The Story of Manjari

Forty-eight Oxen Saved!

September 2012
Dear Friends,

Ahimsa Poem

You’ve nothing against eating meat, you say,  
As though meat were some innocent fare,  
Like a crunchy red apple, a cabbage or bean,  
A succulent peach or a pear.

But meat’s nothing at all like a cabbage or bean  
Or a fruit that you pluck from a tree  
This ‘meat’ as you call it, has feelings like you.  
This ‘meat’, as you call it, is me!

It’s true my appearance is different from yours  
And I don’t speak the language you do,  
But inside I’m the same, I feel fear and pain  
In exactly the same way as you.

You say that some animals kill for their food,  
But they don’t know how else to survive,  
You’ve a wealth of nutritious, delicious cuisine.  
You don’t need to eat beings to thrive.

Just think how you’d like it if you were the one  
Who had been designated to die,  
Simply ’cos somebody fancied the taste of your  
Rump or your leg or your thigh.

You’d probably scream ’It’s unfair and unjust!’  
And you’d make an incredible fuss,  
So why can’t you see, it’s as clear as can be,  
That’s it’s just as unfair to kill us.

~ Jenny Moxham

The CFC Staff

Care for Cows is a Charitable Trust registered in India, USA, and Switzerland.
On two different occasions within a two-week period Satish Kumar and his dedicated men of **Gau Raksha Dal Punjab** intercepted two trucks headed for a slaughterhouse in Agra and safely located the oxen they carried in *goshallas* in the Vraja Mandala area.

The first truck carried twenty-eight healthy Kangrej oxen and the second one carried twenty full-size and healthy desi oxen.

The two trucks and crew-members were turned over to the Mathura and Chatta police stations where they were booked for illegal transportation of kine.

Satish Ji has successfully put an end to illegal transportation of cows in Punjab and is now training others how to stop it in other states. He has found much support in the Vrindavana area.
and is organizing to expand his activities along the Delhi-Agra highway where reportedly many trucks illegally carry kine to illegal slaughterhouses in Agra and the surrounding area.

The captured trucks were new ten and twelve-wheelers and were identified as carrying livestock as they displayed certain movements not characteristic of vehicles carrying stationary goods.

The oxen were packed in tightly and each was restrained by a nose harness. Though it is not accurately known, it is suspected that the oxen had to endure this tortuous treatment for more than thirty hours.

One of the trucks had two men riding in the compartment with the oxen and among their possessions was found syringes and tranquilizing drugs to keep the oxen sedated during travel.

An extensive network is forming of men who are trained to identify vehicles carrying livestock. When one is spotted,
they call ahead to others who prepare a police roadblock to intercept the illegal transporters.

On one of the operations in Chatta, just twenty kilometers from Vrindavan, the butcher truck penetrated the roadblock and fled but two heroic go-sevaks risked their lives by climbing on top while two others sped ahead on a motorcycle to prepare another roadblock. A few kilometers ahead the motorcycle team convinced another truck driver to block the highway with his vehicle.

The two butchers riding among the oxen drew their knives and attempted to stab the go-sevaks who were riding on the canvas covering above the oxen while the driver swerved and swayed the truck at ninety kilometers-per-hour in the attempt to throw the go-sevaks off. Several members of Gau Raksha Dal followed behind in their vehicles along with the police.

When confronted with the second impenetrable roadblock the butchers abruptly stopped and fled on foot into the fields of buckwheat bordering the highway.

After a heated chase through muddy fields, the butchers were apprehended and turned over to the police who transported them and the truck back to Chatta.

Satish ji then called his Vrindavan contacts and arranged for the safe delivery of the oxen to a goshalla near Chatta. The
go-sevaks cheered as each handsome ox was unloaded and escorted to the goshalla where fresh food and water awaited them. It appears that only one of the oxen was injured while being transported.

Above: Satish ji calls out,”Who will stop cow-slaughter?” and the crowd responds, “We will! We will!”

At the Chatta Police Station where the butchers are being held.
The first operation began at 2:00 p.m. and the rescued oxen were not unloaded safely until 10:00 p.m. Despite the fact that the butchers took special care to conceal the oxen in their new truck still the expert members of Gau Raksha Dal were able to detect that the truck was illegally transporting livestock.
Assisted by the Mathura Police the suspected truck was stopped and an inspection from on top of the compartment revealed the truck carried twenty-eight magnificent Kangrej oxen.

The dedicated work of the Gau Raksha Dal Punjab has the potential to restore Bharat to its former glory. All go-bhaktas must do their best to support them in all ways possible.
Manjari was abandoned at six-months of age in Caitanya Vihar, Vrindavan. One day as Nanda Kisor dasa was returning to his apartment carrying fruits and vegetables just purchased in the market, he encountered Manjari who was suffering from an ear injury and starving in the street. She could smell the eatables he carried and approached him with hunger in her eyes. Nanda Kisor stopped and took a long look at her... especially her maggot-infested ear and then melted. He understood this calf needed the food much more than he and his wife so he began feeding her and felt great happiness watching her devour all he offered her. In short order he was left only with empty shopping bags and decided to arrange for Manjari to be looked after at Care for Cows.
Her ear was cleansed, she was treated for parasites and thoroughly bathed. As she now got enough to eat and was treated with affection and respect she recovered her morale and self-esteem and within a few months blended in very well with other members of the herd.

She gradually gained weight and became very healthy and happy. These photos not only
show a dramatic change in her physical condition but also a substantial transformation in her mental attitude -- from being depressed and dejected to being positive and confident.

Today Manjari is among the twenty-four milking cows at our Kiki Nagla facility next to the Sandipani Muni School. Village girls usually inherit the responsibility to look after their younger siblings while both parents go off to work and thus they do not get the privilege of going to school. The Sandipani Muni School has a nursery where infants can be kept while their older sisters learn reading, writing and arithmetic. Manjari’s milk today nourishes those infants.

We not succeed in providing care and shelter to all the abandoned cows in the Vraja area, but we have made a difference in the life of Manjari.
October 31, 2010
August 11, 2009 Manjari gives birth to Anugita

Anugita
Above is Manjari reunited with Nanda Kisor on Gopastami 2011 six years after he met her starving in the street. Below is Manjari’s second calf who was born this month and is dedicated to making her mother famous for having beautiful calves.
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A Vrajabasi shop-keeper called one of our volunteers to report a hit and run victim. A year-old bull was struck broadside and the impact left him almost paralysed. The bull calf laid in
front of the shop for almost three days unable to get up. The shop-keeper arranged to send him to us and the calf arrived dehydrated and almost lifeless. Luckily there were no broken bones and with a lot of encouragement he has made an astounding come-back.

Since he is the first to be admitted during Purusottama Mas, he has been sponsored by Devaki Kumar who named him Purusottam.°
Cyanide in biotech grass blamed for mass cattle death

Hippies and whole food advocates may be experiencing a moment of vindication because experts are blaming a mass cattle death on genetically modified grass. The herd began bellowing, convulsing and dropping dead en masse about three weeks ago at a ranch in Texas, and a preliminary report said the genetically modified form of Bermuda grass called Tifton 85 had suddenly begun producing cyanide gas that poisoned the cattle. U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists are dissecting the samples to determine if the grass could have unexpectedly mutated -- even though it’s been growing in that field for 15 years. Nearby farmers have tested their grass and found it’s also toxic with cyanide, which makes us want to stay away from both beef and Texas for the time being.

GM grass linked to Texas cattle deaths

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A cattle ranch in Elgin, Texas., where 15 head succumbed to death by cyanide poisoning after eating genetically-modified grass. (KEYE)
when he got down here, virtually all of the steers and heifers were on the ground. Some were already dead, and the others were already in convulsions.”

Within hours, 15 of the 18 cattle were dead.

“That was very traumatic to see, because there was nothing you could do, obviously, they were dying,” said Abel.

Preliminary tests revealed the Tifton 85 grass, which has been here for years, had suddenly started producing cyanide gas, poisoning the cattle.

“Coming off the drought that we had the last two years ... we’re concerned it was a combination of events that led us to this,” Dr. Gary Warner, an Elgin veterinarian and cattle specialist who conducted the 15 necropsies, told Kelly.

What is more worrisome: Other farmers have tested their Tifton 85 grass, and several in Bastrop County have found their fields are also toxic with cyanide. However, no other cattle have died.

Scientists at the U.S. Department of Agriculture are dissecting the grass to determine if there might have been some strange, unexpected mutation.

Until it can be determined why this grass suddenly began producing cyanide, Abel is keep his livestock far away.
Thank You From the Cows

The cows send their heart-felt thanks to those who assisted during August 2012

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