such loss is a stark reminder of how rapid urbanisation continues to encroach upon the wild, often at a tragic cost.

Community Outreach & Education

Spreading awareness, one step at a time! In April, our teams continued to engage with communities through impactful outreach sessions — spreading awareness about wildlife conservation, responsible coexistence, and animal welfare — reaching diverse audiences, inspiring many to care, act, and make a difference for the wild.

IMPACT
at
SCALE

APRIL 2025

2200+

INDIVIDUALS EMPOWERED WITH
WILDLIFE AWARENESS PROGRAMS

coexist
LIVING SAFELY AROUND LEOPARDS



150+ individuals @ , Bhugaon, Pune



30+ individuals @ Kokate Vasati, Bhugaon, Pune

180+ individuals @ Bhugaon, following a leopard sighting in the Bhugaon area in Pune. What began with fear and anxiety, ended in tolerance and understanding as the session helped educate and calm the community. Thanks to everyone's cooperation, the leopard was given a safe passage and eventually made its way back to the forest.

AWARE INDIA

SCHOOL CURRICULUM SESSIONS

- RCF School – 145+
- Bishop's School – 600+
- Oberoi International School (JVLR) – 400+
- D.A.V International School – 264+
- St. Joseph's Convent International School – 98+



AWARE INDIA Sessions conducted for 1640+ kids and teachers



Sairrah Khinvasara



Asmi Deshmukh



Anneka Shetty

Young changemakers fuel hope for animals! Students from Mahindra International School and Kalyani School, Pune, aged 11–13 have stepped up for wildlife through a powerful crowdfunding campaign on FuelADream in support of RESQ Charitable Trust. The Mahindra campaign concluded with an incredible response—special applause to top fundraisers Sairrah Khinvasara, Asmi Devendra Deshmukh, and Anneka Shetty for leading the charge! Meanwhile, the spirited students of Kalyani School continue their efforts, spreading awareness and raising funds. A heartfelt thank you to these young changemakers and their supporters for proving that compassion knows no bounds!



RESQ CT Veterinarians Present Key Wildlife Health Interventions at the International Zoo and Wildlife Health Conference 2025. At the recent AIZWV and International Zoo and Wildlife Health Conference (24–26 April 2025, Jabalpur), RESQ CT veterinarians Dr. Kalyani Thakur and Dr. Sushrut Shirbhate presented key field cases from our collaborative work with the Maharashtra Forest Department.

Under the theme “Balancing Human Needs and Wildlife Conservation through Integrated Health Management,” the team shared veterinary interventions including a leopard blood transfusion, management of canine distemper and rabies in wild carnivores, hyena rehabilitation, vulture treatment, and the use of thermal drones and detection dogs in conflict mitigation and anti-wildlife crime efforts.

Their poster, “Destined to be Wild: First Indian Striped Hyena Raised, Rehabilitated, and Reintroduced into the Wild,” was awarded Best Poster Presentation for its content and contribution to wildlife rehabilitation and post-release monitoring.

Engaging in such forums helps bring field learnings into national conversations on integrated wildlife healthcare and conservation.

RESQ x Worldwide Vets: continuing the collaboration!

Building on the momentum of our collaboration with Worldwide Vets, this month we were delighted to welcome our next set of representatives—Stuti Kelkar from London and Drew Miles from the USA. As part of their two-week immersive program, Stuti and Drew worked alongside the RESQ team, participating in rescues, assisting with treatments, supporting rehabilitation efforts and orphan care. Their involvement continued to make this partnership a dynamic, two-way learning experience—bringing fresh perspectives while gaining first hand exposure to the complexities of wildlife rescue and rehabilitation in India. We look forward to the shared knowledge, passion, and skills that this collaboration continues to foster!



Features & Articles

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संकटात सापडलेल्या १,१२० वन्यप्राण्यांना मिळाले जीवनदान

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पिंपळे जगतापमध्ये जखमी मोराला जीवदान



शिवापुर : पिंपळे जगताप, ता. शिरूर येथे सुनील टाकलकर यांना एक मोर जखमी अवस्थेत दिसून आला, याबाबतची माहिती मिळताच नेवर गाई ऑर्गनायजेशन संस्थेचे अध्यक्ष गणेश टिळेकर, निरसर्ग वन्यजीव सामाजिक संस्थेचे अध्यक्ष शेरखान शेख, विष्णू हावके यांनी सदर ठिकाणी जात पाहणी केली असता, मोराला पायाला इजा झाल्याचे दिसून आले. दरम्यान प्राणीमित्रांनी सदर मोराला ताब्यात घेत त्याबाबतची माहिती शिरूर वनपरिक्षेत्र अधिकारी निलकंठ गव्हाणे यांना देत जखमी मोराला बावधन येथील शासकीय प्राणी अनाथालय येथे श्रीनाथ चव्हाण व इजाज शेख यांच्या माध्यमातून उपचारासाठी दाखल करत जखमी मोराला जीवदान दिले. भारताच्या राष्ट्रीय पक्षाला जीवदान दिल्याचे समाधान वाटत असल्याचे प्राणीमित्रांनी सांगितले.



मोरागाव सायकल क्लबकडून जखमी घारीला जीवदान

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340 Indian Star Tortoises Set for Release Maharashtra's Turtle Rehabilitation Project



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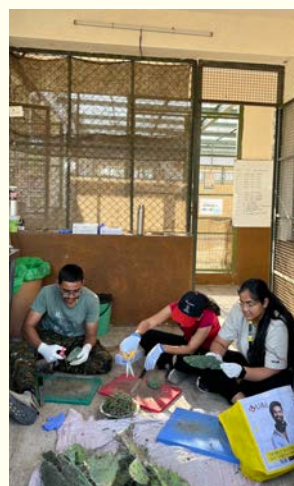
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Parmatma Bhadewad
RESQ Team Member



Srihari Nair
RESQ Volunteer



Performing at their maximum potential, lauded for their dedication, innovation and hardwork, here's our

RESQ stars
for the month.

Thank you for being a RESQ Supporter!

If we share the same vision, there's so much we can do together. The RESQ team continues its work for animals with purpose and passion only because of your generous contributions and support – today, and everyday.

"We are happy to share our [Annual Report 2023-2024](#), which captures the work and activities done by the RESQ team during the last financial year. On behalf of all the team members of RESQ and its board of trustees, I express our deepest gratitude to our donors, supporters, partners and well-wishers for supporting our mission to rescue and rehabilitate animals, and to reach people in our endeavors to protect animals and their habitats. You can become a RESQ supporter and join us in working towards a shared vision of conservation and coexistence between wildlife, communities, and their animals. Becoming a member is easy, click on this link. Your annual contribution and belief in our vision helps us to provide medical treatment and care to thousands of animals every single year. Thank you!"

- **Neha Panchamiya** (*Founder & President, RESQ CT*)



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