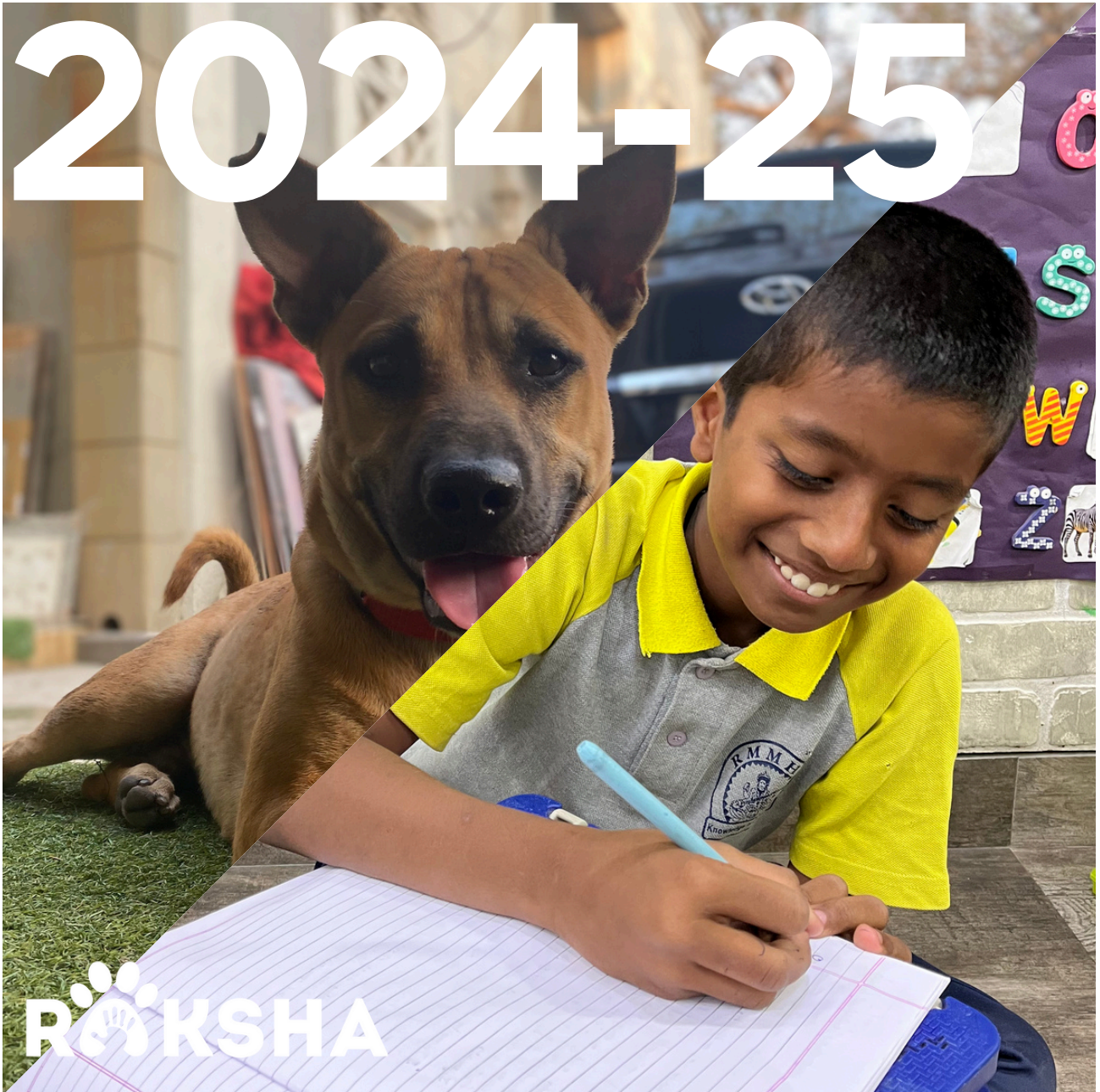


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LETTER FROM AJEET

What began as a simple thought took shape in December 2021 with the inauguration of the Raksha Animal Welfare Center (RAWC) at Mahalaxmi - a treatment center for stray dogs and cats.

Harsh's mission to help street animals began with the loss of his beloved pet, Simba. Today, it has served over 5,000 furry lives.

At RAWC, we witness resilience daily - suffering turned into healing, fear replaced with love.

Dog Sheru, once afflicted by a severe maggot filled wound - the size of a mini pizza, now runs free. Cat Don, who arrived with a skull injury, healed beautifully. Dog Emma had a 1.5 kg tumor removed from her leg and now runs like a boss. And Cat Bub's recovery from jaw and nasal injuries after an accident was nothing short of a miracle - all given a second chance at life. The resilience of these animals, their will to fight, and their ability to trust again after immense suffering inspire me every day. These stories are not just about the animals but also about the dedication of every person involved - the founders, team, volunteers, and caregivers who never give up. Witnessing a terrified, wounded animal transform into an affectionate companion is a testament to the love and care given by the RAWC team.

None of this would be possible without the kindness, and vision of Harsh and Dr. Rachana. Their belief in a better world for street animals continues to inspire us all.

But their impact doesn't stop there. Dr. Rachana's passion for education led to the establishment of the Raksha Children Education Center in August 2022 at Nepean Sea Road. What began with 30 children has now grown to 130, with a waiting list of 50 more eager to join. These children live in the slums of Nepean Sea Road, many having moved to Mumbai from villages with little to no exposure to education.

It's amazing to see how quickly some of them learn. Children who once struggled to spell their own names can now read and comprehend full stories in just six months. Beyond academics, they have won accolades, placed second in dance competitions, excelled in inter-school art contests, learned yoga, Kathak, football, planted trees, visited museums, watched plays at the Royal Opera, and gained much more exposure.

It's heartwarming to witness their brilliance - each child shines when given the good environment to flourish. Thanks to Dr. Rachana and Harsh's guidance, support, and vision, along with the dedication of the teachers and volunteers at RCEC, we can see this transformation in the children.

I am deeply grateful to Dr. Rachana and Harsh for their guidance and for allowing me to be part of their beautiful vision. To the kind, dedicated, and hardworking teams and volunteers at our centers, as well as our incredible partner NGOs - thank you from the bottom of my heart for your unwavering support and compassion. This journey wouldn't be the same without you all.



CORE BELIEFS for Animals

At Raksha, we are guided by the fundamental belief that every animal deserves a life free from suffering and harm. Our commitment to improving the lives of animals is centered on three core principles: **Sterilization, Urgent Care, and Vaccination.**

Together, we are shaping a future where animals receive the protection and care they deserve. Our mission is more than just responding to immediate needs—it's about creating long-term solutions for animal welfare.

MISSION

- Our mission is to combat the growing problem of animal overpopulation through **accessible and effective sterilization programs.**
- We believe that every animal in crisis deserves immediate help, no matter the circumstance. Our mission includes **providing urgent care and assistance to animals in distress**—whether due to accidents, natural disasters, or abuse.
- The health and safety of animals are at the core of our mission. Through widespread vaccination efforts, we protect animals from preventable diseases that can otherwise cause severe illness or death.



CORE BELIEFS for Children

We believe that every child, regardless of their background, deserves access to quality education and opportunities for holistic development. We are dedicated to empowering underprivileged children to reach their fullest potential, shaping a brighter future for them and their communities.

Our core beliefs guide every step of our work and are the foundation of our mission:

MISSION

- We strongly believe that **Education is a Right, Not a Privilege** and is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty. Every child has the right to a safe, supportive learning environment where they can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.
- We understand that a child's growth goes beyond academics. True development encompasses emotional, social, physical, and creative growth. We **believe in nurturing the whole child**, helping them build confidence, resilience, and a sense of self-worth.
- We believe that the **success of a child is deeply intertwined with the strength of their community**. Education is most impactful when families, teachers, and local leaders work together to support a child's journey.

LONG-TERM VALUE PROPOSITION

Animals: We envision India where animals are not only protected but also thrive in a safe, healthy, and compassionate environment.

By embracing a holistic approach to animal care, we aim to provide sustainable solutions that encompass quality healthcare, education and awareness, and high-quality medical facilities. Our goal is to transform the way animals are treated and ensure that every animal has access to the resources they need for a better life.

We plan to do this by providing comprehensive healthcare solutions with state of the art medical facilities, by raising awareness that encourage co-existing building a pathway to building sustainable animal welfare.



Kids: We are driven by the belief that every child, regardless of their socioeconomic background, deserves the opportunity to receive a high-quality education and holistic development that will shape their future.

Our long-term value proposition is built on a comprehensive approach to addressing the challenges faced by underprivileged children, ensuring that they not only gain academic knowledge but also develop the life skills necessary to succeed in an ever-changing world.

Through our commitment to holistic development, community empowerment, and long-term sustainability, we are shaping a world where every child has the opportunity to reach their fullest potential, and in doing so, we are creating a better tomorrow for all.



FOCUS AREAS for Animals

We at Raksha, are deeply committed to improving the lives of animals. India has more than 30 million stray dogs with more than 20,000 people dying of rabies every year. Our focus is on providing immediate care, support, and long-term solutions for the welfare of animals. Through our ABC-ARV Programs and Emergency Medical Care, we aim to address the pressing challenges facing animals in our community.

**ABC/
ARV**



*** Animal Birth Control & Anti-Rabies Vaccination**

The ABC-ARV programs are at the heart of our efforts to reduce the stray animal population humanely while preventing the spread of rabies. Through these initiatives, we focus on sterilizing street animals to prevent overpopulation and vaccinating them against rabies to safeguard both animals and the public.

**URGENT
CARE**



*** Treatment & Emergency Care**

Emergencies can strike at any time, leaving animals injured, ill, or in distress. Our organization operates an emergency medical care service to address the urgent needs of animals in critical conditions. Whether it's an accident, animal cruelty case, or sudden illness, our dedicated team of veterinary professionals provides immediate, life-saving care to animals in need.



FOCUS AREAS for Children

We are committed to empowering underprivileged children by providing them with the tools and opportunities they need to thrive. Our focus areas are at the heart of our mission, guiding our efforts as we work toward creating lasting change in the lives of the children, families, and communities we support. As we continue to advance our mission, these focus areas will remain at the heart of everything we do. In the year ahead, we are committed to expanding our reach, refining our programs, and increasing our impact in the lives of the children we serve.

QUALITY EDUCATION

* Access to Quality Education

Providing high-quality education is our primary focus. Our after-school tutoring and mentoring programs help students who need additional academic support. We ensure all students have access to essential learning resources such as textbooks, technology, and learning materials.

HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT

* Holistic Child Development

Holistic development is essential for fostering well-rounded individuals who are prepared for life's challenges. In the past year, we focused on:

- Offering extracurricular programs such as sports, arts, and music to develop creativity, teamwork, and leadership skills
- Providing life skills training that includes, communication, phonetics, and behavioural development.

YEAR IN NUMBERS

130

ADMISSIONS

900+

CLASSES

120

FIELD TRIPS

30

BATCHES

10

ACTIVITIES



953+

TREATMENTS

920+

CAT
STERILIZATIONS

121+

DOG
STERILIZATIONS

1,720+

VACCINATIONS

76

SPECIAL
SURGERIES



ANIMAL STORIES



BABU'S JOURNEY

After a tragic accident at the train station, Puppy Babu was suffering from an infected front limb and required an amputation. His surgery was successfully performed at RAWC on April 25, 2024, and despite the setback, his spirit remained unshaken.

Babu adapted quickly, proving that nothing could slow him down. His resilience and charm won hearts, and he soon found a loving forever home. His journey is a reminder that with the right care, every animal can thrive.

ZOYA MANEKIA



DON BHATT'S JOURNEY

Don's caretaker brought him in with a large and nasty neck wound. The local Vet was unable to treat him because he was too aggressive and uncooperative. When we admitted Don, he had to be sedated for every single treatment.

Over the next few weeks the whole team did everything in our power to help Don understand that we were trying to help him! Gradually, Don started to trust us and one fine day this aggressive cat climbed into my lap and allowed me to clean his wound with no hassle at all!

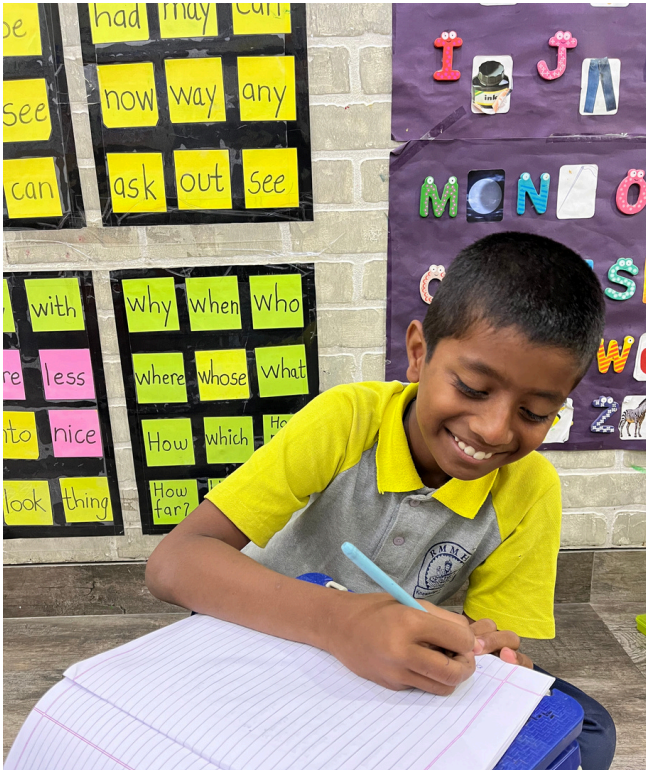
Don was discharged in 3 months, completely healed with only a tiny scar. During this time his caretaker visited Don twice a week without fail. This is my favourite type of story because it shows a little love and patience can go a long way!

DR. TANAYA PAI



KIDS STORIES

PRITESH CHAVAN



When Pritesh joined RCEC, he struggled with mood swings, anger, and attention issues, especially with reading. However, through breathing exercises, the “How Are You Feeling Today” game, and task breakdowns, Pritesh began to manage his emotions and improve his focus. Phonetic instructions and making reading fun helped him progress significantly. Today, Pritesh is more confident, calm, and actively participates in class, showing great improvement in both his emotional regulation and academic skills.

SHIVANI DESAI



ANANYA MISHRA



Ananya, a Standard 3 student, has shown remarkable growth since joining Raksha Children's Education Center. Her math skills have significantly improved, enabling her to confidently solve complex problems. Her reading fluency and comprehension have also advanced, allowing her to better grasp and interpret texts. Ananya has made impressive progress, and her enthusiasm for learning continues to grow. We are proud of her achievements and look forward to her continued success.

ARCHANA KANOJIA



PARTNERSHIPS & VISITS

We are so delighted to have such wonderful trusted partners and express our sincere thanks to every single one of you. You help animals recover and give them the best chance at life by improving their health and wellbeing, particularly those affected by crisis.

Non-Profits/Communities

- All About Them
- YODA
- Sanctuary Nature Foundation
- Pochabhai Foundation
- Awaaz Foundation
- Save Our Strays
- World For All
- Gully Bois

Corporates

- Social Venture Partners India
- Balancing Act Private Limited
- The St. Regis Mumbai
- Turn Around Shop
- Museum of Solutions
- Mahendra Brothers

Institutions

- Sophia College
- Cathedral & John Cannon School
- Vivekanand Education Society
- Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Queens
- Hill Spring International School
- Lala Lajpat Rai College
- The Willingdon Sports Club

Personalities

- Dia Mirza Rekhi
- Rupali Ganguly
- Jacqueline Fernandez
- Shalini Pandey
- Manya Singh



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

* INCOME STATEMENTS

For FY 24-25, Raksha Foundation received a total income of ₹2.26 crore, consisting of ₹1.85 crore (81.86%) as donations from the founders and ₹41.81 lakh (18.14%) from external contributions. The foundation’s total expenses amounted to ₹2.27 crore.

Founder Donations	₹1.85CR
External Donations	₹41.81L
Expenses	₹2.27CR

* INCOME SOURCES

The major income sources were donations for sterilizing stray community dogs and cats, primarily from the Cuffe Parade area, totalling ₹39.45 lakh. Additional funds came from OPD services and caretakers bringing animals for treatment. Donors like Ashni and Ameer supported children's education, with parents paying nominal fees. This resulted in ₹2.35 lakh for educational purposes.

* MAJOR EXPENSES

For the fiscal year 2024-25, the rent for the Raksha Animal Welfare Center amounts to ₹28,83,635. The rent for the old Raksha Children Education Center at Om Dariya Mahal is ₹8,23,106, while the advance rent for the new Raksha Children Education Center at Walkeshwar is ₹24,78,000. The remuneration for the Raksha Animal Welfare Center is ₹52,40,247, and for the Raksha Children Education Center, it is ₹24,26,417.

Sterilization Donations & OPD Income	₹39.45L*	Rent	₹61.84L
Children's Education Donations and Fee Income	₹2.35L*	Compensation	₹76.66L

* Approximate
Detailed audited financial statement to follow

OTHER INITIATIVES

BĀLA SAṂSKĀRA KENDRAS

Bāla Saṁskāra Kendras (BSKs) have been instrumental in providing quality education to over 300 tribal children across 10 villages in Dediapada Taluka, Narmada District, Gujarat. Established in collaboration with the Pochabhai Foundation, these centers offer academic support in subjects like Mathematics, Science, English, and Gujarati, using innovative teaching methods that make learning engaging and enjoyable. Beyond academics, children participate in extracurricular activities such as origami, leaf art, singing, and mud work while also developing life skills like tree planting and kitchen gardening. They are also encouraged to embrace values of inclusivity and cultural harmony.

One of the most anticipated annual events is the 'Bal Mela,' a day of celebration where children from all BSKs come together for fun, learning, and connection.



AWARENESS PROGRAMS

Raksha Foundation conducts awareness programs on animal welfare, highlighting its rescue and rehabilitation efforts. Awareness programs conducted for school children from Hill Spring International School, Cathedral and John Connon Senior School and for the children of Akanksha Foundation, and for the children who had enrolled for animal welfare courses at the Museum of Solutions. was invited to the school's Nature Club Talk, where students learned about its impact.

The students collectively contributed 115 kilos of dog and cat food for recovering animals at the Raksha Animal Welfare Center. Additionally, Raksha Foundation participates in the school fair, where funds were raised to support its initiatives.



YEAR IN PICTURES





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