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# Q&A Dr Mihir Mazagaonkar

## Did you grow up with companion animals?

Yes, my dog Leo was more of a sibling to me growing up and lived till the grand old age of 17 years.

## When and why did you decide to become a vet?

My first visit to a vet's office was for Leo's vaccination, (I was possibly in 2nd class in school), and it was then and there I decided that I was going to be a vet. On the way back my dad got me a doctor's play set and I remember play-vaccinating my dog the entire week after that. After that how could I become anything else?

## When did you come to DAS?

I had taken a year off to travel and explore the country and came across DAS on Google Maps, and decided to shoot an email to Christine asking if I could volunteer, (free food and stay, which solo traveller doesn't want that?!), for 3=three weeks initially. Christine soon offered me a job and six years later here I am totally in love with DAS, Darjeeling and its people.

## What do you like best about your work there?

Providing much-needed veterinary care in the rural reaches of the lower Himalayas of Darjeeling hills. I am very proud of the fact that we as vets and as an animal shelter are able to provide the best veterinary health protocols/ gold standard pain and surgery protocols to all our patients. Just because a dog does not have an owner or because the owner is underprivileged we do not have to turn them down, we still can afford to provide care for them.

## What worries you about the future?

Assured funding to sustain our specialized ABC/ARV and IBCM programs. Our work has reached a watershed moment and to stop it now would be like leaving a full marathon unfinished in the last 10km point.

## What do you see as the major achievements of DAS?

Our Animal Birth Control Program reaches the farthest corners of the difficult mountain terrain. Our Mass Anti Rabies vaccination program has treated nearly 2500-3000 dogs every year for the last 3 years and our remarkable Integrated Bite Case Management Program (IBCM) with its Rabies hot line number raises awareness and provides vital intervention to all exposed humans and animals. We aim to declare Darjeeling Municipality a Rabies Controlled Area in the next three years.

## Describe the Community Support?

Our programs work in collaboration with the local Municipality and the Veterinary Department. Our educators reach primary schools giving seminars on co-existence with stray dogs to our future generation which is the only way to ensure decreasing the pain of stray animals in the future.

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Dr Mihir Mazagaonkar





This horse was suffering with Tetanus when Christine and Jeannette met him and his owner. Christine was handed a donation and immediately bought an expensive vaccination that saved his life.

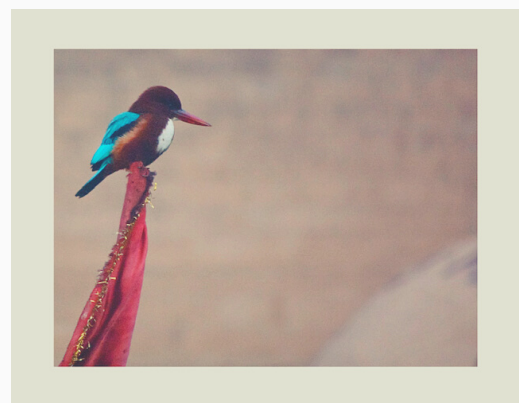
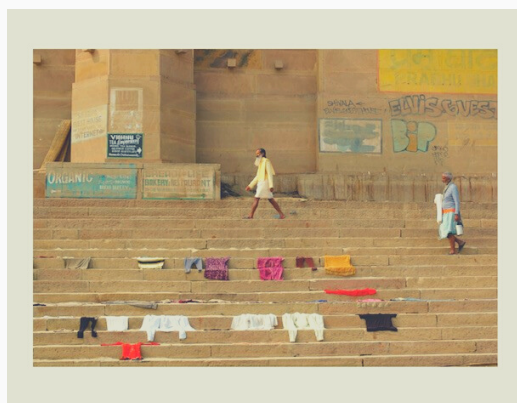
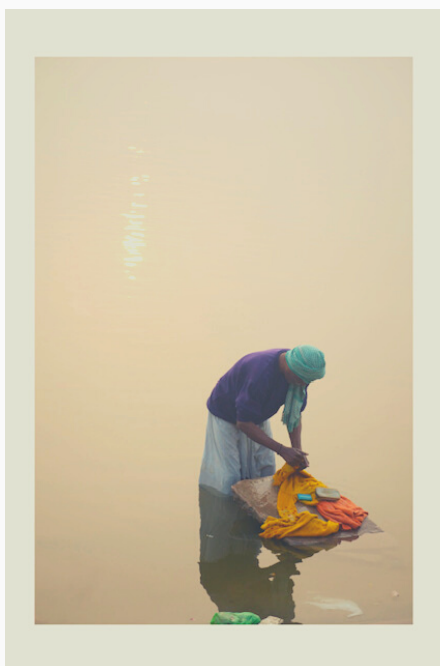
## WFA Exhibition | India's art and animals

The Working For Animals Committee is excited to be staging this event as it will both inform Australians and support our work in India. Our staff and the clinics at the animal shelters (Darjeeling Animal Shelter and Kalimpong Animal Shelter) and our remote village camps, are so successfully utilized and appreciated by the community, that we require funding for the additional vet and staff, and we are looking to set the shelters up long term into the future. The artworks in the exhibition will be drawn from curator Ace Bourke's Indian tribal art collection of artworks (Madhubani, Warli, Khovar, Jangargh Singh Shyam, etc), paintings by WFA founder Christine Townend, and photographs of India by our President Jeannette Lloyd Jones. All fell under the spell of India! It seems very appropriate that money raised by the artworks, all India -themed, will go back to supporting Indian animals and communities.





Christine Townend has long painted and exhibited, in addition to writing and poetry. With her extraordinary track record in both Australia and India in support of animals, and her dedication and love of them, it is no surprise that they are her inspiration. She went to India in 1974 and quite simply “fell in love with it”. Subjects include elephants and camels. Jeannette Lloyd Jones is a well-respected and exhibited photographer who is a regular visitor to India. She was amazed at the relationship between the people and their animals which she had never seen anywhere else. She visited Christine Townend at the Help in Suffering animal shelter in Jaipur where Christine worked for many years and her admiration for the work at the shelter began her involvement in Working For Animals. Her photographs have been exhibited in Australia with proceeds going back to India and the animal shelters.



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More images by Jeannette Lloyd Jones...  
Christine with the Camel Ambulance.  
Ace and Jeanette at Bassi Camel Shelter...  
A dog at Help in Suffering, Jaipur...  
A camel feeding...

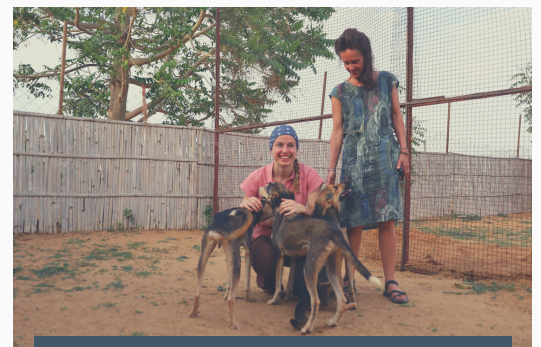
## THE BEHAVIOUR AND WELL-BEING OF STREET DOGS IN INDIA

BY JEANNETTE LLOYD JONES

A team of animal behaviour researchers in the Centre for Compassionate Conservation at the University of Technology Sydney (pictured) are part of an international project focusing on Indian street dogs and rabies transmission. The researchers are collaborating with animal shelters in Darjeeling and Jaipur, and the team includes several Indian-based researchers.

The research aims to build understanding of street dog ecologies and human-dog interactions and in particular to measure a range of potential welfare indicators in the dogs. The multi-disciplinary research project combines human geography, history, behavioural ecology and social psychology to study people-dog interactions, dog ecology and rabies prevention efforts.

The researchers seek to better understand the evolving and varied aspects of people-street dog relationships in urban, peri-urban and rural India. Ultimately the project seeks to inform new ways of addressing human-dog conflict and rabies transmission. The project is funded by the Wellcome Trust, a global foundation to improve health and save lives globally. For more information about the project and the people on the team and to make contact, visit: [www.rohindies.org](http://www.rohindies.org).



Nynke Kooistra, PhD Researcher, and  
Dr Rosalie Chapple Snr Research Fellow

A huge thank you to the Dogs Trust and Help in Suffering who provide vital support for this important research.

# SIKKIM / TEESTA FLOOD RESCUE

The Lhonak Lake burst its banks on October 4 sending a torrent of devastation down the Teesta river. As rescuers flocked to help the human survivors our teams at the Kalimpong and Darjeeling Animal Shelters went in to rescue the animals trapped and starving as the flood waters receded.

See more at: [www.facebook.com/ kalimpongdarjeelinggoodwillanimalshelter](https://www.facebook.com/kalimpongdarjeelinggoodwillanimalshelter)

This sow and her piglet were clinging to life when they reached them. Many dogs had been swept away and isolated. Shelter workers carried in food and medical supplies to save them.

On October 13, the Kalimpong Animal Shelter team visited Bangey and Najok. Travelling to Bangey was an arduous journey as the route was diverted until repair work of the old route could be completed. The Shelter team was held up in Bangey after journeying for about five hours.

Since the flood destroyed houses completely, others still underwater, the evacuees were settled in a relief camp at Najok, which has a few community dogs living there . One could see the cordial relationship between the community and dogs at Najok. People really love them and an outreach program for these dogs is exactly what they needed.

Immediately, the Shelter team treated two dogs that had minor injuries and vaccinated all fourteen dogs against rabies and handed out the vaccination certificate to the community.

The prime concern was to help more animals affected and provide them relief and rehabilitation while ensuring their safety and well-being for peace and harmony in the community.

Furthermore, the Shelter team was on the look-out for the many other diseases these floods can bring to large animals and rendered treatments when each case was identified and diagnosed.

With support from Help Animals India the Shelter's outreach programs in the flood affected areas so far have been successful... ..and there is still much to do...

(Thanks to Yogita Chettri)



## Kalimpong Animal Shelter

The Kalimpong team sterilised 23 dogs and three cats at a village camp during World Rabies Day. They sterilised another 94 dogs and 25 cats last month. Another 100 dogs were vaccinated against rabies and there were 288 clinical cases just in September.



## Darjeeling Animal Shelter

Dr Mihir led the vaccination drive joined by the new vet, Dr Mohit. The Team vaccinated 1604 dogs from all 32 wards! There were also 37 rescues in September alone and an increase in dog bite cases. Six puppies and two kittens found loving homes.



# Frankenmeat!

Unlike the monster created by the fictional Swiss/ Italian doctor Victor Frankenstein, modern science is growing animal flesh that will never 'live'. The US Food and Drug Administration in June approved the sale of lab-grown chicken meat triggering a race to produce 'cultured' meat at scale. Here are the latest developments:

When will it hit supermarket shelves?

Two Companies, Good Meat and Upside Foods, have approval to sell cultivated chicken in the US. The high cost means it will roll out in exclusive restaurants. They eventually hope to sell it for the same price as high-end organic chicken. Currently they can produce 22,700 kilograms of lab-grown meat a year; the US produces about 22.7 billion kilograms of chicken per year... so there's a long way to go. Greek-led Australian company Vow has applied to market cultured meat here next year.

Vegans

Vegan groups mostly say lab-grown meat is not okay to eat because it uses living tissue from animals to cultivate genetic material. Still, many vegans and animal rights supporters say it's a good alternative as it reduces the suffering of animals caused by factory farming.

Environment

Research from the University of California claims the global-warming impact of lab-grown meat will be up to 25 times higher than the current system. This is branded misinformation by the industry, which claims the assumptions they make are wildly inaccurate and cultured meat will be much better for the environment.

Kosher/Halal

Jewish and Islamic inspectors have already granted religious certification for cell-based meat.

## Where your Donations Go

When giving you want to know that your generosity is going to those that need your help. No Working For Animals volunteers or committee members are paid and WFA has no paid employees. Currently 76% of donations go directly to the two animal shelters in India. We really need more donations to increase the percentage to India as our overheads will not increase. Australians donate \$13.1b to charities each year. With cost of living pressures biting, we invite you to give safe in the knowledge that WFA will use your donation to transform lives for animals and humans alike.

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