



***“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress  
can be judged by the way its animals are treated”***

Dear Reader

We so often see Gandhi being quoted, yet we rarely take a moment to consider such BIG National issues. And how often do we get the chance to be the change that we wish to see in the World? However, today, with this letter in hand, you can do just that . . . you can be that change, by saving and changing the lives of animals. In fact, you can change the lives of tens, hundreds or even thousands of our voiceless companions. All that’s needed is care, consciousness, generosity, and a pen or a phone.

As we all know, Animal Welfare here is not good, often shocking and inhumane, a blight on the reputation of this beautiful island. Neglect, abuse, repeat. It’s been the same for decades, with countless animals suffering horribly as a result of the lack of caring human intervention. Nothing has ever been done to resolve this issue, hence leaving Mauritius so often judged as being immoral.

When it comes to the ‘nation-judging’ issue of Animal Welfare, the Mauritian people have long-demonstrated an enormous lack of empathy, as well as very poor Animal Welfare education, and also, of course, a distinct lack of money from up-above. All of this needs changing, and all of it CAN be changed, by us, with your help.

*Happy Tails Sanctuary* cares enormously, with our entire team dedicated to the bettering of innocent and voiceless lives, and the ultimate eradication of the street-dog crisis here. Estimates suggest that there may be as many as 200,000 dogs roaming our small island. This is an issue that requires more attention, more hard work, and of course, more money. Our aim is to sterilise all of the island’s dogs.

We are strongly against ‘Catch & Kill’, and we favour adoption over breeding.

We have big plans to educate too, as this is the only route to any positive long-term change here. We will initially focus on the young, with the opening of the island’s first *Education Centre* for Animal Welfare. Children will finally be able to learn how to humanely care for animals. They **are** the future.

So, what can you do to help? What are the costs of rescue, sanctuary and education? What does making a difference cost? Read over to see how you can give, and also what your generosity will mean for the animals . . .

We offer you a quick and simple way to make measurable moral progress here in Mauritius. You can make a one-off donation payment for any amount, or you can commit to longer-term giving by setting up a monthly standing order, again, for any amount you wish. To give you an idea as to our costs:

**Rs100** covers health and veterinary costs for one dog for one month.

**Rs1,000** feeds one dog for one month.

**Rs10,000** feeds ten dogs for one month.

**Rs25,000** pays for one of our monthly sterilisation campaigns; circa 30-40 animals.

**Rs150,000** will pay ALL of our sanctuary costs for one month.

For those of you considering CSR contributions to help this noble cause, Happy Tails is a registered charitable Foundation, hence eligible for CSR funding. We would love to hear from you to discuss matters further if the CSR route appeals to you, or to your company.

We truly hope that you or your company are able to help us. If so, then for one-off donations, please complete the slip below, and for monthly donations either complete the slip below or call for our bank details to set up your standing order. Please do NOT send cash in the post. If you prefer to send a cheque, please make it payable to *Happy Tails Foundation* and send it to us with the slip below.

All that you give will be a step forward for moral progress in Mauritius. On behalf of the island's animals, thank you in advance for your help and for your selfless generosity.

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