

# The KAT Updates

## Kathmandu Animal Treatment Centre

COMMUNITY BENEFIT THROUGH HUMANE TREATMENT OF STREET DOGS

### Welcome to update 7

This winter season has brought some changes to life in Kathmandu. A serious reduction in the amount of electricity (as much as 16 hours per day) has made life difficult for city inhabitants.

Despite this our practical team were able to work almost as normal.

Our team is enthusiastic about what 2009 will bring, thanks to the help of you, our supporters and donors.

*Jan Salter, Founder*

### Meet the team

We continue our staff interviews with Ram Nagakhoti, one of our dog handlers.



### “ What kind of work do you do at KAT?

I usually do a bit of everything, including dog catching, dog releasing, taking care of injured and rescued dogs; cleaning, feeding and bathing them.

### How long have you worked there for?

About four years. During this time I have learnt a great deal, so that now I also help in the operation theatre with the vets.

### What do you like most about working at KAT?

I love dogs and find it so rewarding when I see dogs we have treated looking healthy back in their old haunt.

### What is the most rewarding thing about working at KAT

Sometimes we have to deal with very sad situations (boiling water has been poured over them or they have been hit), but now in the area we work the situation is much better and people understand how to love dogs. This makes me very happy.

### What would you like to see happen in the future?

I would like to see KAT's office grow so more people hear about it. I would also like us to be able to treat all animals.

### Duchess gives a lead for KAT

It was an exciting time for the team here at KAT when we learnt that the Duchess of Cornwall had taken part in a sponsored dog walk around Green Park London in November in aid of The Kathmandu Arts Centre (KAC) and Kathmandu Animal Treatment (KAT).

The Duchess took to the lead as she joined a host of happy hounds and their enthusiastic owners on the walk in aid of both the charities.

As the day was meant to coincide with Nepal's Dog puja Day where dogs are worshiped and garlanded, The London pets were also garlanded for this occasion with colourful flowers.



This wonderful event was organised by Celia Washington. Celia is an artist friend of Jan - our KAT founder. She is a keen dog lover and decided that this was a great opportunity to let the people of London know about the valuable work of KAT.

### KAT to the rescue!! ... but a man this time



Along with the reduction of electricity, there has been an increase in the amount of rubbish on the streets. On one of our routine surveys looking for injured dogs, scanning the rubbish dumps, which are a haven for dogs in need, the KAT team found on a cold winter day more than we bargained for.

Jan noticed a bare human leg protruding from one of the numerous piles we were searching. On a second look, we found a man was lying naked covered completely with soiled rubbish. The man was confused, dehydrated and filthy.



Faced with this problem of 'How can we rescue a dog and leave a man?'



KAT took immediate action by enticing him out from his filthy hole with promises of food. Our team made a temporary home for him while we tried to find a place that would be able to help.

We found this very difficult, as the Hospital staff were so appalled by the man's filthy condition. So, the KAT team decided to bring him to the shelter and make him more presentable by bathing and cutting his matted hair. Luckily, on this occasion Jorpati Teaching Hospital admitted him into their excellent psychiatric ward, where he is currently recovering and being stabilized. Maybe later this unfortunate young man can join the team by helping with the work at KAT.

