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Monthly Newsletter

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Converging lands, diverging fates: Life alongside leopards!


In the realm of urban wildlife, survival hinges on coexistence. Leopards, once considered rare to sight, are now resident in several places after seamlessly integrating into human-dominated and agricultural landscapes. In the face of burgeoning human-leopard interactions, avoiding negative interactions becomes paramount. A kinder destiny than permanent captivity or harm is essential for these leopards, who are integral to our ecosystem. Just this month, our teams handled five human-leopard encounters, while seven leopards are already under our care at the RESQ Centre, with the hope that most, if not all, can return to their habitats.

Rescue, rehabilitate animals, reach people.

Statistics: August 2023, RESQ provided aid to **2,041** animals.

We received **1,904** calls on the RESQ helplines from public and governmental departments for animal-related cases and our RESQ ambulances travelled **30,178** kilometers across different regions of Maharashtra to provide aid for them and conduct awareness programs. We attended to **924 wildlife** (**625** birds, **137** mammals, **162** reptiles) and currently we have **333** wild animals admitted under medical and rehabilitation care. We conducted community outreach - awareness, education and training programs for **4,489 individuals from the community** this month and provided support to **1,035 community animals** viz. large animal feed, rescue and medical aid, and mass vaccination drives to prevent the spread of zoonotic diseases and infections.



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Updates

RESQ team **on field**

A leopard's c-lucky escape! A young female leopard was reported trapped inside a chicken coop near Nashik. The Forest Department and the RESQ Nashik Division team quickly reached the location, sedated her to reduce stress while removing her from the cage and examined her for any injuries. She rested and bounced back in a day after which she was released in a suitable habitat.

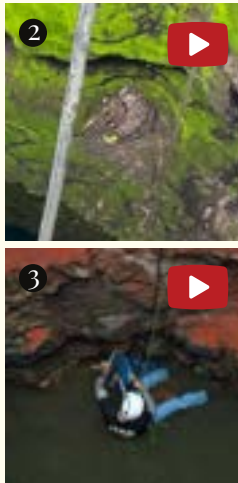


Midnight Vigil: a noble fight and compassionate farewell for a striped hyena in Phaltan

Late one night, we received word of an adult female Indian striped hyena, injured in a road accident near Phaltan. She was found alive but immobile by the road. Knowing time was of the essence, our team, including a RESQ vet, rushed to her aid. Though her condition was critical, she really did fight to stay alive. Tragically, the accident's injuries were too severe, and she didn't make it. While unable to save her, we provided her as much pain relief in her final moments, ensuring she did not face her fate suffering alone by the roadside.

Well well, look who's out of the well!

This month we rescued and released...



① An adult Indian striped hyena near Phaltan. ② A small Indian civet near Nashik ③ A monitor lizard near Satara ④ An adult jackal from a 70 ft deep well near Daund ⑤ Another adult female jackal from a 30 ft well near Baramati ⑥ A jackal pup from a 40ft well near Daund. ⑦ A free-ranging dog near Phaltan too!

Spot the survivor - spotted deer gets a second chance at life!

After surviving a dog attack, a spotted deer found refuge in a backyard near Pune. Acting swiftly, we tranquilized and rescued it. At the RESQ Centre, it received essential care, healed, and fulfilled all rehabilitation milestones. Now back in its habitat, the deer seized a second chance at life.



Slithering rescues this month!

A wolf snake caught hitting the gym! An albino wolf snake was reported to our helpline after it was spotted inside a gym premises in Pune. He was shortly released in dense vegetation nearby where he could safely take cover to survive.



The trinket that got glued. A trinket snake was reported stuck on a glue pad (rodent trap). A bottle of coconut oil helped our rescuers to carefully extract it out without injury to its fragile scales. It was stabilized at the RESQ Wildlife TTC and released shortly after - in a safe location where it hopefully won't bump into sticky traps again!

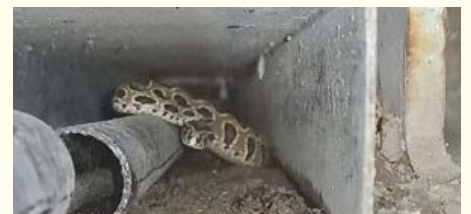


A cat snake who snuck into a dog shelter.. Caught sneaking into a dog shelter on a commercial premise in Pune, a Beddome's cat snake was reported to us. It was safely rescued from there by our rescuers and after a quick assessment, released in a safe location nearby.



A Russell's viper who took the lift!

A sub adult Russell's viper stuck in the pipe of a hydraulic car lift in a residential society in Pune was safely rescued and released in a suitable location right away.



Sand boa submerged.. Reportedly fallen in a water reserve of a local farm, this sand boa was promptly rescued and released in a safe habitat nearby.



Rat snake's garden stroll.. This rat snake reported from a family's residential garden premises in Pune was swiftly rescued and after a brisk medical assessment, released in a safe space nearby.



Peafowl's concrete jungle chronicle! A report came in about an Indian peafowl lying on the ground, completely unable to take flight. This incident occurred when the bird collided with a building in the heart of the city. After providing emergency medical care to stabilize its condition, it recovered quickly and was ready for release. As the crate door swung open, the peafowl embarked on a triumphant flight to reclaim its freedom.

Hyena's spine-tastic reclamation of freedom! Following a car accident, a female hyena was brought in with spinal compression, presenting a daunting prognosis that cast uncertainty over her complete recovery. However, her journey has been one of resilience, as she defied the odds, progressing from a recumbent condition to standing, and eventually regaining the ability to walk. And just like that, after making a full recovery, she returned to her natural state of untamed freedom.



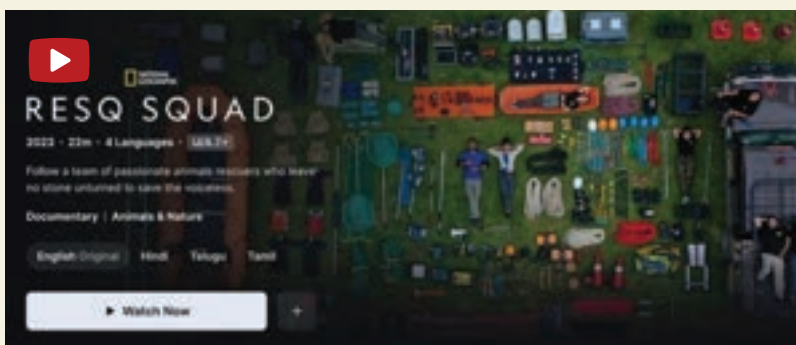
Black pond turtle shell-ebating freedom!

Weak and dull on admission, but just a few weeks of top-notch rehab, this turtle made a complete comeback! Evident at release, its excitement knew no bounds as it made a splash back into the wild, a turtle display of shell-ebating freedom!



Releases of the month!

Watching an animal get released is one of the best parts of the wildlife management process. This month, a total of 263 animals made it back to their natural habitats after successful rescues, treatments and rehabilitation. These include leopards, chinkaras, hyena, langurs, birds, snakes, monitor lizards, jackals, small Indian civets amongst many more etc.



The RESQ Squad by National Geographic is now airing on Disney+ Hotstar!

Head over for some action, adventure, heart-warming and heart-breaking moments along with a deep insight into the work that we do for animals, every single day. We are forever grateful for the support

we get from Maharashtra Forest Department with whom we work collaboratively towards #keepingwildlifewild in the state and to every RESQ donor for enabling the service we provide to wildlife in distress. Also a huge thank you to the crew at Riverbanks Studio for making this happen!

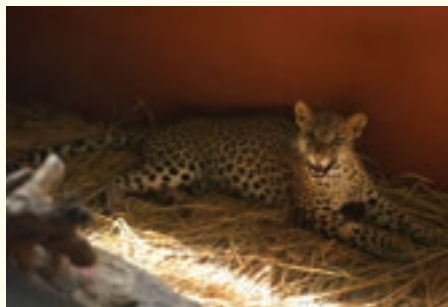
At the RESQ Centre

Leopard chronicles at RESQ this month!

📍 **Ashtapur, Pune** A young female leopard was hit by a vehicle near Ashtapur, Pune District. The Pune Forest Department immediately arrived at the location and ensured that the leopard remained undisturbed by the public until the emergency rescue and veterinary team arrived. The leopard sought cover under a car parked nearby until our team got there at midnight and extracted her out safely. Five days of intensive care, she was all fit again and finally, she happily leaped out during her release!



📍 **Saswad, Pune** A young female leopard was discovered in a dull state by the locals and was barely able to walk. She is currently undergoing treatment, and we know she's already doing better by showing us a good display of her wild side! We're optimistic about her recovery and release back to the wild soon.



📍 **Aurangabad** Found lying in a field near Aurangabad, this cub was rescued by the Aurangabad Forest Department. It tested positive for tick fever and received initial treatment there. While her future is uncertain, she is currently at RESQ receiving intensive care for her infection.



📍 **Nashik** A young female cub was found severely dehydrated and weak. She is undergoing treatment which will be followed up with meticulous wildlife rehabilitation with an intent to release her back into the wild.



📍 **Satara** A wounded orphaned leopard cub, likely hit by a vehicle near Satara, was reported and subsequently brought to RESQ Wildlife TTC with a broken jaw and maggot-infested wound. Despite treatment efforts, including planned surgery, the cub sadly succumbed to its injuries.



A spine-chilling fox tale! An adult Indian fox was admitted to us in a mysteriously injured condition. Originally it was discovered sitting by the side of the road, unable to stand up or walk. After being rescued by the Kolhapur Forest Department, who promptly admitted it to the RESQ Wildlife TTC, it underwent an assessment which revealed a bullet lodged in its spine. The bullet was immediately surgically extracted and the fox received essential medical care, although sadly, it succumbed to its injuries shortly thereafter. Despite the outcome, we take solace in the fact that the fox received proper medical intervention instead of facing its fate alone in an isolated location.



From havoc, to healing and hope for this hyena! An adult Indian striped hyena, possibly a case of a road accident, was discovered lying by the roadside close to Nashik. Admitted to the Nashik TTC, she is presently undergoing treatment for her injuries with an ultimate



goal to reintroduce her back to her native environment as soon as she's deemed fit for release.



Monkey see, monkey free - from streets to hopefully the trees!

A young female bonnet macaque, likely a victim of illegal captivity and abandonment, was discovered on the roadside in Pune. Needless to say, she has developed a strong attachment to humans, which is a common issue in such cases. Wildlife rehabilitation is going to be a challenging and extended process for her - but we remain hopeful for a successful outcome and her reintroduction into the wild if we are able to find the right troop to integrate her into.



Eyes on the horizon: Chinkara's hopeful road to recovery! An adult chinkara was rescued from a farm in Supe, Baramati, where it was found lying incapacitated. It is currently admitted in our ICU due to its multiple injuries and partial blindness. We have our fingers crossed for a full recovery!



Monitor lizard goes from highway to hatchway! A motionless monitor lizard discovered at the highway's edge near Solapur was promptly rescued by the RESQ Eco Daund team and transported to the RESQ Wildlife TTC. An X-ray unveiled both a spinal injury and an advanced pregnancy. While undergoing treatment for the spinal ailment, she unexpectedly



started laying eggs within her enclosure. Regrettably, her journey ended shortly after, succumbing to her injury, and leaving the unhatched eggs as a poignant reminder that she didn't face her fate alone without leaving her mark.

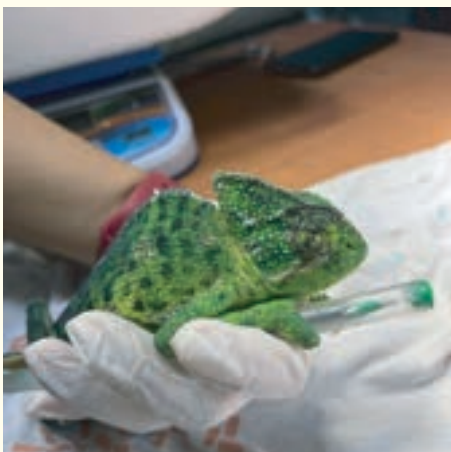


Monitor lizard on the mend!

Rescued from an electrical shop in Daund, a young monitor lizard arrived with severe wounds, bleeding injuries, and a fractured leg. Currently receiving care and rehabilitation at the RESQ Wildlife TTC, her journey towards healing and recovery is underway.

**Chameleons rendered colorless due to urban hazards!**

Hit by high voltage!

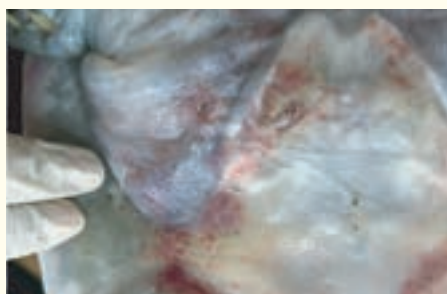


Injured foot...



Under treatment for a trauma injury.

Leith's soft shell turtle: from dumpster to shell-ter! Discovered in a terrible state at a garbage dump in Pune, this Leith's soft shell turtle was admitted to the RESQ



Wildlife TTC. It has significant nutritional deficiencies, metabolic irregularities and infection, likely

stemming from prolonged captivity and subsequent abandonment. While it is being treated, we hold optimism for its recuperation and eventual reintroduction to an appropriate environment where it can thrive in unbounded freedom.

Hopping beyond adversity: Hare's resilience!

An Indian hare was reported bleeding profusely and injured on its neck due to free-ranging dog bites. Currently under treatment and rehabilitation, he seems to be on the mend - responsive and chomping away on his feed irrespective of his slightly uncomfortable neck tie!

**Orphan Asian palm civets at RESQ!**

Presently, 12 Asian palm civets are receiving orphan care at the RESQ Centre. While three, who arrived earlier this year, are nearing significant milestones for their release, the remaining are slowly graduating from being hand-raised to their outdoor enclosures.

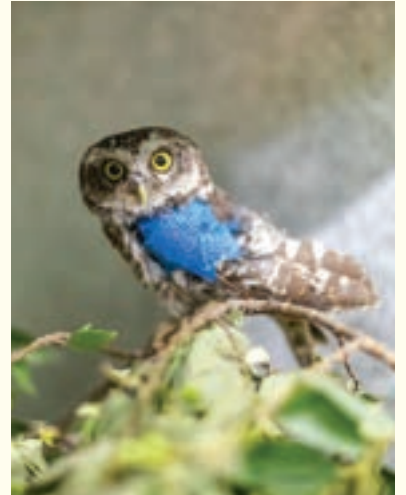




Flight interrupted: Tragic tale of a fallen flamingo! This greater flamingo was observed to be lying on the ground in a dismal condition. He was definitely suffering from multiple wounds and underlying conditions for a long time before he came to us. He unfortunately succumbed to his injuries – and the only solace we have is that we did our best to keep him pain-free till the end.

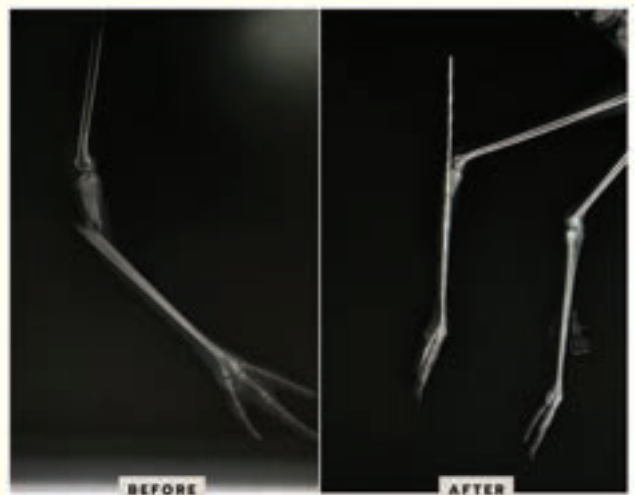
Broken wing, unbroken spirit: Spotted owlet under recovery!

A spotted owlet with a fractured wing has been brought to the RESQ Wildlife TTC, where it is currently receiving extensive treatment for its injury. We are hoping for a full recovery and full flight back to its natural habitat soon.



From a broken leg to breaking a leg- Stone curlew's tale of recovery!

The stone curlew is renowned for its elusive nature, often heard but seldom seen due to its nocturnal habits. Yet, an exception occurred when a vigilant passerby noticed one stranded by the roadside in broad daylight, grounded and unable to take flight. Acting swiftly, he took it to a nearby zoo in PCMC for immediate medical care. Subsequently, the injured bird was admitted to the RESQ Wildlife TTC for intensive care. Following a successful surgery and thorough post-operative care, the bird has regained its ability to stand on its own feet and in due course, it will be prepared for release back into its natural habitat.



Community Outreach & Education

Leopard awareness – coexistence with leopards!

This month, a total of 16 leopard-related community awareness sessions were held across different districts having active leopard presence. The sessions were focused on imparting key information about living safely around leopards. Over 1475 attendees were present at the sessions and included children, women and the elderly.



ZP School, Matori, Beed District for 100+ children < 14 yrs by Vaibhav Bhogale and Samarth Mahajan



Swami Chincholi, Pune District for 100 locals by Nachiket Awadhani and Shreyas Kamble



Rajegaon, Pune District for 50 locals by Nachiket Awadhani and Prashant Kaulkar



ZP School, Mungsare, Nashik District for 900 children < 14 yrs by Vaibhav Bhogale and Samarth Mahajan



ZP School Mohitewadi, Pune District for 70 students by Vaibhav Bhogale and Siddhi Panchariya



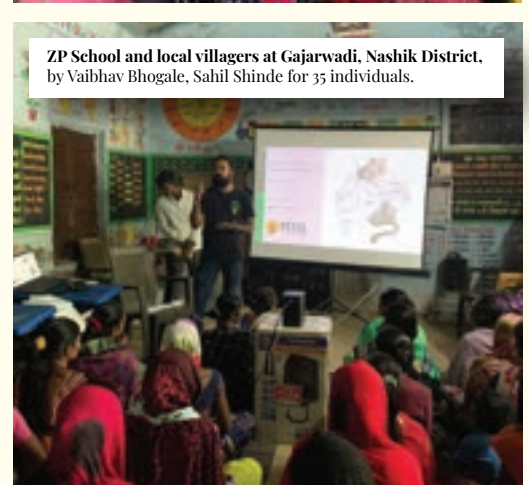
ZP School Pimpalgaon Garudeshwar, Nashik District for 80 students by Vaibhav Bhogale and Siddhi Panchariya



Met Chandrachi, Nashik District for 70 locals by Vaibhav Bhogale and Sahil Shinde



ORD Staff, Talegaon, Pune | 120 adults by Kiran Rahalkar and Naresh Chandak



ZP School and local villagers at Gajarwadi, Nashik District, by Vaibhav Bhogale, Sahil Shinde for 35 individuals.



Jawalwadi, Satara District for 100 locals by Naresh Chandak and Sayli Pilane





ZP School, Ganeshgaon, Nashik District
for 70 students by Vaibhav Bhogale
and Sahil Shinde



Baliram Hiray Mahavidyalaya, Dari, Nashik District for 250
students by Vaibhav Bhogale and Sahil Shinde



Madhavrao Boraste High School, Lakhgaon, Nashik District for 200 students by Vaibhav Bhogale and Sahil Shinde



ZP School Kalkinagar, Lakhgaon, Nashik District for 40 students by Vaibhav Bhogale
and Sahil Shinde



Thakurwadi, Raigad District for 100+ locals by Naresh Chandak and Sayli Pilane



Coexist - Living around urban wildlife!

Vidya Pratishthan School in Someshwar, Ratnagiri District - Conducted by Nachiket Awadhani, Prashant Kaulkar and Shreyas Kamble of RESQ which was attended by 450 young adults.

Nutan Marathi Vidyalaya, Pune - Conducted by Naresh Chandak and Sayli Pilane, attended by over 150 students spanning across grade 5 to grade 12.

Someshwar



Pune



SAFE Snakes!

Multiple sessions on peaceful coexistence with snakes were conducted this month.



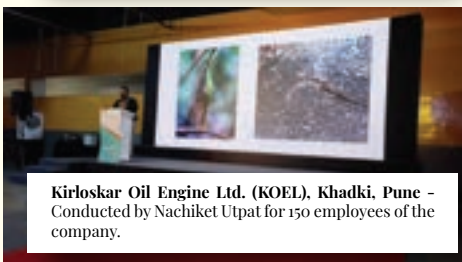
Royal Rose English Medium School, Vadgaon Budruk, Pune - Conducted by Nachiket Utpat and attended by 700 students.



ZP Primary School, Koye, Chakan, Pune - Conducted by Aakash Raut, Shreenath Chavan, attended by 80 students.



Baliram Hiray Mahavidyalaya, Dari, Nashik District - Conducted by Vaibhav Bhogale and Sahil Shinde, attended by 250 young adults.



Kirloskar Oil Engine Ltd. (KOEL), Khadki, Pune - Conducted by Nachiket Utpat for 150 employees of the company.



ZP School Ganeshgaon Trimbak, Nashik District - Conducted by Vaibhav Bhogale and Ayush Patil, attended by 150 students.



ZP Primary School, Rajubaivasti, Chakan, Pune - Conducted by Aakash Raut, Shreenath Chavan, attended by 60 students.



Modern High School, Nashik - Conducted by Vaibhav Bhogale and Ayush Patil and attended by 470 students over two sessions.

AWARE INDIA - Jessica Roberts and Sonia Gandhi Limaye conducted 3 modules, "I am Responsible", "To Rescue or not", and "I am Street Smart" of the AWARE INDIA program, at the St. Pius X International School, Mulund, Mumbai across grades 1 to 5. The 132 children who attended the sessions responded very well to the modules displaying great retention of the knowledge shared with them.



Volunteering at RESQ in the month of August!

Dedicated volunteers and passionate interns joined hands in caring for over 150 animals at RESQ Wildlife TTC. They collaborated with rehabbers, preparing meals, enhancing enclosures, and gathering greens. Their support extended to the veterinary team, aiding treatments, and ensuring well-supplied treatment rooms with gauze pads, crafting dressing material diligently every day.

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**New Volunteer Inductions!**

Three induction programs for interested volunteers were conducted by Jessica Roberts this month at the RESQ Centre which were attended by 36 individuals.



Capacity Building & Training

Rescue, Temporary Stabilization, Release and Human-Wildlife Conflict Management! A training session on this topic was conducted for 42 foresters at the Kundal Academy of Development Administration and Management (Forest), Kundal by Nachiket Utpat and Naresh Chandak of RESQ.



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RESQ VOLUNTEER



VIKAS SINGH

RESQ TEAM MEMBER

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 2021-2022** [🔗](#) which captures the work and activities done by the RESQ team in the year 2021 and 2022; some of which that has continued from the past and some new endeavours embarked on, which will continue for years to come. 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 endeavours 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!"

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