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WILDLIFE RESCUE
& CONSERVATION
CENTRE



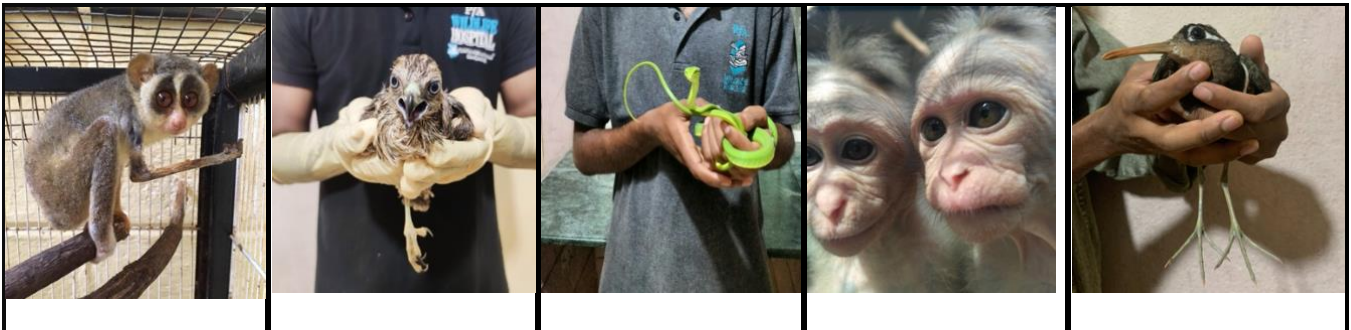
PEOPLE FOR ANIMALS™
BANGALORE

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Organisation Details

Name of the Organization	PfA Wildlife Rescue & Conservation, Bangalore		
Type of registration	Trust		
Registration No. with date	183/98-99 DT: 18.11.1998		
Registration Certificate No.	80G DIT(E)BLR/80G@/478/AAATP2817Q/IT O(E)- 2/Vol.2010-11	12A TRUST/718/10A/VOLII/ P- 205/99-01/CIT-II DATED 26.08.1999	PAN NO. AAATP2817Q
Registered Address	No. 67, Adjacent to BGS Global Hospital, Uttarahalli-Kengeri Main Road, Kengeri, Bangalore 560060		
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Website address	http://PfA.PfAWildlifeHospital.org		



PfA Bangalore at Glance

People for Animals-Bangalore (PfA), is a non-profit conservation organization working towards the rescue and rehabilitation of urban wildlife. PfA was formed in 1996, by Founder Trustees Alpana Bhartia, Namrata Dugar, Gauri Maini Hira, and Arushi Poddar.

PfA works on promoting harmony between humankind and our natural environment. We recognize that like us, humans, animals too can experience pain and emotions, and as a result, deserve certain basic rights protecting them from adversities caused by humans.

We aim to:

Provide timely, specialized veterinary care to injured urban wild animals, rehabilitate them, and then release them into their natural or adopted habitats. We work towards creating awareness amongst citizens of all ages and backgrounds about urban wildlife and aim to instill an understanding of the need for cohabitation between humans and our natural world. We are actively engaged in community outreach and education about our local environment, and how we can enrich and protect it. Our objective includes developing a practice that employs better wildlife care techniques by engaging specialists and veterinarians from across the world.

The Dire Need for Urban Wildlife Hospitals

According to a 2011 census, Bangalore had seen a human population growth of 53%, as compared to 2001. This has grown even further in the last 9 years. Every year, the population grows by 0.496 million. This population explosion has increased the unplanned urbanization, which has adversely affected the city's lakes, parks, and partial forests. This has caused significant ecological imbalance and led to an increase in displaced, injured and orphaned animals. While the Wildlife Acts are designed to protect the nation's wildlife, they cannot protect the wildlife that lives in the cities. This then leaves the citizens of Bangalore city to responsibly and actively engage in helping and saving the wild animals that live around us. This defines the role of PfA Wildlife Rescue & Conservation Centre.

The COVID-19 pandemic put in perspective the value of wildlife and PfA was in the forefront of tackling wildlife rescue, cruelty cases, myths and conducted widespread awareness on the importance of co-existence

PfA's principal concerns are crisis management and the provision of quick, efficient aid to those animals that require it the most.

Our Mission, Vision & Values

Mission:

For PfA Wildlife Rescue & Conservation Centre, Bangalore to be a Centre of Excellence; to be able to provide a new chance at life to each injured or orphaned wild animal, and for every citizen to be sensitive to animal welfare, actively prevent acts of cruelty, and aid animals in distress. To strive for values that promote ecological harmony.

Ultimately, we'd like to be a center of excellence for animal care, focused on urban wildlife and conservation.

Vision:

Bangalore has vast numbers of wildlife that get injured, orphaned, or abandoned because of unplanned urbanization, lack of empathy for and awareness about the wildlife around us, and PfA Wildlife Rescue & Conservation Centre exists for provision of quick, efficient aid to the wild animals that require it the most and to educate and support a dynamic citizenry that prevents environmental degradation and animal cruelty.

Values:

- Promote honesty and integrity in all our work
- Commitment to have dynamic and motivated staff
- Dedication to animal and environmental welfare
- Innovate to provide cost effective solutions to environmental issues

Rescues

The global pandemic did not stop our rescuers from helping those in need. Throughout the year, our team rescued a total of **1509** urban wildlife, with an inclusion of several rarer species. The rescue, treatment, rehabilitation and release came full circle as we ended 2020 with the assurance that we saved many lives and made it possible for them to survive on their own.

AVES - 881

Barn owl	49
Black kite	434
Brahminy kite	17
Little egret	8
Pale billed flowerpecker	3
Red whiskered bulbul	14
Rose ringed parakeet	67
Southern coucal	6
White cheeked barbet	35
Common myna	12
House crow	67
Indian peafowl	15
Purple rumped sunbird	8
Common tailorbird	12
Alexandrine parakeet	6
Booted eagle	1
Jungle crow	48
Inidan pond heron	7
Purple moorhen	1
Shikra	6
Cattle egret	1
Indian pitta	5

Jungle myna	16
Little swift	2
Spot billed pelican	4
Asian koel	4
Mottled wood owl	1
Red vented bulbul	2
Black crowned night heron	4
Black headed ibis	1
Indian scops owl	1
Spotted owlet	4
White throated kingfisher	2
Great tit	1
Oriental white eye	1
Prinia	3
Spotted dove	4
Yellow legged button quail	2
Black winged kite	1
Scaly breasted munia	1
Little cormorant	1
Slaty breasted wood rail	1
White browed wagtail	1
Greater painted snipe	1
Copper smith barbet	1

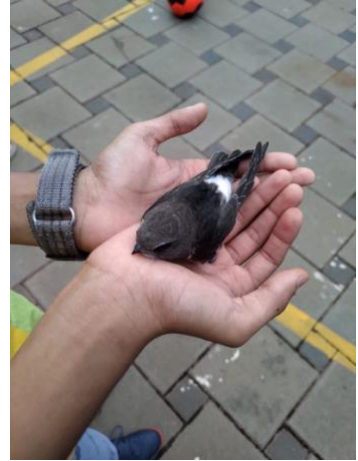
REPTILES - 426

Common wolf snake	5
Indian flap shell turtle	4
Indian pond terrapin	5
Indian rat snake	102
Indian star tortoise	5
Russell's viper	13
Spectacled cobra	256
Checkered keelback	6
Green vine snake	3
Russell's kukri	2
Common trinket snake	11
Red sand boa	3
Common kukri	1
Buff-striped keelback	1
Common bronzeback	4
Common krait	1
Common sand boa	1
Indian rock python	1
Banded kukri	1
Bengal monitor lizard	1

MAMMALS - 202

Bonnet macaque	67
Three striped palm squirrel	113
Asian palm civet	5
Common pipistrelle	2
Grey slender loris	3
Spotted deer	1
Greater short nosed fruit bat	2
Indian flying fox	4
Rhesus macaque	1
Egyptian free tailed bat	1
Black naped hare	3

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Educational Institutions that visited PFA

Students and staff from various institutions across Bangalore visit our centre to familiarise themselves with our work. A brief introduction about PfA and its goals is given at the 'Knowledge Centre' following which they are divided into groups and escorted around the centre under the careful guidance of our staff.

The interactive tour around the 6-acre campus usually lasts about 1-2 hours, and the groups learn about the in-care animals, the threats faced by wild animals in the city, and about the species of wildlife that live around us. The session is then followed by an activity and a 'Reflection Session' where the group discusses what they have learned during their visit.

The learning experience ends with the students taking a pledge to protect and preserve wildlife and to stand up against any atrocities committed against wildlife. The following institutions visited us in 2020.

1. 27 students from Little Millennium School visited us on the 4th of January
2. 50 students from New Horizon Gurukul visited us on the 4th of January
3. 24 students from Atreya Vidyaniketan School visited us on the 29th of January
4. 37 students from St. Josephs College visited us on the 6th of February
5. 50 students from SGK Public School visited us on 7th of February
6. 30 students from St. Josephs College visited us on the 15th of February
7. A group of 5 students from Ramaiah Institute of Management Studies volunteered at PfA for 2 days to build bunds around plants in March 2020





Companies/Organizations that visited PfA

Apart from educational institutions, corporates and social groups from across Bangalore visit PfA as a part of their CSR and team building activity. They are encouraged to get involved in our work by helping us with various activities such as creating enrichment for animal enclosures, gardening, planting trees, painting, etc.

The visits start with a presentation about our work, followed by a guided tour of our campus. This allows the groups to understand the need for wildlife and nature conservation and helps to sensitize them about our objectives.

1. 8 employees of Caterpillar visited us on the 20th of January as a part of their CSR initiative
2. 28 employees of OpusCDM visited us on the 24th of January and took part in various CSR activities
3. We addressed various employees of Euromonitor International at their office in WTC following which 24 employees visited our campus for an off-site on 14th February
4. In February, we presented our work to the employees at Meredith India and the session ended with a lot of inquisitive minds wanting to know more about the urban wildlife of Bengaluru city
5. On 21st February, employees of TaeguTec India visited PfA to understand our work towards saving the wildlife of Bengaluru city
6. On 19th February, employees of Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems visited PfA
8. Employees of Microsoft Corporation visited us on the 10th of December to donate items in kind



Webinars

Due to the pandemic, we had to temporarily close our campus to visitors and volunteers. However, we did not let the pandemic stop our passion to create awareness and let our citizens know about the beautiful urban wildlife of the city. We held over 35 webinars, both national and international on various topics related to Urban Wildlife. Some of them include:

1. On 5th June 2020, a webinar on “Challenges in Conservation of Wildlife” was held which for 130 students from B.M.S. College of Law
2. We conducted a webinar for over 20 employees of Toyota Kirloskar on “Snake Management” on 7th August 2020
3. “Wildlife Rescue and Passive Adoption”, another important aspect of saving the urban wildlife witnessed various individuals from Project Adopt Don’t Shop participating
4. A webinar on Urbanisation and Man-Animal Conflict was held on 25th September, with 90 participants of CII's Indian Green Building Council
5. Three sessions were conducted in the month of September for the students of Gopalan International School. A total of 316 students were educated on Living With Wild
6. In Collaboration with WWF and Rotary club, a webinar on Wildlife in Cities - A Citizen's Perspective on 8th October 2020. Around 260 students were a part of the discussion
7. 2 sessions on Living with the Wild were held in Gopalan International School and The HDFC School in the month of October
8. 6 sessions were held on 11th and 12th November 2020 for the students of Gopalan International School on Spirit Animal
9. In the month of December, 8 sessions were held on Living with the Wild for the students of Sishu Griha School. A total of 720 students were educated about the urban wildlife of Bangalore

Workshops & Awareness Programs

1. Workshop on “Identification of Spiders” held on 5th January
2. Workshop for Young Naturalists in the month of February to educate the participants on ethical ways of birding, pugmark studies and introducing ways of recording them using 2D glass technique and 3D plaster-of-paris techniques among others
3. Workshop conducted in the month of February on “Identification and Behaviour of Snakes” by our Senior Veterinarian
4. Awareness session conducted in Christ University, Bannerghatta Road Campus to educate the students on the importance of Urban Wildlife Conservation
5. Workshop conducted on “Bonding with Biodiversity” by Mr. Chinmay C Maliye in the month of March
6. Awareness session conducted on International Women’s Day, 8th March, in Lions Club
7. We conducted a session for employees of Toyota Kirloskar on Snake Management at Pfa Campus in August

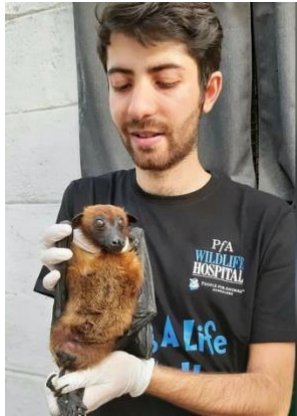


Volunteers & Internship Programs

PfA Bangalore had 32 people enroll as volunteers in 2020. They are an essential part of our centre, bringing in new ideas as well as being involved with various activities. Volunteer tasks include enclosure and centre maintenance, food preparation, assisting our staff with enrichment, making of arts and crafts, and being involved in awareness programs.

Our internship program invites people who seek intensive training in certain areas that we specialize in. Interns from across the world have worked with our centre in 2020 to gain experience and further training in their chosen fields. The following interned with PfA in 2020:

- Smriti Mahesh Menon
- Fanny Himmelspach
- Dr. Zaid
- Dr. Farbod Khakpour
- Dr. Seyed Mehrad Ghazi Mirsaeed
- Dr. Mohammadmehdi Amirahmadi
- Dr. Namrata Pai
- ANUSHKA TRIPATHI
- Nikhita Kumar
- Ambarish C R
- Pranav Narayanan
- Varunraj
- Bennet P Wilson
- Krina
- Ramshankar Yadunath
- Shivani Jain
- Purva Nimkar
- Sonia K
- Jai Ganesh Kumar S
- Vaidehi Pasumarthi



Achievements

1. We were awarded “The Green NGO of the Year”; at the 10th edition of IAA Olive Crown Awards 2020 for our work towards environment sustainability in the month of March
2. We launched PfA Pet Care & Clinic to make quality veterinary care available to all. The clinic is devoted to the one that brings unconditional love and companionship to your home and family
3. We were awarded “Best Wildlife Rescue & Conservation NPO - Southern India” by Small Business Awards, UK in September 2020



Celebrations at PfA

Following all safety protocols, we celebrated the following festivals at our centre

Ayudha Puja



Independence Day



Nagpanchami



Miscellaneous

1. Impressed and intrigued by the organization's contribution towards the urban wildlife of the city, Ms. Shruthi Parthasarathy invited us to conduct an awareness event in January at her wedding venue and encouraged the guests to donate for the cause
2. In February, a group of 15 individuals volunteered to beautify our campus through graffiti, painting the urban wildlife found in the city.
3. Amidst the lockdown, PfA stepped up for the paw friends of the city. More than 11,000 meals were served to the stray dogs in the city
4. PfA Pet Care and Clinic successfully conducted a Free Rabies Vaccination, Free Clinical Consultation and Free Deworming drive for the strays of Bangalore on account of World Rabies day, recognized on 28th September