Words of Appreciation

Kurma Rupa Prabhu's Samadhi Installation

Poem for a Sadhu
Govardhana Puja and Gopastami are the two festivals during the month of Kartika (October – November) which are centered around celebrating Mother Cow, Sri Govinda’s favorite creature. 2015 was the sixteenth year Care for Cows observed these festivals and this time it was particularly poignant as HG Kurma Rupa Prabhu’s Pushpa Samadhi installation was celebrated on Gopastami. Many elevated friends and well wishers came to pay they respects to such an inspirational devotee of Their Divine Lordships and Their cows.

Kurma Rupa prabhu lived his life gloriously and left this mortal world absorbed in thoughts of Radha Krsna and the cows, thus fulfilling the goal of human life. As he said; “Sometimes people ask, “Why is the Cow Sri Krsna’s favorite creature?” While there are many answers, we offer that it is because of her ideal sattvic character which manifests as living for the benefit of others. Their milk, dung and urine are extremely beneficial for human society and their joyful presence creates an atmosphere of peace and happiness. To serve them is to undergo salubrious therapy which results in one developing the same ideal qualities. The purpose of human life is to develop love of God, and when that is achieved it manifests as love for all beings.”

Come visit us here at Care for Cows and experience the joy that association with cows brings. You might even decide to stay!
Samadhi Installation
of His Grace Kurma Rupa Prabhu

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Rutgers University USA students from Jiva Institute Vrindavan visit CFC

Haribol Dear Rasamandala devi dasi,

Thanks again for such a wonderful experience! The students really enjoyed themselves with the cows. Here are some testimonials of their experiences:

“Learning how to care for the cows was my favorite part of this experience. They are truly incredible creatures and being around them brought me so much peace and joy. I loved learning about the benefits of being around cows, and especially stepping in the cow poop! I felt so energized afterwards, and I highly recommend it to everyone!”

“My time with the cows in India has influenced my new found love for cows. I now love cows. I’ve realized how significant cows are to humans and the environment. The mornings I would wake up and brush the cows were the days I was the happiest. I love cows.

“Spending time with the cows in the mornings was my favorite part of my experience in Vrindavan. They have taught me so much about unconditional love and have brought me an incredible amount of joy and energy. They are amazing creatures with such an under-rated potential to heal and love. Spending more time with cows has the possibility to change the world—it’s time to spread that message! Thank you Care For Cows!”

“Thank you for sharing your love of cows! I know they have been a huge part of this trip for me. Good Luck!”

“After going to Care for Cows, I realized the impact of vegetarianism has on another level. I would’ve never thought it would be possible to stop eating meat for 3 weeks, but I did and it feels amazing. I plan on going home and continuing these habits. Thank you for opening me up to my new found love for protecting cows.”

“Thank you for sharing your love of cows with us. I really enjoyed learning all the health benefits and environmental impacts of working with cows. Steppin gin the cow poop was such a fun experience. My legs had been feeling heavy from so much walking but after the cow dung, they felt light and I felt more energized. Being around the cows made me feel happier! Thank you!”

“I never thought I would love cows as much as I do now. I was always against animal cruelty, but after our experience at Care for Cows I’ve grown more affectionate. The cows definitely are like loving pets. It surprised me how they craved attention and loved being pet. They even want to be hugged, which was so cute! Sharing this experience was amazing and I’m so glad we did it. Thank you!”

“Thank you so much for the wealth and wisdom with which you shared the importance of go-seva with us. Your love for the cows and deep insight about the environmental, physical and spiritual benefits of caring for them penetrated our hearts and illumined our minds. May Sri Govinda Deva continue to bless you with more and more opportunities to serve Him and His creation.”

“I have a greater appreciation for cows now. I probably won’t be stepping barefoot on poop anytime soon but I will definitely be working towards eliminating meat from my diet.”

“Your explanation of the importance of cows was phenomenal. I admire your passion to treat them well. Keep it up!”
Poem for a Sadhu
By Mandarpa dasa

Oh dear friend, away you've gone
Leaving us behind to carry on
For years you toiled through thick and thin
Achieving much despite the grim

A sadhu you were, protecting the cows
Following Prabhupada's order, strict vows
You plucked them from misery, their bodies in a mess
You gave them a home, in Vrindavan no less

And boy were they happy, their wounds on the mend
Fresh grasses kept coming, there seemed no end
Of course a few were lost, that was there
But it wasn't at all for lack of care

Kali yuga, so fallen, cows abandoned here and there
Vrindavan's shame, you helped mitigate their despair
Road accident victims your crew ready to fight
Your vets did great work to lighten their plight

And so Care For Cows was born
Giving shelter to the forlorn
A catchy name to spread the fame
Of a project in need of gain

So they just kept on coming, there seemed no end
You just kept on expanding, that was your trend
Now there are hundreds all blissful and clean
Glorious cow protection, now not a dream

A brahmacari you were and a strict one at that
Living the simple life, austerities down pat
Your example set so well, just tending the cows
Sri Gopal must be pleased with you by now

So my friend your sojourn is complete
You have done great seva, now go meet
That beautiful blue cowherd boy, a peacock feather in his hair
Go meet him now and come under his eternal care

Thanking you for your friendship
Mandarpa dasa
Govinda
One who Gives Pleasure to the Cows

After the lifting of Govardhan Hill, Lord Indra spoke the following to Krsna before offering abhisek:

“This is the message conveyed by Brahma and the cows that wander about in the heavenly realms residing in the planet known as Dyuloka: “We are very pleased by your transcendental pastimes of protecting the cows. The compassion you have exhibited by rescuing the cows certainly deserves praise. We cows, bulls, and calves are very pleased and satisfied. Cows fulfill all the desires of human beings. Farmers utilize the service of bulls by engaging them in pulling carts and tilling the land. The demigods are pleased when they are offered milk and ghee through the sacrificial fire. Laksmi is pleased when we supply an abundance of cow dung. My Lord, You are immensely powerful. You are to be considered our spiritual master because you have delivered us from a great danger. Therefore, from today onwards, may you be known as Govinda, one who gives pleasure to the cows.”

(Harivamsa Purana Vishnu Parva Chapter 19, 40-43)

“Thou shalt not kill” does not apply to murder of one’s own kind only, but to all living beings; and this Commandment was inscribed in the human breast long before in was proclaimed from Sinai.

(Leo Tolstoy)

Care for Cows Website
A New Look

The current Care for Cows Website is not up-to-date with cows and bulls who are being sponsored or who is unsponsored. With your assistance we have been working through and updating all our files, in readiness for launching HG Kurma Rupa prabhu’s new look website being created by Tina Pangre.

We request that if you haven’t already contacted me regarding your details and the name of the cow or bull you are sponsoring along with the method you are using to sponsor them ei: annual cash deposits when you visit, Paypal or bank deposits, or if you are not currently sponsoring but would like to sponsor one of our affectionate and kind cows or bulls please write to me, Rasamandala dd rasamandaladd@gmail.com and I will send you names and history of those unsponsored.

Thankyou for your patience as mine runs thin sometimes due to constant power outages, internet crashes, power surges which burn out my power cables etc., etc.. Fortunately I can run to the cows, their big hugs (very therapeutic) calm me down.

The Supreme Personality of Godhead said:

“Fearlessness; purification of one’s existence; cultivation of spiritual knowledge; charity; self-control; performance of sacrifice; study of the Vedas; austerity; simplicity; nonviolence; truthfulness; freedom from anger; renunciation; tranquility; aversion to faultfinding; compassion for all living entities; freedom from covetousness; gentleness; modesty; steady determination; vigor; forgiveness; fortitude; cleanliness; and freedom from envy and from the passion for honor – these transcendental qualities, O son of Bharata, belong to godly men endowed with divine nature.”

(Bhagavad-gita 16.1-3)

Blessings from all the cows and bulls at Care for Cows.

We thank you great souls who have donated for our ongoing welfare. May all good fortune be bestowed upon you.
The cows send their heartfelt thanks to those who assisted during 2015

May cows stay in front of me; may cows stay behind me; may cows stay on both sides of me. May I always reside in the midst of cows.

—Hari Bhakti Vilas 16.252