



CHHAYA ANIMAL HOSPITAL & SHELTER

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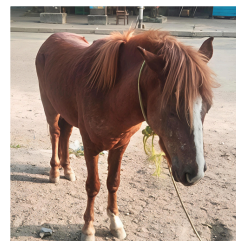
At Chhaya, the largest and often most invisible victims of human neglect are not the smallest animals—but the ones who carry our loads, plough our fields, pull our carts and feed our cities. Calves, cows, bulls and horses are routinely abandoned, abused or discarded once they are injured, old or no longer “useful.”

This season, Chhaya stood witness to some of the most painful—and most powerful – stories of survival among them.

WHEN SURVIVAL MEANT STAYING TOGETHER

A family of horses was rescued from an abusive owner in Salt Lake area, where they were living in severe neglect. The mother horse had been run over, crushing her sacroiliac (SI) joint and pelvic bone, leaving her in intense pain and with limited mobility.

Despite her injuries, she stayed close to her family, enduring the trauma silently. The rescue was urgent and required careful handling to prevent further harm. She is now under constant veterinary care, receiving pain management, rest and supportive treatment.



This rescue sheds light on the silent suffering of working animals in urban spaces. While recovery will take time, this family is now safe, protected and finally receiving the care they deserve.

THE BARUIPUR CALF – A LIFE INTERRUPTED BY SPEED



A speeding vehicle struck a young calf in Baruipur, fracturing his legs and leaving him helpless on the roadside. Rescued in time, radiographs confirmed multiple fractures, and immediate splint-supported plastering was done.

He remains under constant veterinary care. His story is a sobering reminder that recklessness on the road claims innocent lives every single day.



SHIVA – BRUTALITY WITHOUT REASON



Shiva was rescued from Dumurjala Stadium in Howrah after locals attempted to hammer a nail into his head and set him on fire. By the time he reached Chhaya, he was traumatized, injured and barely holding on.

His recovery demanded extraordinary care, but it also demanded something harder—faith that kindness could still reach him. Shiva survived. And his survival stands as a stark reminder that violence against animals is not accidental—it is intentional and it must be confronted.

KARIMPUR HORSE – A LIFE NEARLY LOST TO BRUTALITY



At Karimpur Bazar in Nadia, cruelty took an almost unimaginable form. Firecrackers were allegedly thrown at a horse, ripping through his front leg. The wound was left untreated for days, turning into an open, maggot-infested nightmare where bone lay exposed. Rescued in a critical state, he arrived exhausted, defeated, and in unbearable pain. Yet even then, there was a faint spark in his eyes—an awareness that he had finally been brought somewhere safe. His treatment is ongoing and his condition remains serious, but his fight continues.

CANINE TREATMENT, SURGERY & RECOVERY AT CHHAYA

Dogs are often the first victims of urban neglect and violence—injured on busy roads, abandoned when ill or left to suffer silently when medical care becomes “inconvenient.”

At Chhaya, every canine patient is treated not just as a case, but as a life that matters. This season, our veterinary team handled some of the most complex and heartbreaking dog rescue cases—many of which demanded urgent intervention, prolonged treatment and unwavering commitment.

TUMOURS, TRAUMA & THE WILL TO LIVE

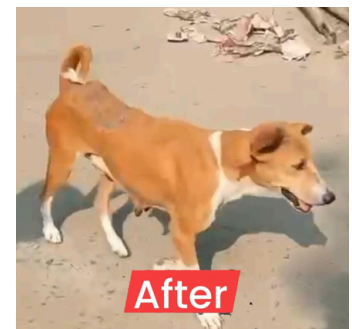
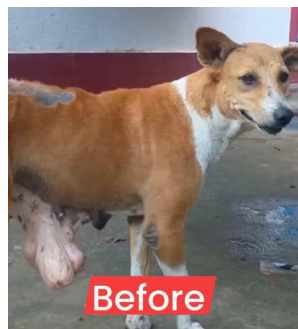
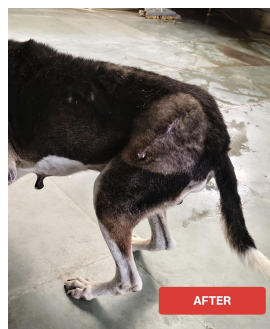
Several canine patients were admitted with large, advanced tumours, their bodies bearing months–sometimes years–of silent suffering.

One such dog arrived with multiple tumours covering his body, his eyes reflecting exhaustion and quiet pain.

Following careful assessment, surgical removal using electro-cautery was successfully performed. With each passing day, his recovery reminded us that timely medical care can completely transform a life once written off.



Cases like this are not rare. Every year, Chhaya treats hundreds of dogs suffering from tumours and neglected medical conditions. The before-and-after images below capture just a few of the many lives restored through timely surgery and compassionate care.



EMERGENCY OPHTHALMIC CARE

Trauma-induced proptosis is an increasingly common emergency following road accidents and blunt force injuries. Dogs admitted with severe ocular trauma and uncontrolled bleeding require immediate surgical intervention.

Through timely enucleation and intensive post-operative care, many such patients recover fully and are released pain-free.





BEYOND SURGERY – EVERYDAY CARE THAT SAVES LIVES

Not every canine patient at Chhaya arrives with a visible wound or a condition that requires surgery. Many come suffering from severe infections, maggot-infested wounds, fractures, reproductive health issues, malnutrition and trauma caused by prolonged neglect. These cases demand intensive nursing, regular wound management, pain relief, nutritional support and constant monitoring.

From treating dogs with severe infestations and internal infections to managing accident-related injuries and post-surgical recovery, Chhaya's veterinary team works round the clock to ensure comfort and healing. Quiet recoveries like these rarely make headlines—but they form the backbone of canine care, restoring health, trust and stability to countless lives every year.

BEYOND TREATMENT – A COMMITMENT TO PREVENTION

Recognizing that treatment alone cannot end suffering, Chhaya continues its Animal Birth Control (ABC) programme, sterilizing over 200 dogs in collaboration with the ARD Department.

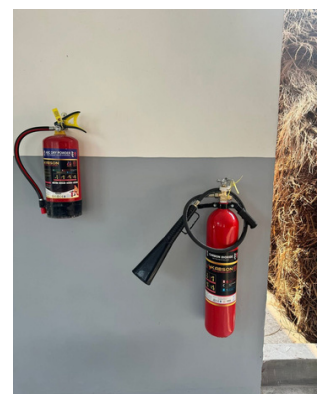
Preventive care is essential to reducing street dog suffering, controlling disease, and minimizing conflict.



INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

FIRE SAFETY AT CHHAYA

With over 600 animals in our care and large hay storage on-site, fire safety is essential. The donation of fire extinguishers by an anonymous supporter has strengthened our emergency preparedness and helped protect lives during high-risk periods. Our sincere thanks for this vital support.





NEW AC FOR THE OPERATION THEATRE

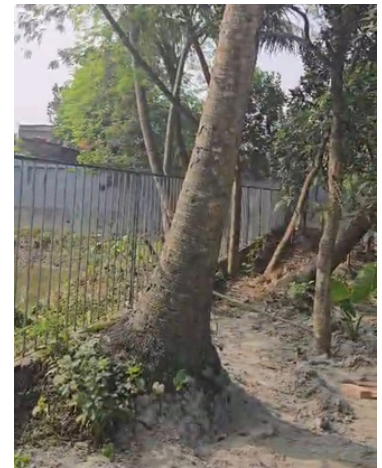
We thank TiCi for donating two air conditioners for Chhaya's Operation Theatre. Controlled temperatures during surgery are critical for patient safety and recovery and this support directly enhances the quality of care we provide.



RENOVATION AND SAFETY UPGRADES AT CHHAYA

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Damayanti Sen for her generous support in renovating Chhaya's aviary and strengthening the fencing along the Gaushala wall.

These improvements play a crucial role in ensuring a safer, more secure environment for our birds and large animals—protecting them from external threats while allowing them the space and calm they need to heal and thrive. Support like this goes beyond infrastructure; it reflects a deep commitment to animal welfare and long-term care.





OPERATION THEATRE UPGRADATION THROUGH CSR SUPPORT

Technical advancements are vital for improving outcomes in critical veterinary care. We sincerely thank Infosys for supporting the upgradation of Chhaya's Operation Theatre through the generous donation of two Diathermy units and one Vessel Sealer. This advanced equipment enhances surgical precision, safety, enabling our veterinary team to deliver timely and life-saving treatment. We are deeply grateful to the Infosys Kolkata team for standing with Chhaya and our mission.



OUR NUMBERS (OCT'25 - DEC'25)

582

ABC SURGERIES

999

OPD TREATMENTS

1778

DOGS ADMITTED

55

DOGS

122

COWS

757

GOATS

65

CATS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – COMPASSION IN ACTION

Welcomed **Swastika Mukherjee** along with **Damayanti Sen**, who spent time with our animals, reinforcing the message that compassion heals both humans and animals.



Welcomed senior citizens from **Jain Jagruti Centre 100** as part of their Jeevdaya programme. Their blessings, concern and generous support deeply encouraged both our team and our animals.





Hosted students and teachers from **Modern High School International**, who chose to observe Children's Day through empathy-raising funds, spending time with rescued animals and learning the value of kindness.



We extend our heartfelt thanks to **Bihaan** for donating shampoo and winter clothing, helping our rescued animals stay clean, healthy and warm through the colder months. Such thoughtful support makes a real and lasting difference.



We were also happy to welcome visitors from **mPokket**, who spent time at Chhaya interacting with our residents and learning about the importance of compassion, care, and responsible coexistence.



Celebrated a heartfelt birthday at Chhaya with long-time supporter **Ashmita Tribedi**, who shared treats and joyful moments with our four-legged residents, calling it her "best birthday ever."



FEW GLIMPSES OF THE EVENTS

