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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



White-rumped Vulture (*Gyps bengalensis*) ©RESQ Charitable Trust

Reviving independence, on their path to self-reliance in the wild!

Our mission is not merely to rescue but to restore – to give wildlife a genuine chance at survival in their natural habitat. For these four white-rumped vultures currently in our care, rehabilitation is a structured journey designed to help each bird regain strength, sharpen instincts, and build resilience. We hope that soon, these vultures will not just fly free but soar with the strength and independence to thrive, embodying the true spirit of wildlife conservation.

Statistics October 2024



2073 **Helpline**
Calls Received



Ambulances
Travelled **32,023** kms



PUNE
28,751 kms



NASHIK
3,272 kms



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

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



Awareness sessions, education programs
& training conducted for **20,840** individuals.

994

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



745
Wildlife
provided aid to



Wildlife

Birds

Mammals

Reptiles

Pune
Units +
TTC



Nashik
Division



640

351

150

139

105

32

19

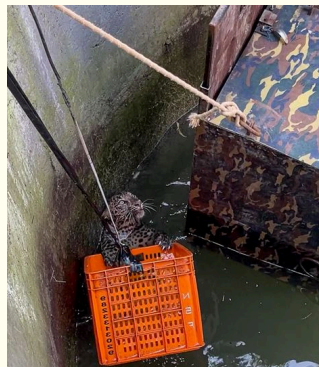
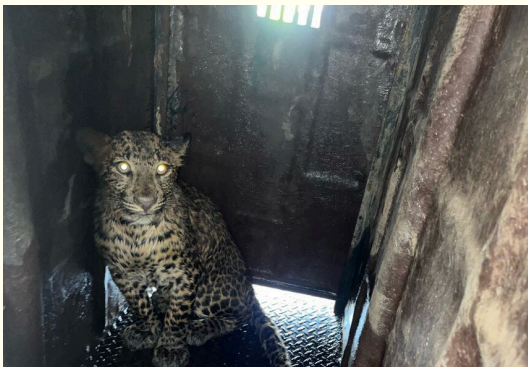
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Updates

RESQ team on field Click  to view videos!



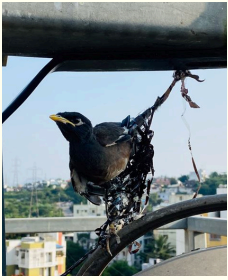
Spot Check! A leopard was spotted wandering around the fringe of the city near the Pune-Nagar highway and spotted around the outdoor courts of a sporting goods warehouse. CCTV footage showed that the leopard had a limp in his front leg, which led to the decision of capturing him for a medical checkup. This was crucial to prevent any unfortunate mishaps between an injured large cat living in close quarters of human habitation. RESQ team members joined Pune Forest Department team on-site, setting up camera traps to track the leopard's movements. By nightfall, the leopard was safely secured in a cage trap and carefully transported to our Wildlife TTC. Radiographs revealed an old and completely healed injury, but besides that, his bloodwork and physical examination showed that he was in good health. Deemed healthy and fit, he was released back in a safe habitat.



Well wishes for this leo... An adult leopard trapped in a well near Nashik was safely rescued after being stuck for over ten hours. Due to concerns of water entering its nose and ears, the leopard was stabilised and closely monitored at the Nashik Centre. After two days of observation, it was found to be in perfect health and was successfully released back into its natural habitat.



Pango-ing places. While on a washroom break, a security guard in Pune stumbled upon an unexpected visitor—a pangolin. Unfamiliar with the species, the startled guard quickly locked the washroom from the outside and called our helpline for assistance. After a medical assessment confirmed the pangolin was in good health, it was released in a suitable habitat, far from human activity.



Reel trouble, real rescue for the myna! A vigilant local resident spotted a common myna trapped on a floodlight, nearly 115 feet high, in a Pune stadium. The bird had become entangled in a discarded cassette reel stuck on the light. Due to the height, the RESQ Team called in the Fire Department for assistance, with Nilesh Mahajan leading them. Thanks to the Fire Department's Bronto Skylift, the myna was successfully rescued by the RESQ Team and brought to the Pune Centre. After being carefully disentangled from the reel, the bird underwent stabilization and a medical assessment. While no fractures were found, it sustained injuries to its limbs and wings and is now receiving treatment.



Nashik

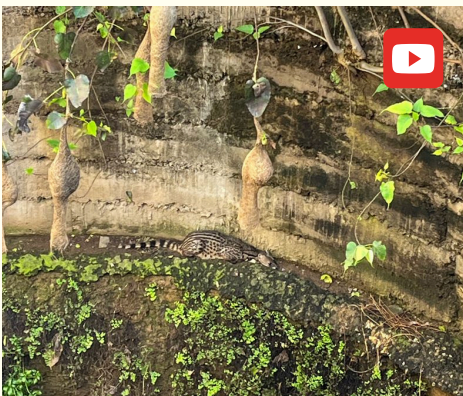


Daund

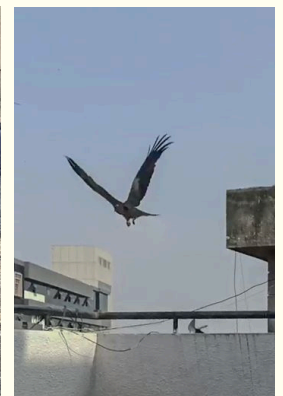


Satara

Jackals out of the depths! This month, three jackals that had fallen into wells were safely rescued by our team. One was found near Nashik, one near Daund and the third near Satara. Fortunately, all three jackals were in good health and had not sustained any injuries, allowing for their immediate release into safe habitats close to their rescue sites.



Rescued well-in time! Rescued just in time in Nashik, this little civet got the quick help it needed to return safely to the wild.



No strings attached! A black kite was reported entangled in an internet cable. Our team safely removed it from its entangled state and it was released immediately because it luckily had not suffered any injuries!

At the RESQ Centre



Preparing for their journey back to the skies: White-rumped Vultures on their path to freedom

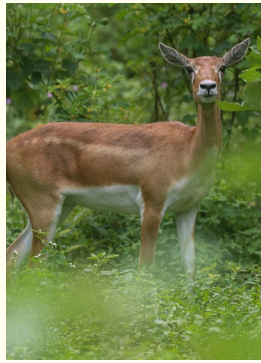
After being grounded by After losing their nest to a cyclone and spending their juvenile years in captivity, four White-rumped vultures are now on the threshold of maturity and beginning their final journey towards freedom. Recently admitted to the Pune TTC, they were transported under the expert care of our veterinary team and settled into a newly built enclosure—a naturalistic space assembled in just 48 hours with the dedicated efforts of our team and supporters. This enclosure, featuring natural perches, rocky mounds, and a central palm-inspired pole, carefully replicates their original habitat, helping them adapt for an eventual return to the wild.

Upon arrival, each vulture received a thorough medical check and diagnostics, revealing some underlying health issues that are now managed with specialised nutrition and exercise. Alongside, they are undergoing behavioural conditioning to reacquire essential survival skills. Encouragingly, their instincts are re-emerging faster than anticipated. They've begun group feeding on the ground and are gradually transitioning to the type of diet they'll encounter in the wild.

With a few more months of dedicated rehabilitation ahead, each step is a vital investment in restoring a species that has seen rapid decline. These remarkable old-world creatures have much to teach us about resilience and survival, and we're honoured to help them regain their place in nature.



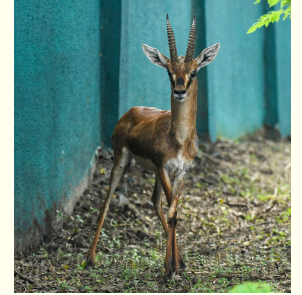
'Owl' you need is care. Currently under close observation at the RESQ Centre, a rescued mottled wood owl is receiving specialised care after it was found entangled in manja near Baramati. The owl sustained severe wing injuries that will require pinning surgery, along with sutures for additional wounds. Our team is focused on stabilising its condition to prepare it for surgery, with hopes that it will soon embark on its journey to recovery.



Buck to basics! After the Solapur Forest Department reported that they had discovered a female blackbuck who had been raised alongside local goats and had become accustomed to human presence around it. Recognising the risks this posed to its survival, the blackbuck was sent to the Pune TTC. Rehabilitation will be complex, as its familiarity with humans could hinder its ability to thrive in the wild. A carefully designed plan is underway to reignite its natural instincts, preparing it for a self-sufficient life, cautious and distant from human settlements, like any other wild blackbuck.

Gazelle goes from harm to harmony!

An adult Indian gazelle was rescued by the Pune Forest Department near Saswad after a severe dog attack and has since been admitted to the Pune TTC. Animals in such situations often go into shock, but thanks to prompt rescue and immediate medical intervention, this resilient gazelle has pulled through. Following initial stabilisation, it is now showing improvement!

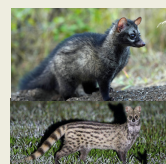
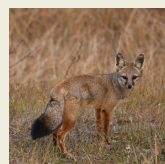
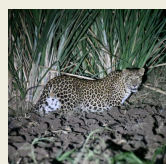
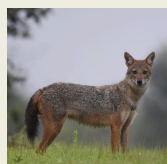
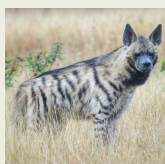


The Habitats and Wildlife Interaction Survey *Building Conservation Foundations in Pune Circle*



The Habitats and Wildlife Interaction Survey, launched as part of the Mesocarnivore Project by the Pune Wildlife Division during Wildlife Week 2024, aims to gain a comprehensive understanding of the diverse habitats, land-use patterns, wildlife presence, and their interactions within Pune Circle. This extensive study, covering Pune, Solapur, Junnar, and Bhore districts (over 31,000 sq. km combined!), focuses on key wildlife species such as wolves, hyenas, foxes, jackals, civets, and leopards, alongside their interactions with local communities and free-ranging domestic animals. RESQ Charitable Trust and The Habitats Trust have partnered with the Forest Department to support this project. After its launch on 1st October, more than 300 foresters and forest guards received training from Nachiket Utpat of RESQ CT on how to conduct the survey. Progress updates were provided regularly to the CCF and respective DCFs, who steered the process to its successful completion. The survey has now collected over 4,000 responses!

This valuable data will undergo a thorough cleaning and analysis phase to establish a strong baseline for Pune Circle, offering an in-depth snapshot of current wildlife and habitat conditions. This baseline will not only inform the development of targeted conservation strategies but also serve as a tool for continuous monitoring. With this study, the long-term preservation of Pune Circle's mesocarnivores and the diverse landscapes they inhabit is set to receive significant support.



Community Outreach & Education

IMPACT
at
SCALE

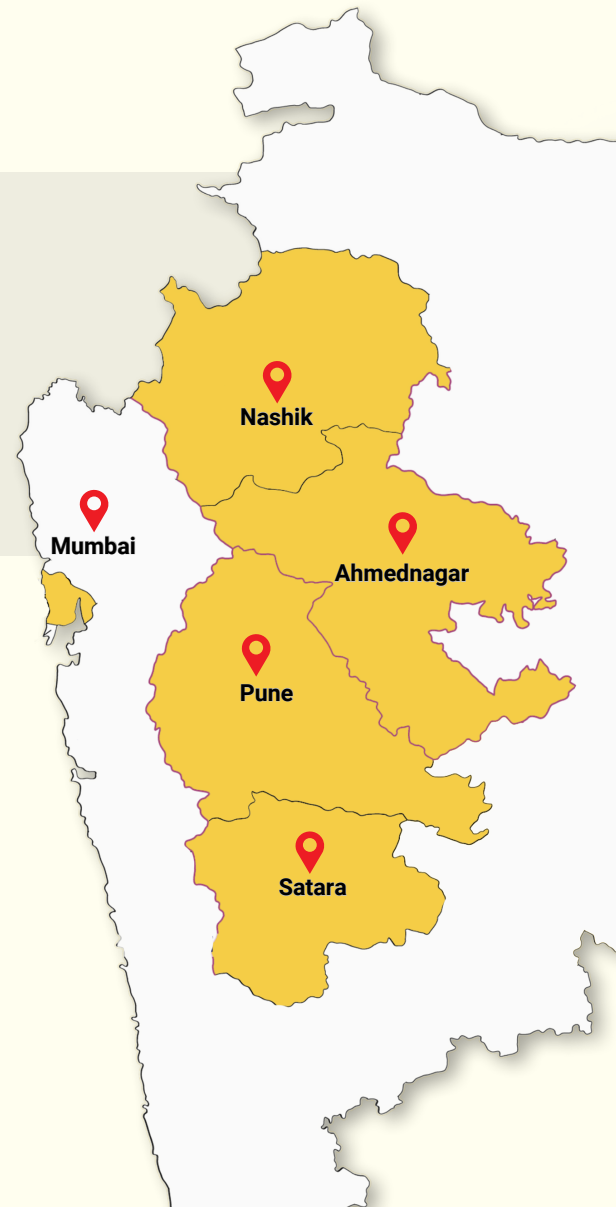
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20,840

INDIVIDUALS EMPOWERED WITH
WILDLIFE AWARENESS & TRAINING PROGRAMS

WILDLIFE WEEK 2024: A week of unprecedented impact and action! The week marked an extraordinary chapter for our team, reinforcing of our commitment to fostering coexistence and wildlife conservation in Maharashtra. We touched thousands of lives through diverse sessions, training workshops, and educational programs aimed at empowering communities to live in harmony with wildlife.

In just 7 days, over 50+ sessions our teams reached **13,000+ individuals across urban and rural areas across multiple target audiences** - including children and adults from various geographies. We spread crucial knowledge on everything from human-wildlife conflict mitigation to habitat conservation, ensuring that communities across Maharashtra are better equipped to coexist with the wildlife that surrounds them.



Our community outreach and awareness programs put people at the heart of the solution for challenges faced by wildlife. We conduct target audience specific programs for different age groups and community groups. The central theme is always coexistence or '*sahjeevan*' –we remain focused on helping the community better understand the wildlife that surround them, the challenges faced by different stakeholders in the management of human-wildlife interactions, the roles the community can play to ensure safety for their families, livelihoods and the animals themselves.

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LIVING AROUND LEOPARDS



100+ students @ Samarthgad Foundation, Katraj, Pune District



410+ students
@ Dr. Hire Adivasi School, Dari, Nashik District



180+ local community members @ Mangalwedha, Solapur District



70+ local community members
@ Kolawadi, Pune District

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WITH URBAN WILDLIFE



200+ urban community members
@ Pune and Mumbai

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LIVING AROUND SNAKES



200+ local community members
@ Nashik, Maharashtra

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WHY PROTECT WILDLIFE?



Online session for 350 employees of Fujitsu Consulting

AWARE INDIA

SCHOOL CURRICULUM SESSIONS



250+ children @ Rishi Valmiki Eco School,
Mumbai, Maharashtra



200+ children @ Vibgyor High School,
Mumbai, Maharashtra



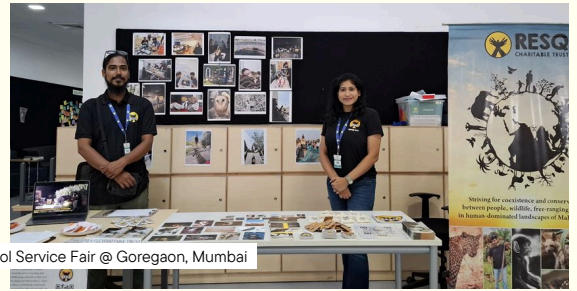
550+ children @ Lakshdham High
School, Mumbai, Maharashtra

PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENTS

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES TO CONSERVATION EFFORTS



800+ Oberoi International School Service Fair @ Goregaon, Mumbai



2500+ people at wildlife awareness exhibitions @ Ahmednagar, Karjat and Baramati



1000+ people @ Wildlife Mela by Nature Walk Trust, Pune

Capacity Building & Training



Wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and human-wildlife interaction Management Session at Kundal Forest Academy, Sangli.

A training session on this topic was conducted by RESQ team member, Nachiket Utpat, for 30 Round Officers from Western Maharashtra at the Kundal Forest Training Academy. The session focused on practical strategies for effective conflict resolution and the importance of community engagement. Officers were also introduced to new techniques for safe and humane wildlife rescue operations.

INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE

Dedicated volunteers training and lending us a hand and their time at RESQ CT this month!







SWAPNIL AMBHORE
RESQ Team Member



GARV SALGIA
RESQ Volunteer

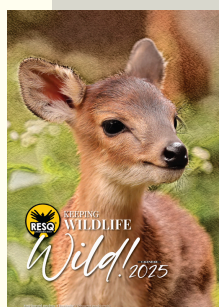


Performing at their maximum potential, lauded for their dedication, innovation and hardwork, here's our

RESQ stars for the month.



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The RESQ Calendar 2025 is here!

Send us your postal address by email to team@resqct.org to get one!

**Limited sponsored stock - we will send out calendars to the first 200 addresses received!*



Help us get things we need!

We greatly appreciate your in-kind donations to help us rescue and rehabilitate animals that come to us.

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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