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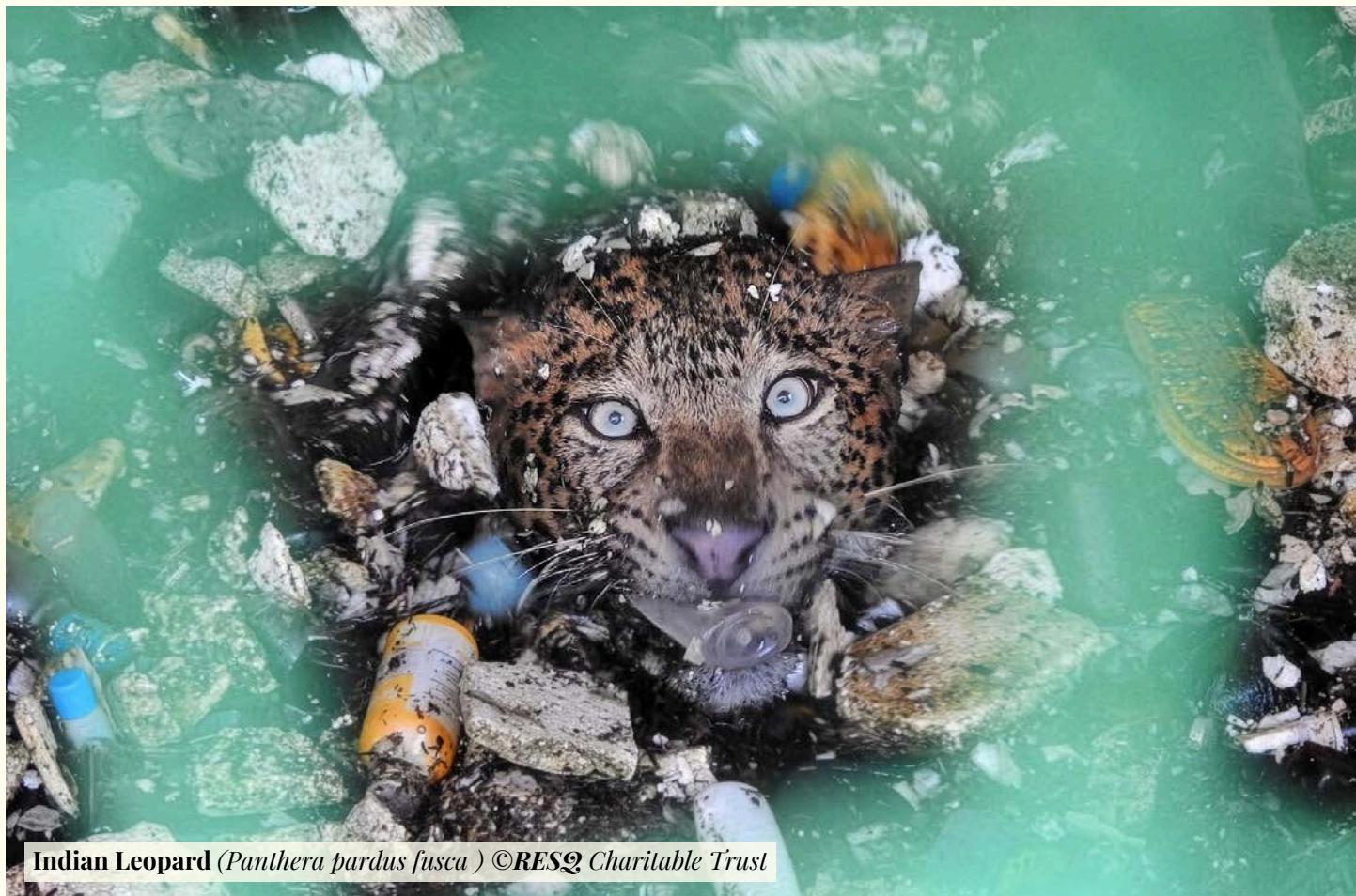
RESQ NEWSLETTER

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

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Indian Leopard (*Panthera pardus fusca*) ©RESQ Charitable Trust

“Large carnivores do not enter human-dominated landscapes by chance.”

Poorly managed waste attracts secondary prey, triggering a chain reaction that culminates in high-risk human-wildlife interfaces. A coordinated response by the Forest Department and RESQ CT teams enabled the safe extraction of this leopard trapped in a canal full of filth, but long-term risk reduction lies in addressing the systemic drivers that create such situations.



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*A Striped hyena's
story of resilience*



Statistics

DECEMBER 2025

Efforts in numbers...

3,077

LIVES IMPACTED!

IMPACT
at SCALE

This Year (2025)

Jan

Total Wildlife
9,434

Birds
6461

Mammals
1520

Reptiles
1453

Community Animals
1241

Disaster Response: Human Rescues
934

This Month

Dec

647

414

140

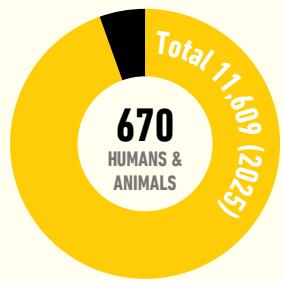
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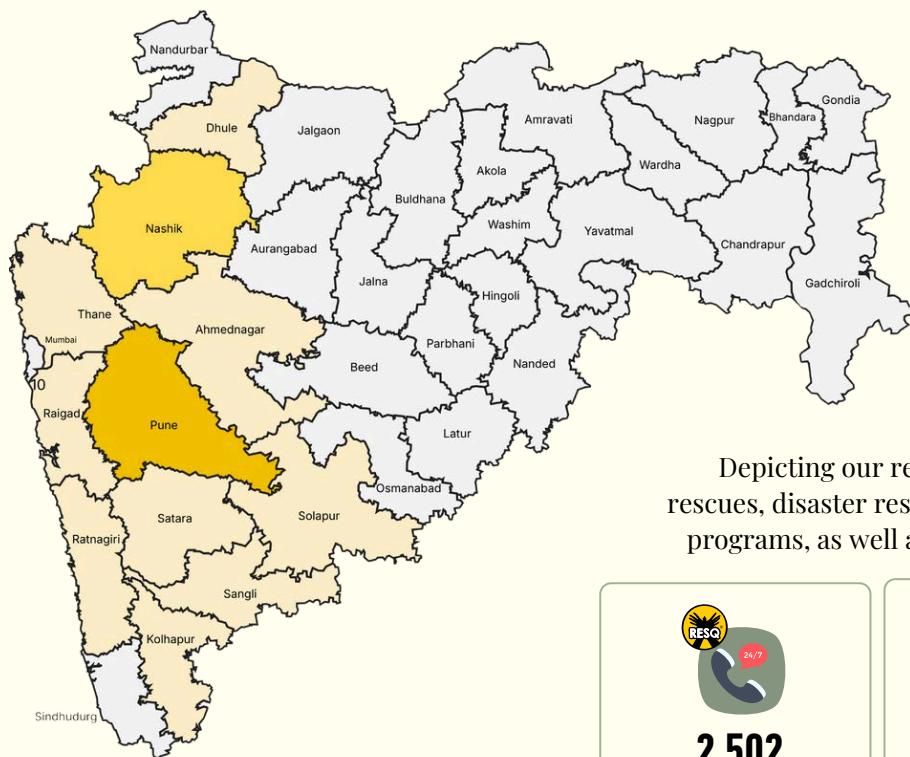
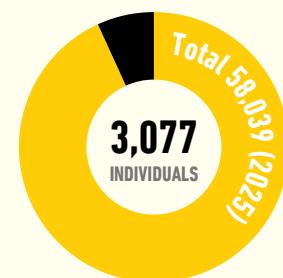
EMERGENCY RESPONSE

AID PROVIDED TO



SAFETY, EDUCATION & TRAINING

PROGRAMS CONDUCTED FOR



Mapping our efforts.

Depicting our reach this month through emergency wildlife rescues, disaster response operations, education and awareness programs, as well as training and capacity-building initiatives.



2,502

HELPLINE CALLS ATTENDED
YEAR 2025: 30,318 CALLS



37,957

TOTAL KMS TRAVELED
YEAR 2025: 4,21,659 KMS



7

FOREST FIRES DOUSED
YEAR 2025: 365 INCIDENTS

Updates

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RESQ CT team on field

This month, RESQ CT teams worked closely with the Forest Department across multiple districts to respond to leopard emergencies and carry out critical rescues. With rapid response, community cooperation, and careful coordination, the following key operations were undertaken:



 **A Canal Conundrum.** A leopard trapped beneath a bridge in a canal was safely rescued by the Ahilyanagar Forest Department and the RESQ Daund team. The situation was managed calmly, and the animal was handed over to the Forest Department as it had sustained no injuries.



 **Runway Rendezvous Resolved.** A leopard that had been moving undetected within the Pune Airport premises for many months was successfully captured following prolonged monitoring and data-led planning by Pune Forest Department and RESQ Pune team.



 **Fenced out!** A leopard injured in a wire fence was rescued within 90 minutes by the Pune Forest Department and RESQ CT team.



 **Well, little leopard..** A leopard cub that fell into a well in Nashik was safely rescued by the Nashik East Forest Department and the RESQ Nashik team and handed over to the Forest Department.



Nashik



Fast Lane Fallout. A leopard hit by an unknown vehicle on Nashik highway, critically injured, unable to walk, was rescued by the Nashik East Forest Department and RESQ Nashik team. It is now undergoing veterinary treatment at the TTC in Nashik.



Nashik



Down, not out. A leopard found lying motionless and unable to stand was reported by locals and safely rescued by the Nashik West Forest Department and RESQ Nashik team. The animal remains under treatment and observation.

In addition to these, our teams responded to numerous other reports of leopards being spotted across Pune and Nashik districts. In many cases, AI-generated misinformation led to public concern, which was addressed through on-ground verification and dispensing safety instructions and outreach.



A young gaur's rehabilitation journey and return to the wild... In September 2023, a very young gaur calf rescued by Kolhapur Forest Department, with a severe front-limb fracture was admitted to the Wildlife TTC, Pune, after his leg was found trapped in a drainage opening. The animal underwent two complex orthopaedic surgeries, supported by an expert neurosurgeons guidance, followed by structured physiotherapy and post-operative care to facilitate natural growth and movement. The gaur underwent an extended rehabilitation programme focused on rewilding, which included housing in a large outdoor enclosure and gradual diet transitions to introduce native fodder. Following final assessment and as per directions of the Maharashtra Forest Department, he was successfully released in the Sahyadri Tiger Reserve.



Daund



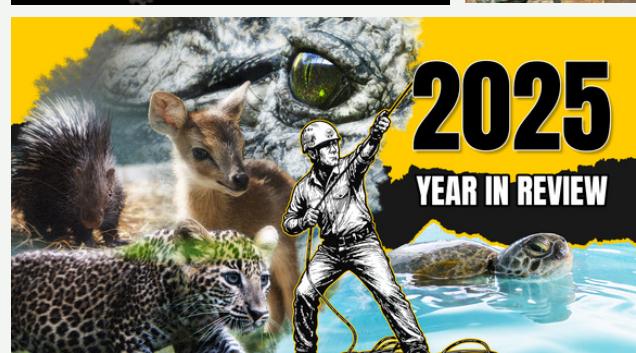
Shrigonda



Back to the Pack! Two successful jackal reunions were carried out this month. In Daund, six pups found in a sugarcane field were reunited with their mother the same night. In Shrigonda, four pups discovered during harvesting were also safely reunited through timely intervention.



A vision for recovery.. An injured sambar rescued near a highway in Nashik is under recovery at the Wildlife TTC following surgery for a severe eye injury.



2025, a Year in Review.

This is the field.

This is the work.

This is the responsibility we carry, together.

This is what happens when support meets purpose. 🙌

A huge thank you 🙏 to every supporter and partner for standing with us, for believing in our work, and for being the ones who make this possible.



At the RESQ Centre

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Maternal Carry-On. Hit by a vehicle, fighting for life, and unknowingly carrying hope. A critically injured striped hyena mother survived a road accident and intensive treatment, while her newborn cub, born against the odds, received round-the-clock neonatal care. She has now returned to the grasslands. Her cub remains under rehabilitation, growing stronger each day and working steadily towards going back to the wild when he's ready.



When the wild doesn't return the call. A lone leopard cub was reported to the Pune Forest Department, who requested our support for the reunion. Reunion attempts were unsuccessful due to major disturbance in the area, the cub was transferred to the Wildlife TTC in Pune, where it is currently under orphan care and rehabilitation, and will join another leopard cub already under orphan care.



Stag-gered, Not Stopped An injured sambar, suspected to have been hit by a vehicle, was rescued by the Forest Department and admitted to the Wildlife TTC in Pune through ambulatory support provided by our team. It is currently under veterinary care and rehabilitation.



Pune



Satara



Solapur

Triple trouble, triple care. Three antelope species are currently under orphan care at the Wildlife TTC in Pune. An Indian gazelle fawn rescued in Pune, a four-horned antelope from Satara, and a blackbuck from Solapur are receiving species-specific orphan care and rehabilitation all being raised with the goal of an eventual reintroduction back into the wild.



Rusty today, wild tomorrow. Two rusty-spotted cat kittens were found during sugarcane harvesting in Khandala and Someshwarnagar. Despite reunion efforts, their mothers did not return. Both are now under orphan care at Wildlife TTC Pune, with a goal to reintroduce them back into the wild.



Flight delayed, not cancelled. A long-billed vulture was found recumbent, unable to fly in Nashik. It was rescued by the Nashik East Forest Department and brought to Wildlife TTC Nashik for treatment. Weak and recumbent on arrival, the bird is now improving daily until it regains enough strength to take off again!



Winging it again! A Eurasian hoopoe rescued with a wing injury was treated at the Wildlife TTC in Pune and has recovered well. The bird is now flying confidently and will soon be released back into the wild.



Wings under repair. Two owls were admitted to the Wildlife TTC, Pune this month with wing injuries requiring rehabilitation. A mottled wood owl was rescued following a fall from height, associated with underlying dehydration, while an Indian eagle owl was recovered after from entanglement, resulting in a drooping wing. Both birds are under veterinary care and are showing steady, positive recovery trends.



This month, over 150 birds were rescued by our teams from the city with injuries caused by glass-coated/nylon manja. While many recovered with timely care, several did not survive due to severe injuries and bleeding from the trauma. The use of banned glass-coated/nylon continues to cause serious harm to wildlife, primarily birds, and choosing safer alternatives is essential to prevent this.



Rock python, rocky start.

An injured adult Indian rock python was rescued by the Roha Forest Department and admitted to the Wildlife TTC in Pune for treatment. Examination revealed a deep wound, and the python is currently undergoing medical care and rehabilitation.

Community Outreach & Education

Wild Encounters, Wise Communities. As we closed out the year, our awareness efforts connected with over **3700+** individuals in December alone, reaching schools, communities, and professional groups. This final stretch helped push our **2025 outreach impact past 58,000 people** empowered with wildlife safety and coexistence knowledge. From challenging misinformation to building compassion, every session strengthened the link between people and the wildlife moving us toward a safer, more informed future for all..



- Raah Foundation - **15+**
- Indian College of Agricultural Banking, Pune - **60+**
- Loyla High School, Pune - **200+**
- DRDO, Pune - **200+**
- Venutai Yashwantrao Chavan School, Pune - **90+**
- Konark Reva Society Mundhwa, Pune - **85+**
- Keshav Nagar Kumbharwada Mundhwa, Pune - **75+**
- Victorious Kids Educates, Pune - **15+**
- Wipro Technologies, Pune - **170+**
- Deolali Railway Workers, Nashik- **35+**
- Infosys, Pune - **300+**

LIVING SAFELY AROUND SNAKE

- Raah foundation - **15+**



BEYOND RESCUE:

REHABILITATION PATHWAYS FOR WILDLIFE IMPACTED BY CRIME



AWARE INDIA

SCHOOL CURRICULUM SESSIONS



Capacity Building & Training



Human-Leopard Conflict Response Multi-Stakeholder Workshop, Kolhapur:

The Kolhapur Forest Department organised a multi-stakeholder workshop on human-leopard conflict response in Kolhapur, conducted by Nachiket Utpat and Kiran Rahalkar of RESQ Charitable Trust.

 **Pune Forest Circle and RESQ CT facilitated a technical interaction with South African experts** on contemporary wildlife management, conflict mitigation, population management, and advanced capture techniques. Officers from Pune, Junnar, and Solapur Forest Divisions and the Sahyadri Tiger Reserve participated.

 **Training workshop conducted State Level Training Centre, Pune for 33 government veterinarians (LDOs) on Emergency Veterinary Care and Transport for Indian Wildlife.** This was conducted by Dr. Sushrut Shirbhate and Dr. Kalyani Thakur, senior wildlife veterinarians, RESQ CT. This was followed by an exposure visit by them to the TTC, Pune.

Features & Articles

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Dedicated corporate volunteers lending a helping hand in fixing enclosures and making enrichments for the wildlife at TTC, Pune this month...



Dr. Samruddhi Khandare
RESQ Wildlife Veterinarian

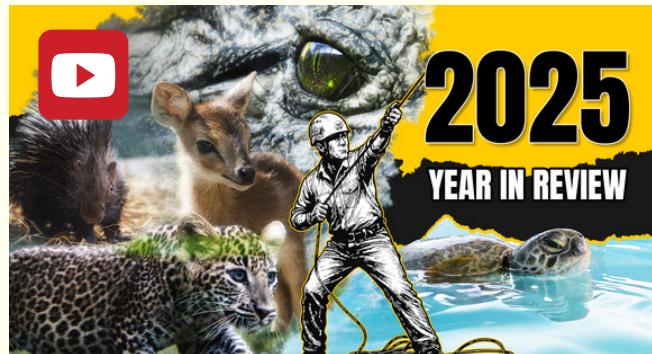


Performing at their maximum potential, lauded for their dedication, innovation and hard work, here's our.

RESQ Star 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 2024-2025](#) 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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