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

## 'Spot' a happy ending!

Reunion- also read as rejoice! A mother's return, a moment of instinct and trust, and the quiet triumph of nature restoring what belongs. Two leopard cubs found in a sugarcane field near Pune were successfully reunited with their mother this month.

## Statistics January 2025



3135 **Helpline**  
Calls Received



**Ambulances**  
Travelled 42852 kms



**PUNE**  
38784 kms



**NASHIK**  
4068 kms



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

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



**Awareness** sessions, education programs  
& training conducted for **1544** individuals.

**992**

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



**1697**  
**Wildlife**  
provided aid to



**Wildlife**

**Birds**

**Mammals**

**Reptiles**

**Pune**  
Units +  
TTC



**Nashik**  
Division



**1574**

**884**

**203**

**487**

**123**

**75**

**28**

**20**



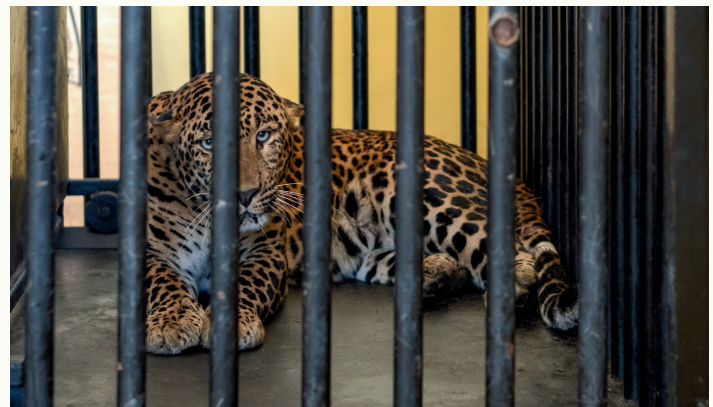
# Updates

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## RESQ team on field

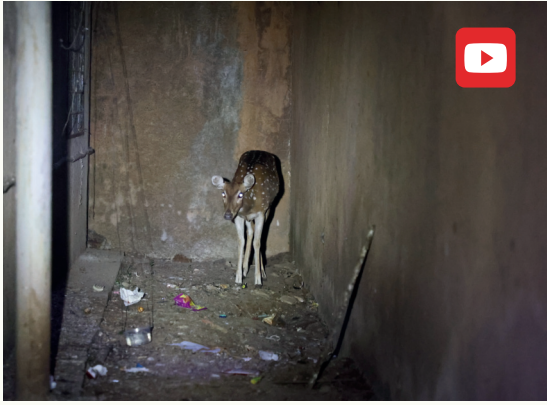


**Manja menace!** This month alone, over 332 cases of birds injured by manja were reported and responded to. That's an average of over ten calls a day, each a fight to save a life caught in an invisible death trap. On-site teams raced against time, veterinary teams worked tirelessly, and rehabilitation teams pushed their limits to give these birds a second chance. But the real cost? Their suffering. A few moments of thrill from flying kites with lethal nylon manja can mean death for hundreds of birds. Is a fleeting joy worth a lifetime of pain? Say NO to nylon manja.



**Leo's detour from recovery...** An adult male leopard, injured in a vehicle collision, was rescued by the Satara Forest Department and RESQ team. The leopard was admitted to the TTC, stabilized, and underwent a thorough medical assessment, which confirmed the need for surgery. Despite our efforts, he sadly succumbed before the surgery could be performed. While his loss is heartbreaking, we take solace in knowing he was cared for and pain-free in his final moments.





**Quick spot fix!** A spotted deer was found injured in a residential area in Pune. It was rescued, assessed to have minor injuries and scrapes, and healthy enough to recuperate in its natural environment. It was immediately released into a suitable habitat the same day.



**Jackals' well-ness!** This month, two Indian jackals, reported fallen down open wells in farms near Baramati and Nashik respectively, were safely rescued and released in a suitable habitat nearby.



**Indian wolf on the mend!** An adult Indian wolf was brought to TTC Nashik after getting injured in a vehicle collision—battered but fighting to survive. On arrival, it was dull, recumbent, and dehydrated, with deep wounds on its head indication of severe trauma. Also its left forelimb and hind limb had no sensation, and its vision was compromised.



The first few days were critical as it remained weak and unresponsive. But then, signs of resilience emerged—it tried to stand, unsteady but determined. Slowly, its appetite returned, fueling recovery. Soon, it took its first cautious steps. The road to release is still long, but this wolf has already come a long way. With continued care, we remain hopeful it will one day reclaim its place in the wild.



## At the RESQ Centres



### Leo takes a pause!

An adult leopard, rescued by the Forest Department after being found injured, is currently under treatment at TTC Nashik. It had a severe tail injury that required suturing, but faced challenges in healing. With dedicated care and monitoring, the wound is now healing well, bringing the leopard one step closer to recovery.



**Jungle cat kittens' fate- one back home, one in safe hands!** A litter of two jungle cat kittens was discovered on a farm near Pune and a reunion attempt was arranged that very night. The mother returned and took one kitten, but didn't return for the other. After waiting long enough, it became clear that the abandoned kitten needed medical attention and rehabilitation care. We admitted the little one to the TTC in Pune, where it is now under specialized orphan care. While it's unfortunate that this kitten couldn't reunite with its mother, we are dedicated to nurturing it and ensuring it can be safely released back into the wild soon.



**Orphaned but not alone, rusty-spotted cat kittens under care!** Three rusty-spotted cat kittens, discovered during harvesting on a farm near Sangli, are now under orphan care at the Wildlife TTC in Pune, after attempts to reunite them with their mother were unfortunately unsuccessful.

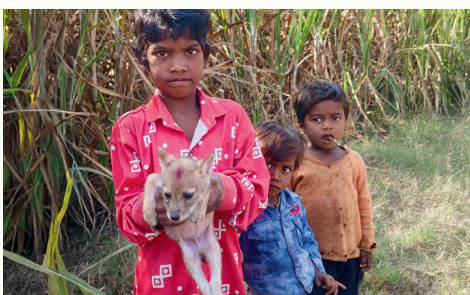


## Jackals of all trades!

Ten jackals are currently under our care at TTC Pune. Seven jackal pups, rescued from two farms near Sangli during sugarcane harvesting, were brought in after unsuccessful reunification attempts with their mothers. Now under orphan care, they are being raised for an eventual return to the wild, ensuring they can survive independently.

An injured infant jackal, found near Satara alongside its sibling who sadly did not survive, is now receiving treatment and care. Another orphaned pup, taken home by a farmer during harvesting, was rescued by the Forest Department and has been admitted for rehabilitation.

An adult jackal, rescued near Mumbai, is undergoing rehabilitation here as well. Despite missing a limb, it is adapting well and steadily shedding all forms of early human imprinting that it had prior to coming, bringing it closer to a future where it can roam free once again.





**Primate rescues surge: January's call for urgent care**

In January, RESQ saw a significant rise in primate rescues, with both langurs and bonnet macaques requiring critical intervention. Several langurs were admitted due to severe injuries, including electrocution and suspected trauma, while an orphaned neonate is under specialised care for eventual reintegration into the wild. Bonnet macaques rescued this month included individuals recovering from captivity-related distress, injuries from past trauma, and cases requiring medical intervention due to fractures or chaining. These rescues underscore the ongoing threats primates face and our continued efforts in their treatment, rehabilitation, and eventual release.







**Bambi's close shave!** An adult spotted deer, injured in a dog attack, was reported to us and rescued by our team. It was brought to the TTC in Pune, where it is now undergoing stabilization and treatment for its wounds.



### **Sutured and secured cobra!**

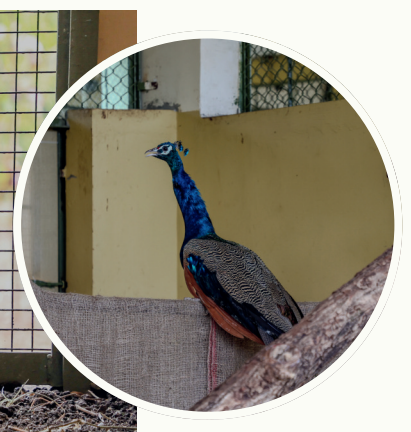
An Indian spectacled cobra, reported injured, was brought to the TTC in Pune where a deep wound was observed on its body. Stabilised and sutured, the snake is already showing great recovery and readiness to return to the wild.

**Healing hoot!** A mottled wood owl is undergoing treatment after being discovered near Sangli with a chronic, open wound on its wing.



**Stuck up no more- kingfishers now glue-free!** Two white-throated kingfishers are currently recovering at the TTC in Pune after being rescued from glue traps. While one is nearly back to full health, the other has sustained minor wing damage. Both birds were carefully cleaned using coconut oil to remove the adhesive, setting the stage for their eventual return to the wild.

**Bringing back the colour on this peafowl!** A weak, recumbent peafowl was rescued and stabilized at the TTC in Pune, where a medical assessment revealed no physical injuries. Treated for weakness and loss of appetite, it gradually regained strength and started perching properly. Now stable, the peacock is in rehabilitation, preparing for its return to the wild.





## Community Outreach & Education

### New Year, Same Mission: January Outreach Recap!

Kicking off 2025 with purpose, our January outreach initiatives set the tone for another impactful year! From engaging communities in wildlife awareness to equipping individuals with human-wildlife conflict mitigation skills, our sessions empowered people to take an active role in conservation.

JAN 2025

1,500+

INDIVIDUALS EMPOWERED WITH  
WILDLIFE AWARENESS PROGRAMSIMPACT  
at  
SCALEcoerist  
LIVING AROUND LEOPARDS

100 individuals at the NSS Camp @ MET Bhujbal Knowledge City Institute of Engineering, Nashik

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LIVING AROUND SNAKES

50 individuals @ Cipla Ltd., Kurkumbh in Daund, Pune District



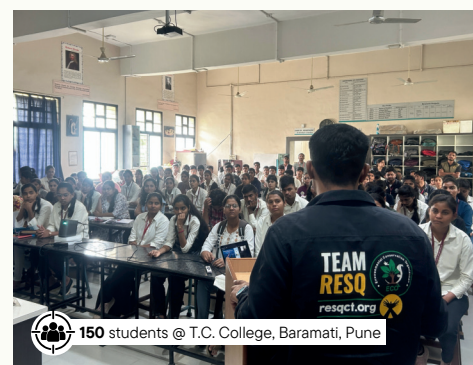
45 individuals @ D. Y. Patil Institute and College, Supe, in Baramati, Pune District

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LIVING AROUND REPTILES

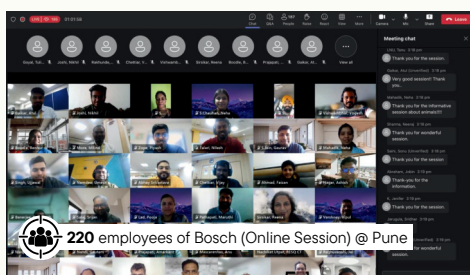
155 employees of Bosch (Online Session) @ Pune

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LIVING SAFELY AROUND WILDLIFE AROUND YOU

100 students @ Agarwal School, Daund, Pune



150 students @ T.C. College, Baramati, Pune

Animal Laws  
FOR RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

220 employees of Bosch (Online Session) @ Pune

AWARE INDIA

SCHOOL CURRICULUM SESSIONS



350 students @ Rayat International School, Satara



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### RESQ at Oberoi International School Fair!

RESQ participated in the annual fair at Oberoi International School, engaging with a great crowd at our stall. Additionally, students set up three fundraising stalls, selling baked goods, scrunchies, and more, with all proceeds generously donated to RESQ.



### RESQ at Japaloupe Equestrian Centre

At the 2025 Annual Equestrian Games, RESQ set up a stall on January 25th and 26th, engaging nearly 100 visitors in wildlife rescue and conservation awareness. The event provided a great platform to connect with the equestrian community.



## Capacity Building & Training



### Rescue, Emergency Stabilization, Release and Human Wildlife Conflict @ Kundal Forest Academy

A specialized training session on this topic was conducted by Nachiket Utpat for 32 Round Officers from Central and Eastern Maharashtra at Kundal Forest Academy. The session was highly engaging, with foresters actively participating and raising insightful questions. Some of the challenges they face differ from those in Western Maharashtra, making knowledge exchange invaluable. They appreciated the approaches we use, reinforcing the importance of adapting techniques to diverse conflict scenarios.



**RESQ CT @ WildCon25, Chandrapur!** Neha Panchamiya, Founder and President of RESQ Charitable Trust, along with Nachiket Utpat, participated in WildCon25, a prominent conference organized by the Maharashtra Forest Department focusing on innovative, non-destructive strategies for managing wildlife populations outside protected areas. Neha was a panelist in the session on standardizing veterinary infrastructure, where she emphasized the critical need of well-networked, tiered concepts for centres handling wildlife emergencies. Their involvement reinforced RESQ's ongoing efforts to work with the state forest department towards improving wildlife conservation and veterinary care.



**RESQ x Worldwide Vets: A Collaboration in Action!** We're excited to launch our collaboration with Worldwide Vets this month by welcoming our first volunteers, Laura De Giorgi and Bjorn Sorensen. During their immersive program, they have been working closely with our team—joining rescues, assisting in treatments, supporting rehabilitation, and engaging in outreach initiatives. This partnership has been a mutual learning experience, with their insights and dedication adding value to our work while they gain firsthand experience tackling India's unique wildlife challenges.







## Dedicated volunteers lending a hand at RESQ CT this month!



**Ninad Tamhankar**  
RESQ Team Member



**Bjorn Sorensen**  
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)

**2024**  
YEAR IN REVIEW



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