

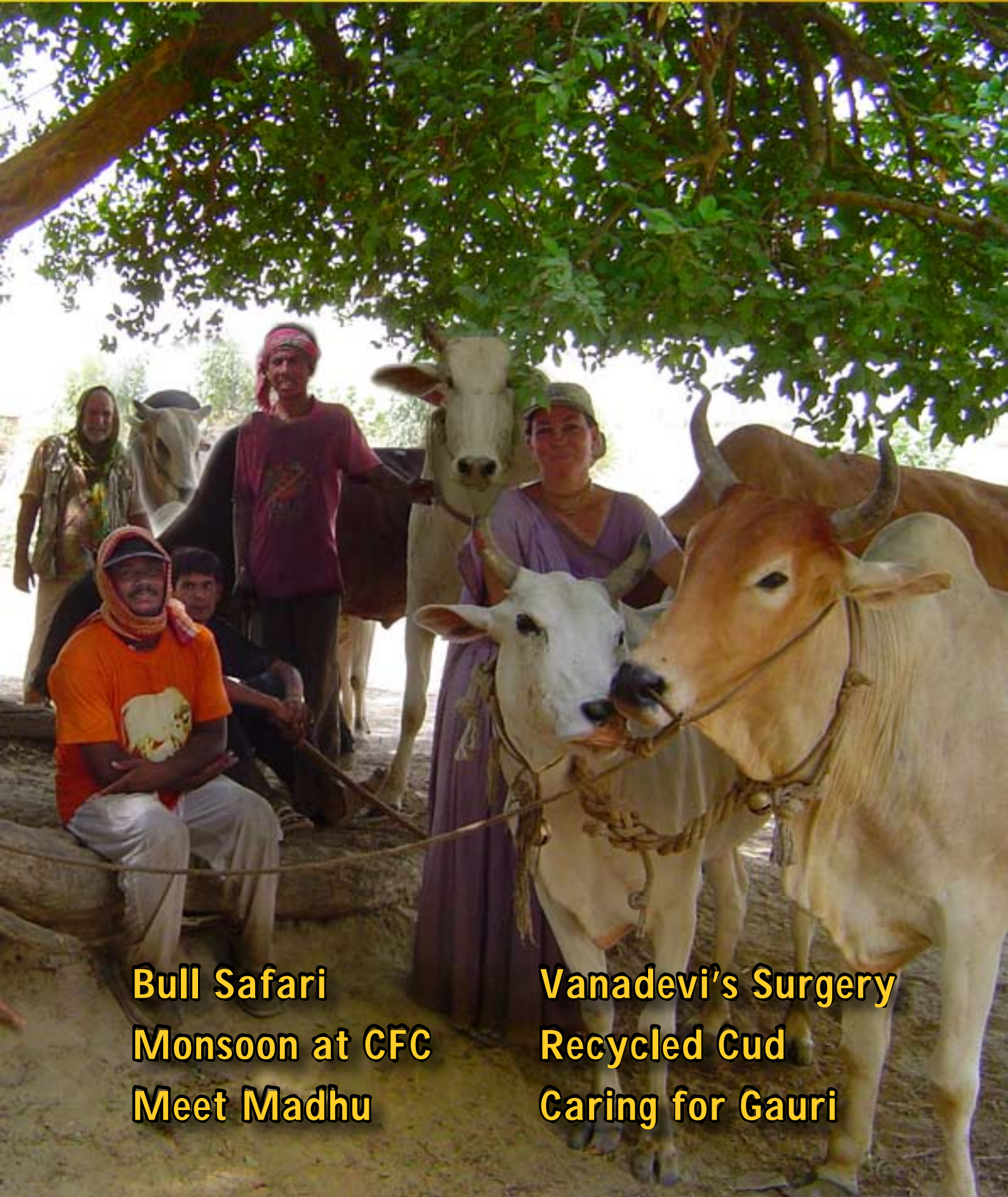
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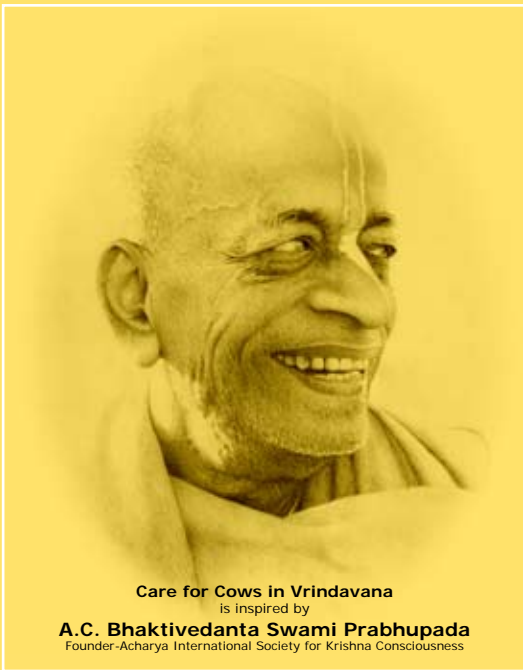
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Jaya Sri Guru!  
Jaya Sri Gopala!  
Jaya Sri Go Mata!

## *Dear Friends,*

This month was eventful despite being the hottest one of the year. We had a rewarding ten-day visit from Wenda Shehata, the well-known *go sevak* from UK. We thank her for her advice and generosity. With great happiness we announce that for the first time all of the 174 residents posted on our web site are sponsored! Our special thanks go to Suresh Vagjiani of Sow & Reap, U.K. who holds the record of sponsoring forty-eight! The closest runner-up, who wishes to remain anonymous, sponsors twenty.

For those of you who want to be connected to Go Seva in Vrindavan, this may be unwelcome news. But don't fret. We still have forty more residents in Belvan who will soon be featured on the web site for you to browse through and find the one who suits you best.

In this issue we direct your attention to some of our wonderful bulls and oxen, to more interesting and informative medical reports and to the eight new residents admitted this month.

We hope this finds you experiencing the happiness and inner satisfaction that accompanies Go Seva.

We remain, your servants in caring for Sri Gopal's abandoned Cows in Vrindavan,

*The CFC Staff*

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GUNJAMALA







# Meet Madhu

One of the founding members of Care for Cows



Since joining us Madhu has displayed a gentle and protective nature

One cold winter morning in 2001 Mahananda devi dasi from Italy frantically knocked on my door to alert me that a young bull had been injured on the street and was walking unsteadily on three legs. We went to fetch him but he was not to be found. After an hour we gave up.

The next morning I sighted him shivering behind one of those portable wooden shops that sell tea and biscuits on the side of the street. As I approached he fearfully

retreated expecting more battering for unknown reasons. I gently coaxed him and within a half-an-hour we reached our crude facility. He was frail, trembling, hungry, full of ticks and had a nasty gash on the inside of his rear right leg.

We cleaned him up, Dr. Lavania dressed his leg and Mahananda fashioned an old blanket into a winter coat and Madhu was on his way to recovery.

He remained slim and a bit wobbly for two years

and then started to get stronger. He was always gentle and obedient and was easy to train. We all noticed he had a lazy streak in him but he was cooperative.

Now he is six years old and weighs about 600 kg's and is still growing. He has joined Padma Lochana, Bharata and Rama in pulling the two Sandipani Muni School buses carrying about 75 students to school and back daily. The children often bring old chapatis for the bulls and sing songs

Madhu in training with Chandrasekara ...

trailing behind the school bus...

and reciprocating with his sponsor





Madhu in training with Mohan (foreground), Bhima and Bura



with Padma  
Lochana, our  
seniormost  
working bull and  
leader of the herd



Padma Lochana and Madhu taking the children from Sundrakh to the Sandipani Muni School

along the three-kilometer journey to school.

Rupa Raghunath dasa of Vrindavan Food for Life and the founder of the Sandipani Mini School says he looks forward to

the day that he can have fleets of bull-driven school buses meandering all over the streets of Vrindavan. We have begun a training program in Belvan to prepare our more than

eighty handsome bulls for draft and ploughing. You can help with this project by offering one or more of our bulls a scholarship so they can receive training. Bulls are the basis!











Padma Lochana



Bharata



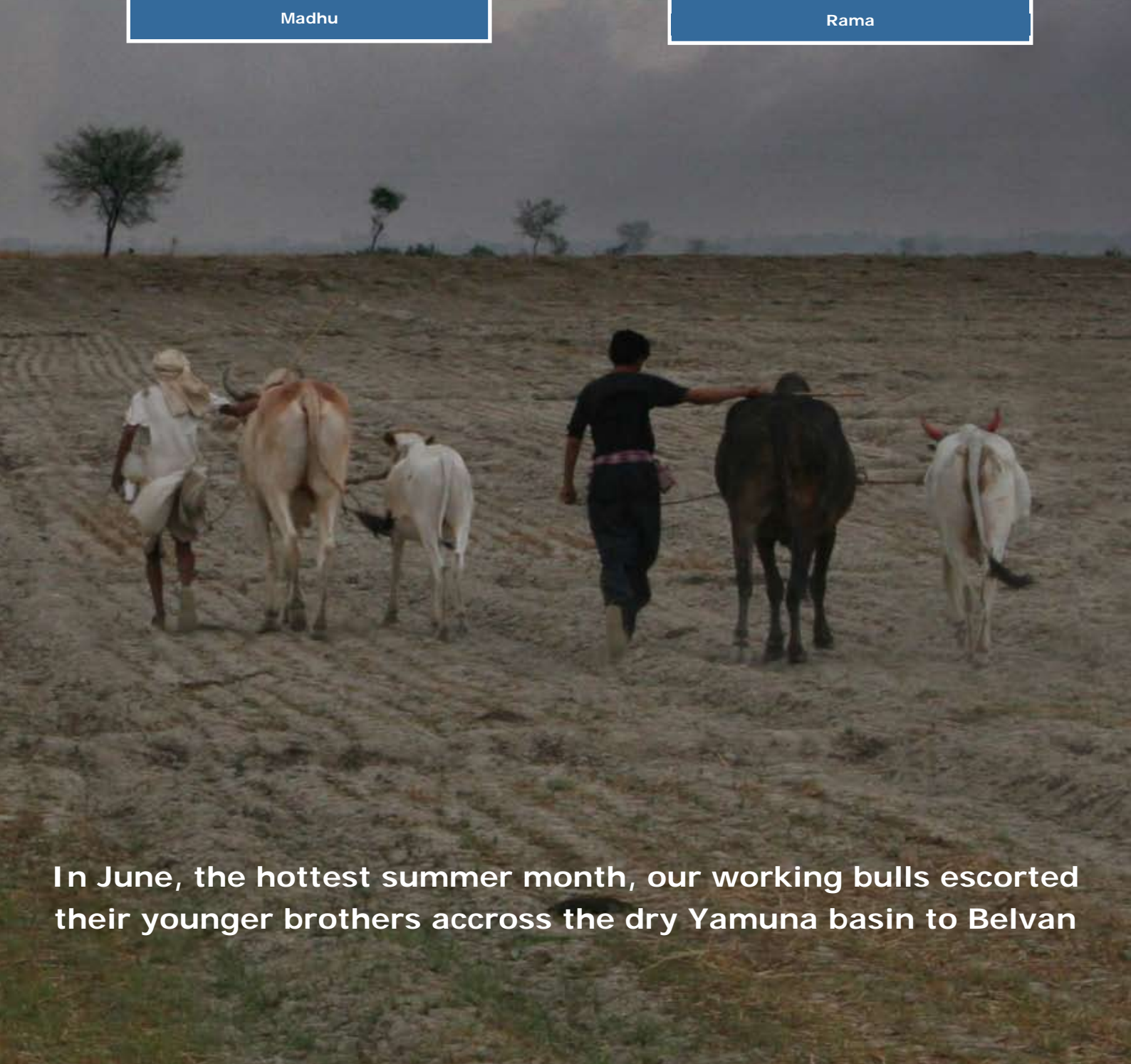
# Bull Safari



Madhu



Rama



**In June, the hottest summer month, our working bulls escorted their younger brothers accross the dry Yamuna basin to Belvan**



The bulls rest before descending into the lower basin



ABOVE: The cowherd men cheer as they guide the bulls into the lower Yamuna basin

We have moved more than thirty of our bulls to Belvan by truck and have found it troublesome and at times dangerous. We decided to use our trained bulls to escort the younger ones across the Yamuna

basin which lies barren all summer. This has proved to be a safer and more pleasing method and we plan to continue until the farmers' again seed the fields.

The untrained bulls are

reluctant to leave the CFC compound and venture into the unknown, but when tied to their elder brothers who navigate the busy and hectic Vrindavan streets daily, they gain confidence and after the initial



BELOW: The gopas drive the bulls along the high sandy bank of the Yamuna viewing Belvan in the distance.





nervousness they become cooperative.

In contrast to the blaring loud speakers that rudely disrupt one's every thought in the streets of Vrindavan, all that can be heard in the vacant Yamuna basin are melodious calls of peacocks, saurus cranes and the breeze whistling through the tall bunches of grass the villagers harvest and fashion into thatched roofs for their dwellings.

At times the sand is so hot that even the bulls must hurry from patch to patch of grass to prevent the tender tissue between their cloven hooves from being scorched.

The lower basin ends with high sandy





cliffs descending into the cool, slow flowing water.

We have crossed the river with three groups of bulls and the water has not been more than chest deep though now that the monsoon has come, the water can rise tremendously at any time.

Despite the sad fact that the Yamuna River is substantially polluted by industrial



Our handsome Kishor



waste from Delhi, those who bathe in it can testify that even taking a brief dip relieves one of all fatigue and anxiety.

The bulls raise their tails as they enter the water and sip it repeatedly as they

cross. The three-kilometer journey takes about an hour and the many graceful trees surrounding the Lakmsi Devi Temple next to the *goshalla* offer cooling shade as a reward. While sitting under

these wonderful trees and watching the bulls ruminating with half-closed eyes, we silently wish we can spend the rest of our days tending to Sri Gopal's wonderful cows and bulls in Vrindavan.





Left:  
Madhu, gentle,  
affectionate,  
innocent and well-  
manered.



Right:  
Rama, unassertive,  
massive but timid  
as a mouse.



Padma Lochana — heroic, proud, assertive, powerful, dutiful, fearless  
and domineering.



Bharata — strong, obedient, hard working, and aloof



Cowherd girls Wenda Shehata (visiting from UK) and Syam Gauri delight in bathing Madhu in the refreshing waters of Sri Yamuna



















# Thank You From the Cows



The cows send their heartfelt thanks to those who assisted during June 2007

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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