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PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A “live To: rescue” DOG SANCTUARY” at Nang, Leh-Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir India

Background

Ladakhi families and the Monasteries traditionally had the custom of adopting dogs. The individual household maintained and fed the dog well and mostly kept them tied at the entrance of the main door to alert the master of any stranger trespassing the area. The expansion of the Army and the Paramilitary forces all over Ladakh and the rapid urbanization fast multiplied the dog's population as the dogs have free access to leftover food and kitchen wastes from restaurants, hotels, slaughter houses and forces mess.

With the rapid urbanization of Leh town in the last three decades, the custom of maintaining dogs by the households waned. The dogs became feral, their population increased to alarming proportion. Today one can see dogs in packs moving all around Ladakh. As per the statistic of the Animal Husbandry Department, Leh, the total dog population in Ladakh is about 15,000-20,000 of which 5100 is estimated to be in the Leh town with human population of just 27,000. They attack domesticated lives stocks and human. The SNM Hospital, Leh alone reported about 45-50 dog bitten cases per month. Recently in Feb 2014, an incident of a nine years old girl succumbed to the brutal dog attack nearby village of Spituk sparked an outrage and consequently, out of ignorance, the people started to react and retaliate against these dogs. Many people still feel that the only solution is to do away with the feral dogs.

A Compassionate Approach Advocated by The Gyalwang Drukpa and His Eminence Thuksey Rinpoche

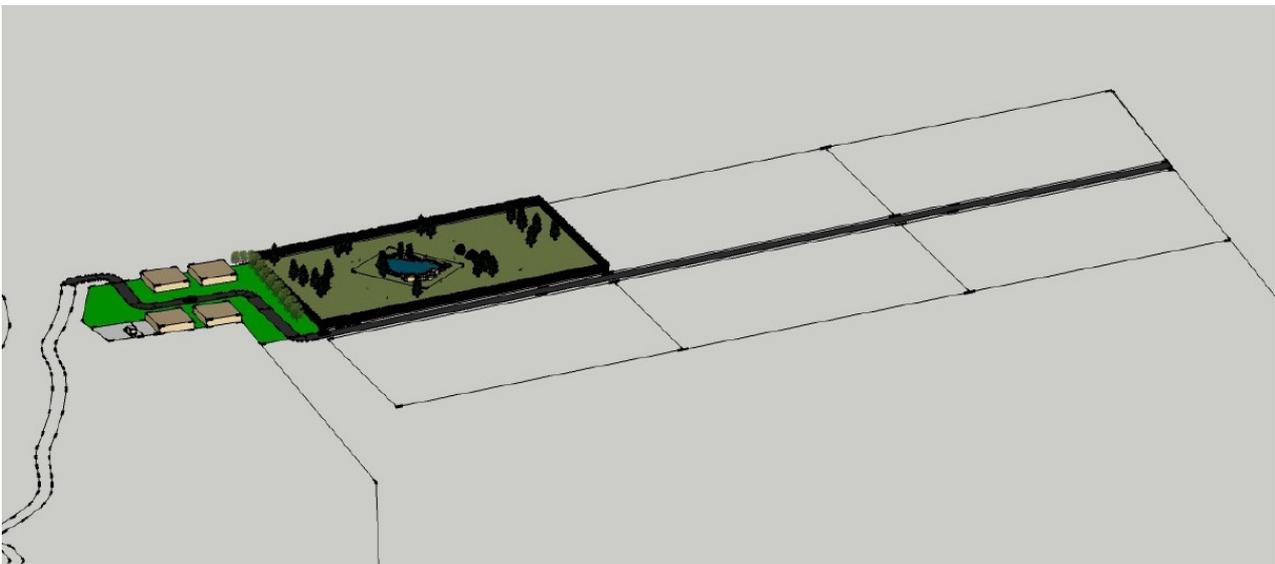
The Gyalwang Drukpa and His Eminence the Thuksey Rinpoche were sad to know about the violent reaction of the people towards the dogs. Realizing the magnitude of the problem, they advised the Young Drukpa Association of Ladakh (YDA) to formulate a long term plan to solve this aggressive dog-human conflict through humane and compassionate approach. The YDA convened a day long workshop in which all stakeholders including head of the local government and administration participated. The local government and the administration assured to provide all necessary assistance to address the problem of the feral dog menace. The Government will ensure efficient and effective garbage management in the town besides rendering the services of the veterinarians, providing power, construction of approach road, bridge etc. Words of cooperation and support were also expressed in the workshop by other stakeholders. The YDA decided to establish a dog sanctuary under the title “Live to Recue” where all the sterilized/ neutered dogs will be maintained under humane and ideal conditions.

“Live to rescue” Proposed Dog Sanctuary

The Sanctuary shall be built upon a 40 acre land at Nang which is contributed by the Gyalwang Drukpa for this noble cause. Nang is 35km from Leh on the Leh- Manali axis. It is ideally located as the site is accessible by road and is along the Nang stream. Electric Power line is also available near the land. The rocky upheaval landscape land is ideally suited for a dog sanctuary. At the initial stage, the sanctuary will be established on about 12-14 acre and the balance for future expansion. All necessary infrastructures will be created in accordance with the guidelines of the cruelty to animal protection law.



Site Plan of Dog Sanctuary at Nang



Cost Of Project

The Capital Expenditure to be incurred is estimated at INR 7.4million (~ USD123k) while the monthly expenses in running the Dog Sanctuary will be approximately IRP310k or IRP3.7million (~ USD61k) per year.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	<u>INR</u>	<u>INR</u>	<u>USD</u>
Civil Construction		5,626,300	93,772
Purchase Of Vehicles		1,187,000	19,783
Computer and Furniture		219,000	3,650
Contingency		350,000	5,833
Total		7,382,300	123,038

OPERATING EXPENSES	Monthly	Yearly	
Administrative Overhead (incl salary expenses)	172,000	2,064,000	34,400
Office Expenses	50,080	600,960	10,016
Dog Adoption & Garbage Management	80,000	960,000	16,000
Media & Communication	7,000	84,000	1,400
Total	309,080	3,708,960	61,816

This Project envisages a long-term solution to one of the most acute problem of Ladakh in the most humane and compassionate way as per the wishes of His Holiness and His Eminence. This Project will also generate some employment opportunities for Ladakhis. May be in the long run, the proposed sanctuary become a place of educational interest and tourist attraction – for being the highest dog sanctuary in the world! The Young Drukpa Association, Ladakh request generous support from all compassionate animals lovers to alleviate the sufferings of the feral dogs and make the Dog Sanctuary in Ladakh a reality.

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