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PROMOTING ANIMAL AND HUMAN WELFARE AROUND THE WORLD

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Introduction



As 2010 began, the scale and severity of the Haiti earthquake shocked the world. RSPCA International played its part in the coalition of animal welfare organisations, bringing relief to thousands of animals and the people who relied on them for companionship or livelihoods and, in doing so, we profiled an important aspect of our work – responding to emergencies.

Throughout the year, despite the global financial crisis, we continued to make our budget go a long way by delivering carefully targeted consultancy, aid and training through programmes in our key regions of Europe, East Asia and southern Africa.

As always, we were fortunate to be able to call upon the resources and experience of the wider RSPCA, as well as leading experts from academia, government and industry.

Legislation and education made up a significant part of our work abroad, notably in China where we have played a leading role in the development of a draft Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, launched this year at an RSPCA-funded forum in Beijing.

Over the past decade we have developed a good understanding of the problems of dog population control in our regions and promoted humane management strategies. This year we delivered stray animal management training in Greece, Turkey and Thailand and funded survey work in the Western Balkans and Korea.

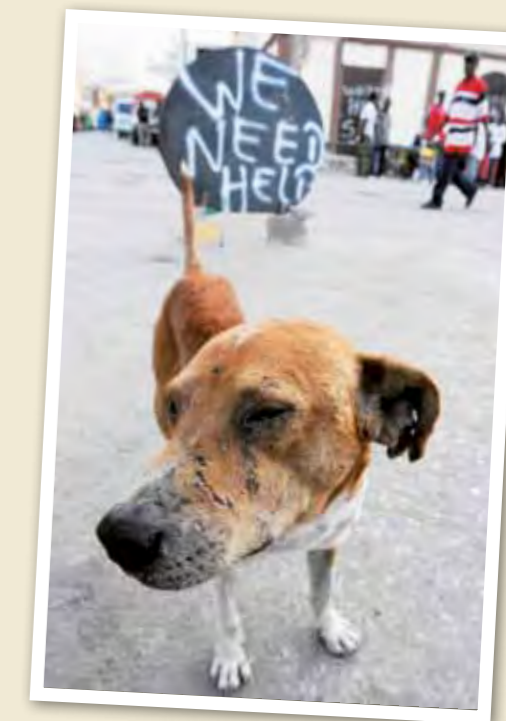
We work closely with RSPCA scientists who collaborate in research programmes such as the Welfare Quality project, which this year we have integrated into our work in countries preparing for accession to the EU. In the past three years a substantial part of our programme in southern Africa has involved supporting improvements in poultry welfare that directly benefit the livelihoods of communities in the region.

In 2010 we continued to promote laboratory animal care and ethical review through our relationships with academic institutions and professional associations in two significant regions, the Western Balkans and East Asia. We led training events and workshops in four countries, including a special seminar at the Asian Federation of Laboratory Animal Science Associations congress in Taiwan.

Best wishes

Paul Littlefair

Head of RSPCA International



Society

Society drives animal welfare standards, while our relationship with animals is one of the elements that underpin our cultural identity. That relationship imposes a duty on us to protect animals from exploitation and cruel use and, in turn, society recognises this through education and public awareness. Public opinion is critical to determining laws and standards governing the treatment of animals and in calling for effective enforcement. People and animals share living space and are susceptible to common health risks, so good public health is dependent on the prevention of animal disease. All these factors influence and impact on our work.

RSPCA International and society

We work with governments, local animal welfare organisations and regional specialists to develop humane animal population management and catching methods and, in doing so, help to prevent the spread of disease. We also promote animal welfare education and responsible pet ownership for the benefit of both animals and people. The development and enforcement of effective animal welfare legislation and standards enhance the relationship between animals and people in society, and we actively work towards their improvement.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2010

- We supported and funded stray dog population counts and attitudinal surveys in the Western Balkans.
- Shelter management and humane dog control methods were the focus of training in Turkey, Thailand and Greece.
- An RSPCA-funded report on conditions in 35 of the 400 animal shelters in Korea was launched in the National Assembly.
- The Lilongwe Society for the Protection and Care of Animals in Malawi (LSPCA), supported by RSPCA International, continued to run weekly mobile veterinary clinics along with twice weekly animal welfare education sessions for around 100 children at a time.
- A fourth year of animal welfare education training in partnership with the China National Institute for Educational Research was completed with teachers' guides and children's textbooks now in production. Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots programme also began drafting an RSPCA-funded teacher's manual.
- A third round of annual animal welfare education training courses was run at the National Academy for Education Research in Taiwan along with a one-day advanced course for previously trained teachers.
- China's first draft Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act was published in February 2010, following a two-year collaboration with the RSPCA, and underwent analysis and suggestions for redrafting at a two-day forum which RSPCA International co-hosted.
- Our participation in a conference on animal welfare law enforcement in Poland brought key stakeholders together on the issue for the first time.
- We took part in three training events for auxiliary inspectors in Korea run by the Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.
- Two training events were delivered in Taipei, Taiwan to animal protection inspectors at the invitation of the Council of Agriculture and Taipei City Government.

“Not only do the police want to have a follow-up to the conference, but their collaboration with the participants will be much closer, for the benefit of animal welfare and protection. I have received feedback from the Prosecutor from Gdańsk, the Chief Veterinary Officer and others. They were extremely happy to participate and get the knowledge of how things work in the UK and how they could be improved in Poland. Once more, thanks for the great job you have done!”

Krzysztof Jędrzejewski, Political Officer Poland

£5 WILL VACCINATE A DOG AGAINST RABIES

HELPING TO PROTECT BOTH ANIMALS AND PEOPLE

Society

Helping animals and people in Haiti

Humanitarian crises can strike at any time, often due to unpredictable natural disasters. Emergency response rightly focuses on the immediate needs of the people affected but their animals, including companion animals, are important to them and to their recovery.

January 2010's earthquake in and around the capital of Haiti, Port-au-Prince, destroyed tens of thousands of homes and affected more than three million people.

The Animal Relief Coalition for Haiti (ARCH) brought together more than 20 animal welfare organisations, including the RSPCA. Our inspectorate compliance manager, Kevin Degenhard, spent time in Haiti overseeing ARCH operations there. ARCH helped to provide training to the Haitian veterinary team, which treated more than 60,000 animals in 12 months. By vaccinating Haiti's animal population against diseases such as rabies, anthrax and Newcastle disease and by treating animals for parasites, ARCH prevented diseases that could have spread to Haiti's human community. ARCH also helped to rebuild damaged veterinary facilities, ran a public awareness campaign and education project, and carried out a dog and cat population survey.

Your generous donations helped us to provide dog, cat and livestock catching and handling equipment, safety equipment, and veterinary instruments for the team in Haiti.



“ Our aim was to help the Haitian people, who depend on their animals for their livelihoods, protection and companionship. We wanted to improve the welfare of Haitian animals, now and in the future. That meant providing immediate practical veterinary help, as well as helping to build an understanding of animal welfare needs and effective services for animals for the long term ”

Kevin Degenhard, RSPCA inspectorate compliance manager

Improving legislation and law enforcement in Asia and Europe

Legislation is only as good as its enforcement and RSPCA International works to improve enforcement where laws exist and to advise on legislative development where they do not. The drafting of China's first general animal protection law has been a huge development in this area.

RSPCA International began working with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences' Institute of Law in 2008, contributing towards the drafting of China's first general animal protection law (published in September 2009). In February 2010 this was revised to address cruelty issues and published as a Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. We also co-hosted the International Forum on Chinese Legislation for the Protection and Management of Animals, which involved detailed scrutiny of each article of the draft and the recording of suggestions for consideration in further redrafting.

We have been active in Taiwan since 2000 on a long-term training project for government inspectors. Between 2000 and 2004 this project trained 18 new government inspectors as well as seven volunteers from animal welfare NGOs. In 2010, RSPCA Chief Inspector Simon Osborne delivered two training events for the country's animal protection inspectors on law enforcement and animal handling techniques. This followed RSPCA training in Taiwan in 2009 and marked a return for Chief Inspector Osborne who had delivered training there between 2002 and 2004.

Following the training of NGO inspectors in Poland in 2009, RSPCA International participated in an animal welfare law enforcement conference for the Polish police in October 2010. Participants and speakers included the Chief Veterinary Officer, the Deputy Head of Preparatory Proceedings from the General Public Prosecutor's Office, a prosecutor, and the Deputy Head of the Police Prevention Services. The conference provided an invaluable opportunity to bring relevant stakeholders together for the first time and the police are now keen to include animal welfare in basic training.

RSPCA, Roman Sigaev, Claudia Dewald, Karim Hesham/istockphoto.com



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2011

We need your support to:

- » **ENCOURAGE** further legislation development and enforcement by providing law enforcement training in Taiwan and Malawi and continuing to work on draft legislation in China
- » **EXTEND** the stray population surveys in the Western Balkans to a second count and develop customised solutions
- » **EXPAND** companion animal welfare work in Istanbul and northern Turkey
- » **PROMOTE** World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) guidelines on stray dog control through shelter management training in Korea
- » **DEVELOP** animal welfare education materials for teachers and pupils in southern Africa and East Asia.



Agriculture

Farm animals play a vital role in every country. There has been a sharp rise in global meat, egg and dairy production in recent years, and secure and safe food supply depends on the husbandry, veterinary care and nutrition that animals receive. The challenge is to meet the increased demand for animal products while achieving higher welfare within different livestock production systems – at each stage of the animals' lives. This affects both large commercial producers and small-scale subsistence farmers. In less developed parts of the world, farm animals are not only part of a subsistence diet – they also provide a major contribution to livelihoods.

RSPCA International and agriculture

Our work ranges from setting standards for and auditing farm assurance schemes, to advising on improving legislation and implementing OIE standards. We are concerned with improving farm animal welfare at all stages of the animals' lives, on-farm through to slaughter. We work in partnership to develop welfare outcome assessment as a means of measuring welfare. We are able to share our experience internationally through training and by organising visits to assured farms in the UK to show how systems work in practice.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2010

- The Western Balkans Veterinary Network (WBVN) completed its Red Meat Training Programme, producing 39 regional trainers and seven national training programmes. Support was then given to trainees to deliver their own programmes for industry and veterinary professionals in Macedonia and Serbia.
- In Croatia we held a three-day welfare outcome assessment workshop looking at measuring welfare using animal-based indicators in collaboration with the Welfare Quality team (www.welfarequality.net).
- A Welfare Quality dissemination event was also held in Macedonia for veterinary professionals, farmers and industry. The three-day workshop explored welfare outcome assessment and Welfare Quality protocols related to broiler chickens, cattle and pigs.
- A village chicken husbandry and welfare training course, co-hosted by RSPCA International, in Mfuwe, Zambia explored how to improve chicken health and husbandry in order to increase the production of eggs and meat, both for sale and for consumption.
- LSPCA has been working with the Malawi police service to ensure correct transportation of chickens. The previous practice of carrying chickens upside down on bicycle handles is now a rare sight thanks to co-operation with the largest chicken farm in Lilongwe.
- A survey of poultry slaughterhouses was carried out in Surabaya, Indonesia. An RSPCA representative also attended the Indonesian Veterinary Medical Association's 16th congress which celebrated 100 years of veterinary professionalism in the country.
- Following an eruption of Mount Merapi volcano in Indonesia, we provided aid for the treatment and shelter of evacuated cattle.

£7.50 A YEAR WILL VACCINATE 300 CHICKENS AGAINST

NEWCASTLE DISEASE AND SAFEGUARD PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOODS

“Today, the farming of animals is no longer viewed simply as a means of food production but as fundamental to other key social goals, such as food safety and quality, safeguarding environmental protection, sustainability, and enhancing quality of life in rural areas. The European Commission considers it important to continue investing in research in animal welfare which is why we value initiatives such as the WBVN. The veterinary profession and NGOs play an important role in supporting the enforcement of EU animal welfare legislation.”

Andrea Gavinelli, Head of Animal Welfare Unit,
Directorate General for Health and Consumers,
European Commission

Agriculture

Village chicken husbandry and welfare training in Zambia

Training in improved husbandry techniques and poultry vaccination programmes promotes the health and welfare of livestock, which provide a valuable resource to low-income households. Newcastle disease can decimate an entire village chicken population, but is easily vaccinated against with the right training and resources.

In August, we organised a training course on village chicken husbandry and welfare in Mfuwe in partnership with Community Markets for Conservation (COMACO).

The course covered basic principles of nutrition, housing and disease control using examples from the participants' own experiences, such as examining how big the housing should be for their own flocks. A visit to a local small-scale production farm was also included, while the last day of the course pushed participants to teach others what they had learned during the training. We travelled to a remote rural village and course participants presented short talks on housing, parasite control, record keeping and Newcastle disease. Participants also handled some of the village chickens and were able to identify particular parasites.

The training will enable participants to improve the husbandry and therefore health and welfare of poultry in their communities. A vaccination programme in these villages is planned.



WHAT ARE WELFARE STANDARDS?

RSPCA International is able to utilise the expertise of RSPCA scientific staff who translate the latest scientific research and practical experience into RSPCA policies and higher-welfare practices and systems, such as Freedom Food. Since the early 1990s, they have been developing welfare standards for farm animals which aim to represent best practice in indoor and outdoor systems.

The standards are used widely to demonstrate how higher-welfare livestock farming methods can bring benefits not only to animals, but also to producers, for example through the improved productivity that can result from better health. The standards are used to develop farm and food assurance schemes outside the UK as well as influencing legislation and codes of recommendations at a UK and an EU level.

WHAT IS WELFARE OUTCOME ASSESSMENT?

Until recently, measuring farm animal welfare often involved focusing on 'inputs', such as an animal's environment, feed, and veterinary care. However, we believe that making assumptions about the state of animals' welfare based simply on the facilities provided to them is insufficient – we need to try and measure the 'outputs' or effects that such standards have on the animals themselves.

Enabling welfare in food production in the Western Balkans

The WBVN was founded in 2008 by the RSPCA and the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Skopje, Macedonia. It facilitates closer collaboration between key stakeholders and combines the research capabilities of seven major universities in the region with leading animal welfare research centres in western Europe.

The WBVN works to protect the welfare of animals at all stages of the food production process. It aims to encourage a collaborative approach between veterinary and agricultural faculties, veterinary organisations and the meat industry, to ensure all parties understand the importance of animal welfare and the benefits it provides. The network supports projects that provide a sustainable framework for the provision of animal welfare training in the future as required under European legislation on stockmanship, transport and slaughter.

This year the network completed a 'train-the-trainer' programme on welfare at slaughter, developed and delivered by Animal Welfare Training. Welfare of Food Animals is an eight-module professional training programme that was delivered to selected regional participants from state veterinary services, veterinary and agricultural colleges, and industry. It culminated in the development of accredited national training programmes for government and the meat industry as required under EU law. In addition to training, we also supported the development of information materials for abattoirs in Macedonia and Albania.

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LOOKING AHEAD TO 2011

We need your support to:

- » **DELIVER** training in Indonesia and Malaysia on poultry welfare and quality for key government, veterinary, NGO and industry stakeholders
- » **PRESENT** a round of workshops on poultry welfare on-farm and in primary production in Turkey and the Western Balkans
- » **ENCOURAGE** the development of standards and legislation on farm animal welfare in Europe and East Asia
- » **EXTEND** our programme of work on chicken husbandry and welfare in southern Africa.



Animals and people

Many issues involving animals and people are inextricably linked and often overlap societal, agricultural, industrial or environmental sectors. Complex issues like rabies affect a community in many different ways and often require cooperation between a range of agencies. We specialise in bridging these sectors and are also developing increasingly interdisciplinary collaborations under the One Health concept to ensure optimal health for people, animals and the environment. Our rabies prevention work benefits both society and the environment, contributing to wildlife conservation and animal and human health.

“Animal welfare should not be treated as a stand-alone issue but as one among many socially important goals including food safety and security, human and animal health, environmental sustainability, worker safety, rural development, gender equality and social justice.”

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)



“We went with livestock services to evaluate the rabies-free zones. We were glad to see at least two sub-districts showing humane dog handling and concern for animal welfare. They were very gentle in handling and adapted the knowledge from your training. The mayor of a sub-district will allocate a budget for self-made equipment. I am very proud of them.”

Lanna Dog Rescue, Thailand

REGULAR DONATIONS – NO MATTER

HOW SMALL – SUPPORT RSPCA INTERNATIONAL'S

PROGRAMMES AROUND THE WORLD

Rabies prevention in East Asia and Africa

Around 55,000 people die from rabies each year in Africa and Asia; many of these are children. The disease also results in significant livestock losses and threatens several endangered wildlife populations.

Thailand is working towards being rabies free by 2020. Each municipality is independently responsible for meeting this target. It is estimated that about five per cent of street dogs in Chiang Mai have rabies and only one municipality out of 80 in the region has a team of dedicated dog catchers.

We spent two days training delegates from 14 municipalities on humane dog catching techniques, in line with the OIE standards, and on the control of rabies and other zoonotic diseases. The programme has continued since the course and two of the municipalities that attended training have won first and second prize in the national Sanofi Pasteur Rabies awards.

Meanwhile, we also started funding a rabies control programme for village dogs around the Liuwa Plain National Park in Zambia as part of the Zambia Carnivore Project. African wild dogs are susceptible to catching rabies from village dogs that live on the outskirts of the park. By vaccinating the village dogs, we aim to protect the wild dogs, the village dogs and the local community from rabies, thereby complementing the conservation aims of the Zambia Carnivore Project with animal welfare and human welfare objectives.

Industry

Millions of animals are used by industry around the world each year in the development and manufacture of products for both human and animal consumption. This includes animals farmed for food, those whose skin or fur is used in clothing or textiles, and those animals used in research and testing by pharmaceutical and chemicals companies.

The impact of these uses on animals is influenced by many factors. These include the implementation of legislation and standards relating to the protection of animals, increasing sensitivity among the public (as consumers) to ethical and welfare issues, and the inclusion of an animal welfare component in the corporate social responsibility policies developed by companies seeking to demonstrate their commitment to ethical and sustainable business.

RSPCA International and industry

The RSPCA helps to develop legislation, guidelines and standards regarding the use and welfare of laboratory animals, and to encourage ethical animal welfare policies in the clothing, food and cosmetics retail trades.

Internationally in recent years, we have worked closely with institutions using animals in experiments, governments and other relevant bodies to develop and deliver courses relevant to laboratory animal science and welfare – with a particular emphasis on two geographical regions: eastern Europe and East Asia.

Courses and workshops are developed at the invitation of national legislators or laboratory animal science associations, and are funded jointly by the organising bodies. They are always tailored to the specific research environment and requirements of the countries concerned though common course topics include legislation, training for personnel, ethical review, the 3Rs (see page 16) and animal housing and care.

In addition to RSPCA speakers, experts from across academia, industry and government are invited to participate in the delivery of these events.



ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2010

- Training events were organised and delivered in collaboration with the Chinese Association for Laboratory Animal Science (CALAS).
- Input was provided to the 2010 Symposium of the Korean Association for Laboratory Animal Science (KALAS).
- In cooperation with the EU Commission (TAIEX), we delivered a key workshop for representatives of governments, regulatory bodies and industry across the Western Balkans.
- A plastinated dog specimen developed by the WBVN has provided an alternative to the use of animals in education.
- An RSPCA-funded study into the use of alternatives in veterinary education was completed in South Korea.
- We participated in the 4th Congress of the Asian Federation of Laboratory Animal Science Association (AFLAS).
- Scientific expertise was provided to influence the new OIE standards on animal health and welfare.

“ We are finding that there is growing consideration for animals and their welfare, and a lot of interest from people wanting to know how they can reduce animal use and suffering. ”

Dr Maggy Jennings
RSPCA research animals

YOUR DONATIONS CAN HELP TO FUND

THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVES

TO THE USE OF ANIMALS IN

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

“ Through the International Coalition for Animal Welfare (ICFAW) we worked to input scientific expertise for improving the draft global guidelines on animal health and welfare. The resulting standards, if implemented, will measurably improve animal welfare in many countries. The final text, published in 2010 and including a chapter on *Animals used in research and education*, is available at: www.oie.int/international-standard-setting/terrestrial-code/access-online ”

RSPCA research
animals department

Industry

Promoting laboratory animal welfare in East Asia

Since 2007 the RSPCA has worked closely with government and academic institutions and laboratory animal science associations in East Asia to promote laboratory animal welfare, particularly ethical review and the 3Rs.

At the 4th Asian Federation of Laboratory Animal Science Associations (AFLAS) Congress which took place in Taipei, Taiwan, Barney Reed from our research animals department delivered a presentation on how housing and care for laboratory animals can be improved, and then, along with Dr Caroline Bergmann of Oxford University, led a mini-symposium, on the importance of reducing animal use and suffering, and how this can be done in practice.

Building on a partnership with the Chinese Association for Laboratory Animal Science (CALAS), first established in 2007, we delivered a further training course for representatives of research establishments in China on *Ethics, Animal Welfare and the 3Rs* (Replacement, Reduction and Refinement).

Participating in the RSPCA's Alternatives in Education project, Konkuk University's publication, *Current Status of Animal Use and Alternatives in Korean Veterinary Medical Schools*, featured in the journal *ATLA* in June 2010 (www.frame.org.uk). The establishment of an Institute for the 3Rs at Konkuk (<http://threers.konkuk.ac.kr>) has been one of the significant outcomes of our collaboration with the university.

Dr Manuel Berdoy of Oxford University, accompanied RSPCA International to the Korean Association for Laboratory Animal Science (KALAS) Symposium to speak about the training of people using and caring for laboratory animals. A Korean language version of his acclaimed film *Ratlife* (www.ratlife.org) was also distributed. The film follows the lives of laboratory rats when released into a large outdoor enclosure simulating a wild environment, providing a graphic illustration of how complex these animals are.

WHAT ARE THE 3RS?

REPLACEMENT Using methods that avoid or replace the use of animals.

REDUCTION Minimising the numbers of animals used, e.g. by improving the experimental design and statistical analysis used in a study.

REFINEMENT Improving experimental procedures, and other factors affecting animals such as their housing and care, to reduce suffering and improve welfare throughout the animals' lives.

WHAT IS ETHICAL REVIEW?

Ethical review is a framework that allows for ongoing critical evaluation of the ethical and welfare issues relating to the use of animals. This includes consideration of the necessity and justification for using animals i.e. the potential harms for animals and likely benefits of the research and how these balance; experimental design; implementation of the 3Rs; animal husbandry and care; and other related issues such as staff training.



Regulating the use of research animals in the Western Balkans

The WBVN aims to examine the role and effectiveness of ethics committees at assessing the use of animals in experiments, as well as assessing standards of animal keeping, in all sectors of the economy.

We continue to support the WBVN by providing expertise on:

- EU legislation regarding the use and welfare of animals in research and testing
- how the principle of the 3Rs can be more fully implemented
- the development of processes of ethical review.

For more information see: www.wbvn.net

DEVELOPMENT OF PLASTINATED DOG SPECIMENS

Worldwide, tens of millions of animals are harmed or killed each year for their cadavers or tissues. In February 2010 the WBVN completed a project to find an alternative to the use of animals in education and research. The result was the production of a whole plastinated canine digestive and respiratory system specially designed for training exercises in endoscopic and bronchoscopic exploration. A CD rom was produced in collaboration with three veterinary faculties in the region for distribution throughout the Western Balkans. The project conforms with EU directives requiring the Commission and member states to actively support the development, validation and acceptance of methods that could replace, reduce or refine the use of laboratory animals.

MAJOR WORKSHOP ON THE REGULATION OF SCIENTIFIC PROCEDURES USING ANIMALS

A high profile two-day workshop co-organised by the RSPCA, the European Commission (TAIEX) and



the Croatian State Veterinary Directorate was held in Zagreb, Croatia. It covered the current legislative framework regulating the use of laboratory animals within the EU and discussed its implications for the authorisation of experiments, training of scientists and animal care staff, and housing of animals. More than 80 nominated participants, representing nine countries across the Western Balkans, attended. More information, including the presentations from the workshop, is available at: http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taix/dyn/taix-events/library/detail_en.jsp?EventID=41044

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2011

We need your support to:

- » **ORGANISE** and deliver future training events relating to laboratory animal science and animal welfare in East Asia and the Western Balkans
- » **IDENTIFY** the most appropriate areas for the production of new (or translation of existing) training materials and resources
- » **ENABLE** regional conferences and congresses contributing RSPCA expertise.



Environment

Humans and animals depend on healthy, functioning ecosystems. Natural ecosystems play an essential role in regulating climate, air, water and infectious diseases, while animals' biological processes also contribute to the sustainability of ecosystems. Poor environmental health affects both human and animal health. Practices harmful to the environment, such as habitat destruction and pollution, are also detrimental to the welfare of individual animals. Many diseases can be transmitted between domestic animals, wildlife and humans.

RSPCA International and the environment

We work to integrate animal welfare into projects that support wildlife conservation and, at the same time, protect human livelihoods. We are developing our work under the One Health concept, which seeks to increase the synergy between veterinary public health, public health and environmental health professionals and programmes.

We also work with the RSPCA's wildlife department and external agencies to develop research and policy on captive wildlife and advise on wildlife rehabilitation, including setting up visits to UK wildlife rehabilitation and education centres for overseas visitors.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2010

- As part of the Zambia Carnivore Project, RSPCA International funded a rabies control programme for village dogs around Liuwa Plain National Park, Zambia. The programme aims to reduce the transmission of rabies between village dogs and humans, and village dogs and wild carnivores.
- A new RSPCA publication – *Animals, the environment and people* – summarises new research commissioned by RSPCA International and reported by the Wildlife Conservation Research Unit of the Zoology Department of Oxford University in *Animal welfare, international development, biodiversity conservation – the road to peaceful coexistence*.
- In Indonesia, RSPCA International attended the launch by long-term partners ProFauna of a short parrot conservation film called *Voices of North Moluccan People*, and also presented awards to the Sultan of Ternate, North Maluku, and to the Governor for their efforts to protect North Moluccan parrots by prohibiting poaching, and ordering local people and regional governments to protect the endemic birds.
- ProFauna won a Special Investigation Award as part of RSPCA Honours 2010 in recognition of its undercover work on the illegal parrot trade in Indonesia. Representatives of the organisation visited the UK to receive the award and to visit the RSPCA wildlife rehabilitation centre at Stapeley Grange.
- We ran a workshop with European oiled wildlife responders to discuss standards for response and preparedness and to develop oiled bird rehabilitation protocols, which should help to improve the survival rate of rehabilitated birds.

DONATIONS ARE CRUCIAL IN ENABLING

US TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES

“The severity of recent oil spills highlights the importance of being prepared to respond quickly and efficiently to help oiled wildlife. The workshop hosted by RSPCA International and Sea Alarm Foundation will help to ensure that wildlife responders from different countries are able to work effectively together when a spill occurs.”

Hugo Nijkamp, General Manager,
Sea Alarm Foundation

Environment

Protecting parrot populations in Indonesia

In 2010, the Sultan of Ternate, North Maluku issued an order banning the export of North Moluccan parrots from the island and urging locals and regional government to protect the birds, supporting nearly 10 years of collaborative work between RSPCA International and ProFauna, Indonesia.

Back in 2002, ProFauna Indonesia and RSPCA International launched a report called *Flying without wings* that exposed a trade of approximately 15,000 wild-caught parrots a year taken from North Maluku. On average, within the parrot trade, as many as 40 percent of smuggled birds die by the time they reach their sales points (i.e. 400 birds for every 1,000 caught) due to poor transport conditions and poor handling.

A 2007 undercover investigation by ProFauna into the trade of the red and blue lory in the northern Maluku islands found that the illegal trade from central Maluku (mainly to the Philippines) had been successfully stopped, but that North Maluku was still exporting birds to Java, which were then being sold in markets in Jakarta and Surabaya. With continued campaigning and support, the parrot trade in Ternate has now dropped by 95 percent. ProFauna staff have also successfully raided bird markets in Surabaya and Jakarta, confiscating birds and prosecuting illegal traders.

This year, ProFauna launched a short parrot conservation film, *Voices of North Moluccan People*, which was supported by RSPCA International and SLANK, an Indonesian band with more than four million

fans across Indonesia. SLANK performed a concert and took the conservation message into schools, raising local awareness against illegal parrot poaching.

At the launch both ProFauna and RSPCA International presented awards to the Sultan of Ternate, and the Governor of North Maluku for their parrot protection efforts. In 2003, the Governor had issued a Governor's Instruction prohibiting parrot poaching from the wild, which has been complemented by the Sultan of Ternate's recent order to protect the endemic bird population of the islands.



Focussing on human-wildlife conflict in Zambia

In 2010 we continued our support for the NGO Awely for its work on human-wildlife conflict around South Luangwa National Park in Zambia. We have previously supported Awely's work to train farmers to use hot chillies as a deterrent to elephants, which regularly destroy crops.

This year we funded a teacher-training workshop for 18 teachers from seven secondary schools around the national park. The workshop showed them how to teach the subject of human-wildlife conflict to their pupils, to foster a greater understanding of the importance of protecting wildlife and to teach them animal-welfare friendly ways to protect their lives and their livelihoods. Each teacher received a resource pack containing posters on elephant behaviour and human-wildlife conflict mitigation and copies of the booklet that Awely developed, called *People and Wildlife, Sharing Just One World!*, which is also used in workshops with farmers in the area.



Fedor Selivanov/Shutterstock, Philip Cooper/stockphoto.com, RSPCA

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2011

We need your support to:

- » **RESPOND** to emergencies, rescuing animals and supporting affected communities
- » **DEVELOP** wildlife rehabilitation standards internationally
- » **COLLABORATE** further with the Zambian Carnivore Project to reduce the transmission of rabies around Liuwa Plain National Park
- » **PROMOTE** continued parrot protection efforts.



Financial information

Overseas Fund expenditure

The RSPCA's international work is funded through the Overseas Fund. This fund is used to pay for project work, training courses, research, and consultancy work. In 2010 we spent over £250,000 to support animal welfare work in 16 countries. Below is a breakdown of how that money was spent.

COMPANION ANIMALS

MALAWI	Lilongwe SPCA – veterinary and education programme
THAILAND	Lanna dog rescue – dog control and rescue training
TURKEY	ASKOD – stray dog shelter improvements
WESTERN BALKANS	Western Balkans Veterinary Network – stray dog population survey
ZAMBIA	Lusaka Animal Welfare Society – rabies vaccination programme
ZAMBIA	Zambia Carnivore Programme – rabies vaccination programme

RESEARCH ANIMALS

KOREA	KALAS – veterinary education seminar on research animals
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EDUCATION & AWARENESS

CHINA	China National Institute for Educational Research – animal protection education project
TAIWAN	EAST – animal welfare education training course
ZAMBIA	Awely – human/wildlife conflict training

FARM ANIMALS

CHINA	Compassion in World Farming – farm animal welfare conference
INDONESIA	Srikandi Animal Care – poultry research and training
MALAWI	Lilongwe SPCA – chicken vaccination project
WESTERN BALKANS	University of Bristol – red meat programme
WESTERN BALKANS	Western Balkans Veterinary Network – on-farm welfare assessments
ZAMBIA	COMACO – poultry husbandry training programme

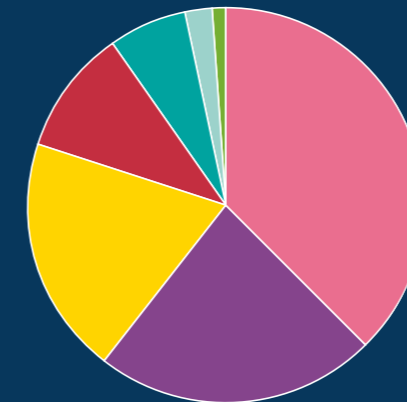
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INDONESIA	ProFauna – parrot education programme
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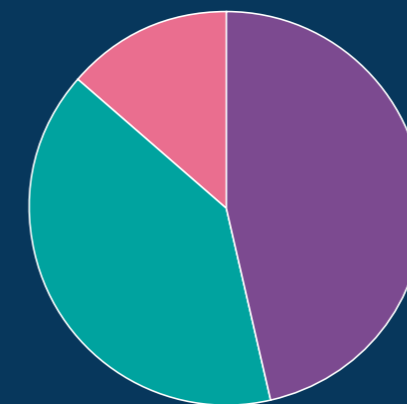
CHINA	Chinese Academy of Social Sciences – animal protection law seminar
CHINA	Animal Guardians & Chinese Academy of Social Sciences – draft animal protection law project
POLAND	Eurogroup – police animal welfare law enforcement training

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