

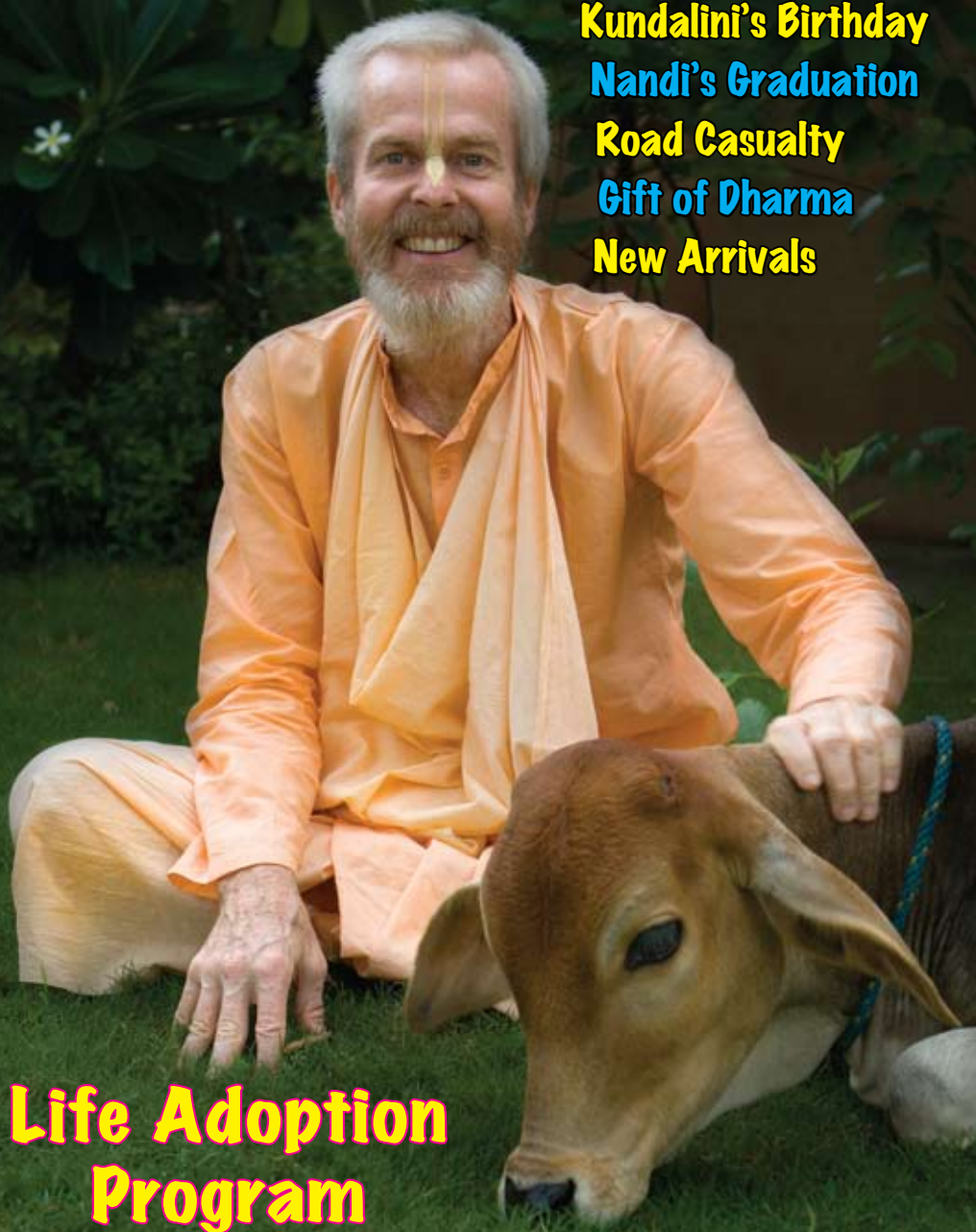
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CARE FOR COWS

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Kundalini's Birthday
Nandi's Graduation
Road Casualty
Gift of Dharma
New Arrivals



**Life Adoption
Program**

Jaya Sri Guru! Jaya Sri Gopala!
Jaya Sri Go Mata!

Dear Friends,

"The basic principle of economic development is centered on land and cows. The necessities of human society are food grains, fruits, milk, minerals, clothing, wood, etc. One requires all these items to fulfill the material needs of the body. Certainly one does not require flesh and fish or iron tools and machinery.

If there is enough milk, enough grains, enough fruit, enough cotton, enough silk and enough jewels, then why do the people need cinemas, houses of prostitution, slaughterhouses, etc.? What is the need of an artificial luxurious life of cinema, cars, radio, flesh and hotels?

Has this civilization produced anything but quarreling individually and nationally?

Has this civilization enhanced the cause of equality and fraternity by sending thousands of men into a hellish factory and the war fields at the whims of a particular man?

Human civilizations should depend on the production of material nature without artificially attempting economic development to turn the world into a chaos of artificial greed and power only for the purpose of artificial luxuries and sense gratification. This is but the life of dogs and hogs."

Srila Prabhupada's purport to *Srimad-Bhagavatam*, 1.10.4

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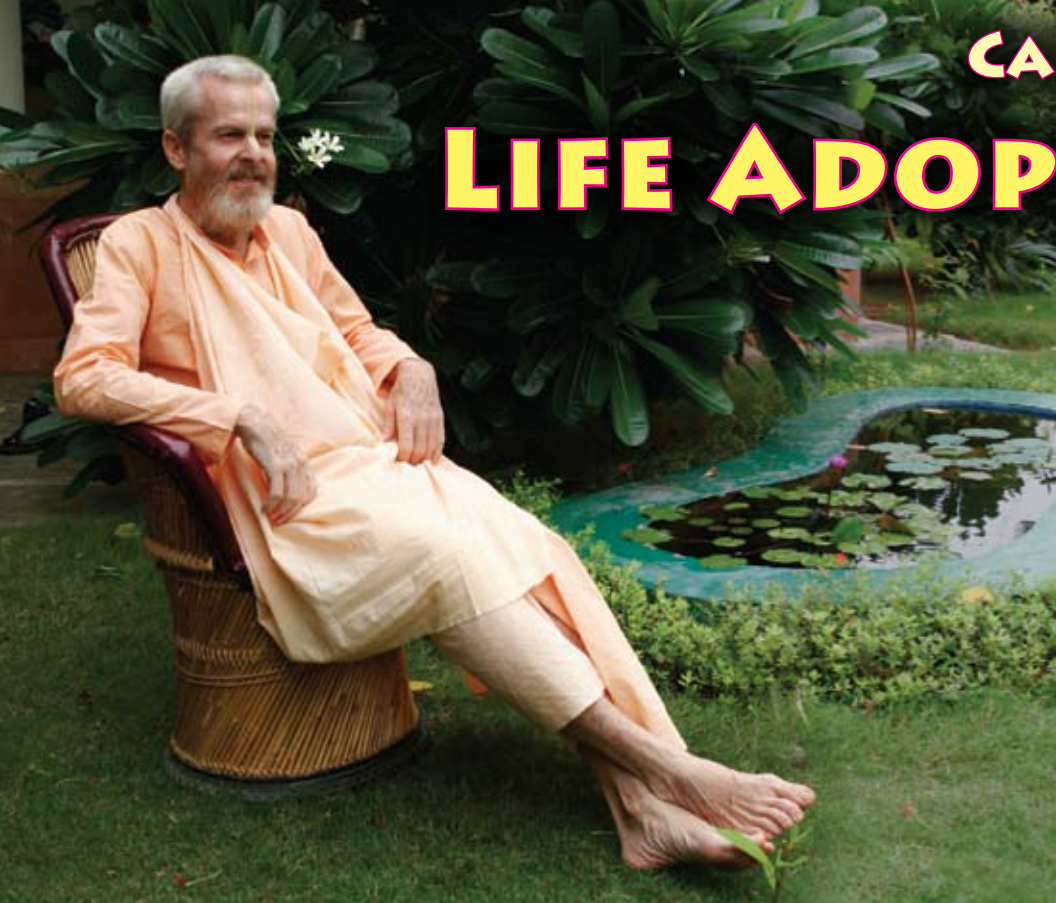


CARE FOR COWS
IN VRINDAVAN

~ PORTRAIT OF THE MONTH ~



~ KARUNA & SON ~



His Holiness Mahanidhi Swami Maharaja

Goseva is all about gratitude, generosity, and give and take. In short, *goseva* means love which is the substratum of life itself.

Everyday mother cow produces sufficient milk to nurture her baby calf, and out of love for mankind she produces extra milk to nourish and maintain our existence.

Mother cow knows the true meaning of love. She gratefully accepts whatever is offered with a bowed head and an open heart. She tolerates everything without complaint; all the while radiating peace. Even if her master just throws her some

chopped dry wheat stalks (*busa*), she reciprocates fully. Without hesitation, mother cow gives her very essence, which is her blood transformed into milk; the elixir of life. Mother cow is the embodiment of love.

We have taken so much from mother cow, and now the debt weighs on our heart filling our mind with thoughts: "O Mother, how can I ever repay you? What little service may I render to bring you a bit of happiness? Please forgive me for neglecting you for so long."

To relieve the burden of our

CARE FOR COWS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Mahanidhi Swami has authored and published more than twelve books on the science of Bhakti Yoga. He presently resides in his *ashrama* in Sri Radha Kund but regularly travels to Vrindavan, Delhi and Mumbai to give lectures. Maharaja is one of CFC's patrons and inspired his disciples to perform *goseva* by taking responsibility as trustees in Care for Cows. His concern for the abandoned cows in Vraja is inspiring him to consider opening a branch in Radha Kund.

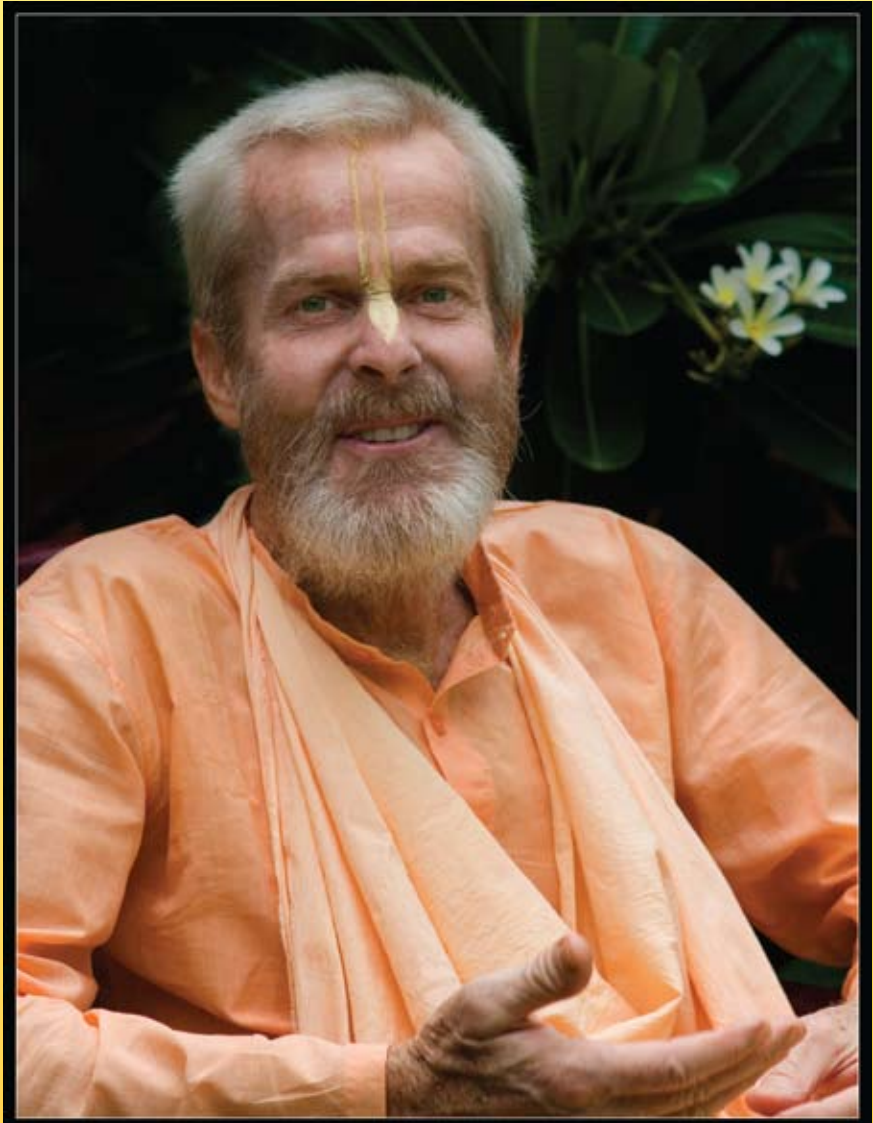


heart, Lord Gopala inspired a new idea for *goseva* called: LAP — Life Adoption Program. This program gives us a chance to express our love toward mother cow by giving something back to her in the form of generosity and gratitude.

Life is defined as the period during which something continues

to exist. For our entire life mother cow remains in the background silently serving each one of us by providing the most essential and complete food: milk.

The word adoption means to take another person's child and raise him as your own. When a mother adopts a child she





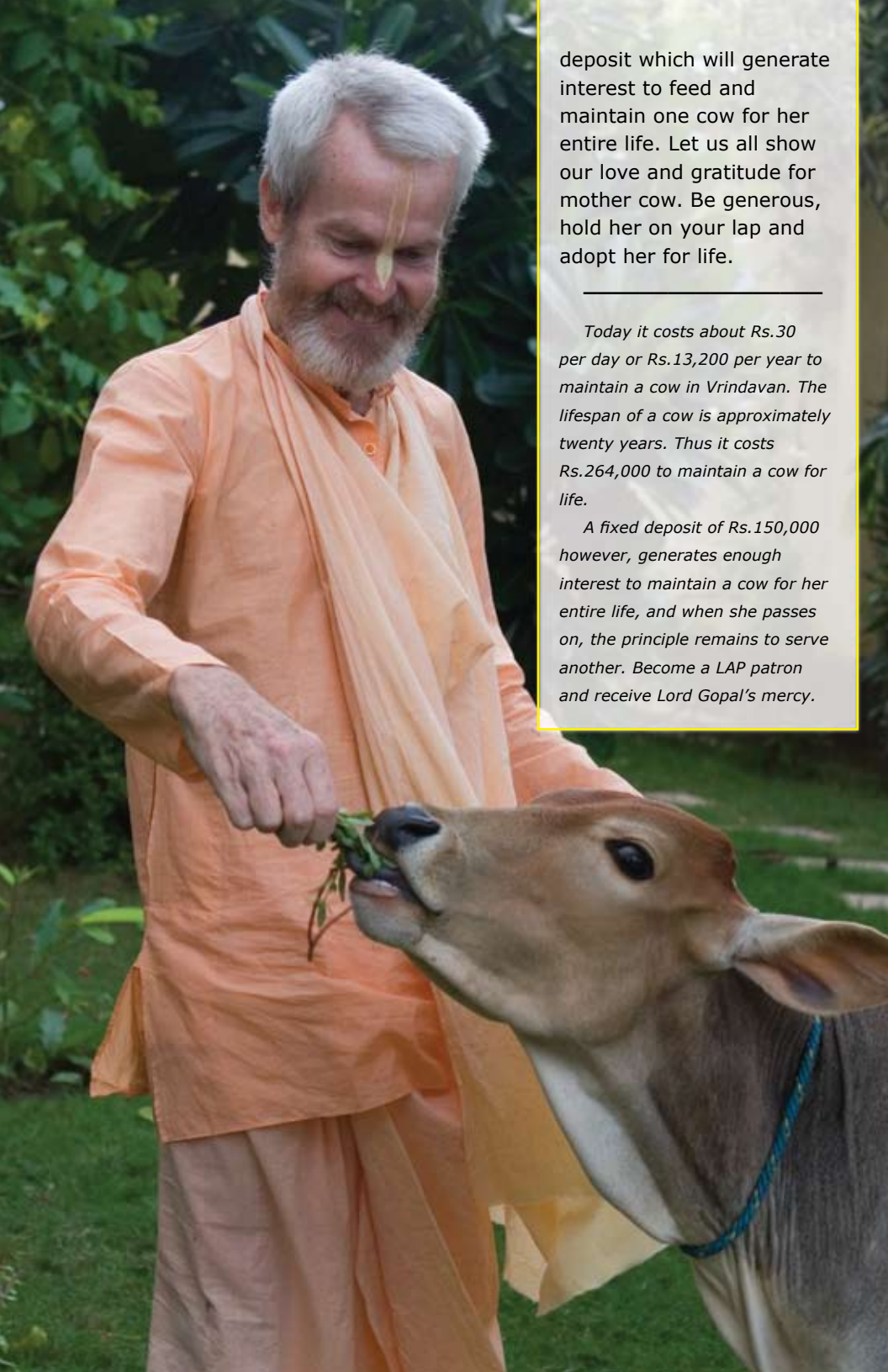
naturally holds him on her lap, caresses him and feeds him. Then she showers her love on him for his entire life.

Adoption also means to accept as one's own and to provide a home for. These definitions can also apply to the cow who is one of God's orphaned children. We can accept one or more cows as our own, provide a home for them and raise them lovingly providing all the necessities for a happy life.

Shortly after Lord Gopala gave me the idea for LAP, an unknown admirer donated enough money

to adopt four cows. Compared to the number of humans in this world, there are very few cows available for adoption. Therefore, it is actually a great privilege to be able to adopt one of Lord Krsna's cows in Vrndavana. I pray that many other sensitive souls will take part in Care for Cows new LAP program.

In essence, LAP is a facility for open hearted souls to give a one time donation of 1.5 lacs (US\$3,500) to adopt a cow for her entire life. The donation will be deposited in an unbreakable fixed



deposit which will generate interest to feed and maintain one cow for her entire life. Let us all show our love and gratitude for mother cow. Be generous, hold her on your lap and adopt her for life.

Today it costs about Rs.30 per day or Rs.13,200 per year to maintain a cow in Vrindavan. The lifespan of a cow is approximately twenty years. Thus it costs Rs.264,000 to maintain a cow for life.

A fixed deposit of Rs.150,000 however, generates enough interest to maintain a cow for her entire life, and when she passes on, the principle remains to serve another. Become a LAP patron and receive Lord Gopal's mercy.

GOMATA KI JAI !





Kundalini is considered to be the best dancer in our herd. Some of her

HAPPY BIRTHD



David & Lila Manjari

From Bhakta David and Lila Manjari, San Diego, USA.

Our experience with Care for Cows started with a workshop offered through the Vrindavana Institute of Higher Education (VIHE). We went to the Care for Cows clinic where we heard a wonderful class delivered by Kurma Rupa dasa regarding the importance of cow protection. We toured the facilities and helped feed the bulls and cows. We were so inspired that before we left Vrindavana we returned to Care for Cows to find a new friend.

Kurma Rupa took the time to introduce us to several of the unsponsored residents and we fell in love with Kundalini and the way she danced.

When people talk about their pets, we casually mention that we have a cow. In San Diego this seems impossible to them until we explain that she doesn't live with us! This usually opens a window to tell them know about our trip to India, Care for Cows, and of course Krishna!

Kundalini is such a part of our family that our mothers joke about being Grand-Moothers!

Serving Krishna through Care for Cows continues to be a wonderful experience for us. It was Lila's idea to use a piggy bank to collect loose change for



with Kundalini's piggy bank

Kundalini so we could send her something for her birthday. Lila is especially adamant about putting all of the change we find out on



performances can be seen on the CFC video entitled *Sunrise in Goloka*.

DAY KUNDALINI!

the ground in it so that who ever dropped the coins could receive the benefit of cow protection also.

Sponsoring Kundalini is also fun because it gives us one more thing to look forward to should Krishna's grace grant us another visit to Vrindavana, and if our friends go we can ask them to visit Kundalini for us!

But you don't have to visit Vrindavana to sponsor a cow or bull, just browse through the pictures at careforcows.org and your heart will warm to several residents. The hardest part is choosing just one!



Kundalini on her sixth birthday



Kundalini & Lila Manjari



Kundalini's birthday collection sponsored a feast for our Sundrakh herd of 162 residents. The feast included barley flour, chick pea husks, mustard seed cake, wheat bran, bananas and guavas.



The Babas of Radha Thila in Raman Reti requested Care

A GIFT OF DHARMA





for Cows to accept their one-and-a-half year-old pet bull.

The residents of the ashrama named Radha Thila in Raman Reti are well known for feeding birds. They often wear *tilak* in reverse; that is, instead of marking the sign of Vishnu on their forehead with clay, they cover their face entirely with clay and wipe clean the part of their forehead and nose so the skin showing through forms the mark of Vishnu.

Every afternoon at around 4:00 p.m. large flocks of pigeons, parrots, sparrows, babblers, peacocks and other assorted birds gather there to feast on the copious seeds the *sadhus* supply. It is a festival of feathers and people come from all over to witness the chatter and squawking.

The grounds of the *ashrama* are swept soft sand graced by several large neem and tamal trees and



one enchanting banyan tree. The natural setting is very soothing for the mind.

The Babas there keep two cows to supply milk for their Deities of Sri Sri Radha Krsna. They require only a few liters of milk for the worship so the calves get to drink all they want.

Their favorite calf is a bull named Syamalia who is now eighteen



months old and substantially overgrown from feasting lavishly on his mother's milk. He is their pet and is loved by all of them.

They asked Care for Cows to host Syamalia as he has out grown his pen and they have a space problem. They promised to deliver one hundred kilos of grains each month for his consumption and asked that we never to give him to a farmer.

They want us to train him to pull the school bus as it passes their *ashrama* daily and in this way they can still see him regularly.

Syamalia would not leave the *ashrama* without his mother so they walked both of them to our facility and after he got a bit adjusted escorted her home.

For two days Syamalia was forlorn but the Babas consoled him with daily visits and grooming.

He has made friends with our *neel gai* Janardana and they spend hours each day sparring.

Next week we will begin training him to pull the cart.







Nandi with his trainers Dileep and Kailash

NANDI'S GRADUATION

When Nandi lived in the street he frequented the fruit stalls and developed a taste for bananas. That's how we allured him to Care for Cows when he was one-year-old. He is gentle, good-natured and healthy and we all admire his glossy red coat and pendulous ears announcing that he is partially Gir in species. All of us suspect that he was sired by a bull of the same name who was very dear to us.

Vrindavan Vilasini dasi from Germany volunteered to sponsor Nandi and has been dutifully doing so for more than two years.

Most of our bulls are turned into oxen but Nandi has been kept in tact as he is stout and obedient. He has sired two bull calves who mirror his nature.

Nandi is now four-years-old and began his training only one month ago. He has been paired with Kanhaiya who is also part Gir and only slightly taller. They have the same pace and soon will begin their service of transporting students to and from the Sandipani Muni School in Caitanya Vihar.

Nandi received a bull scholarship and we are proud that he has graduated with honors.





Karuna & son

ANOTHER ROAD CASUALTY

Karuna is part of a herd of fifty cows that live on the Vrindavan-Chatikkara highway which is not a safe place. She was struck by a car more than two months ago just after her calf was born.

Though no bones appear to be broken she has partially lost use of her left rear leg and has trouble standing and walking.

Her owner tried several village remedies but none were

successful. He asked us to take her in and nurse her back to good health.

The several lacerations on her legs and back healed without complication. She also suffered from fungus on her face and underside but that cleared within a week.

Dr. Lavania suspects that the impact has resulted in some nerve damage and that is the cause of her inability to walk properly. She



stands in a leaning position and walks in tight circles.

One complication is that when she loses her balance she repeatedly falls on her left hip and even though her pen has a sand floor, substantial swelling has resulted. Now the swelling is reaching her udder.

Dr. Lavania recommended that we tie an inner tube to her hip to cushion her fall and that has helped to some degree. He also recommended that we apply ice packs to the swollen area three to four times a day.

This is reducing the inflammation substantially and Karuna actually looks forward to the ice treatments daily.

She is an exceptional patient and is doing her best to nurse her son and avoid falling on him.

Karuna's calf is healthy and though he plays with the other calves, he prefers to sit with his mother and console her.



NEW ARRIVALS



Kamala Caran



Kamala Caran and Amavasya were apparently abandoned by the same *goshalla* as they are fast friends. They wandered by our main gate during feeding time and were invited in.

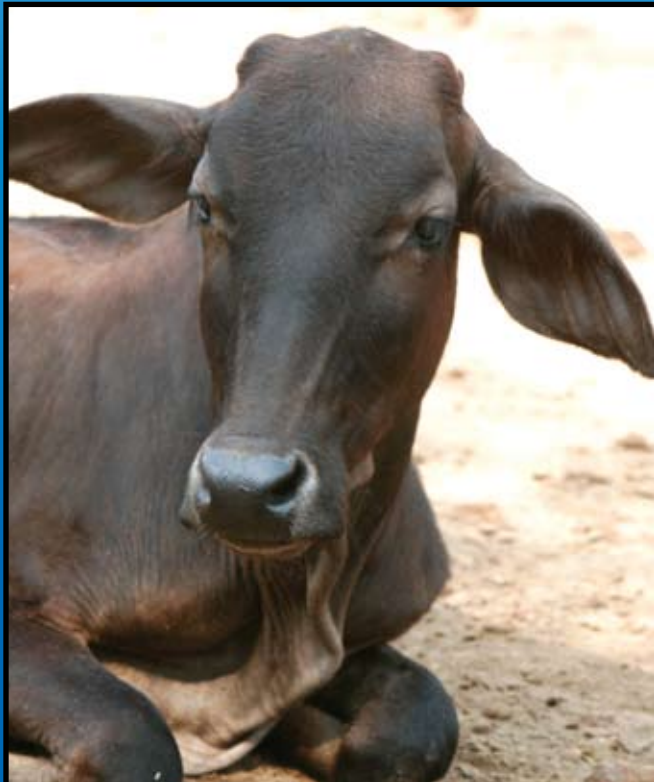
One of our cowherd men remarked that the one looked like he was wearing white socks, the other corrected him saying that his feet are like white lotuses, hence his name.



Amavasya

Kamala Caran is about fourteen-months-old and Amavasya is perhaps two months younger.

Both are in good health and except for the fact that they have been abandoned do not appear to have been abused. They are reserved and somewhat apprehensive but that is normal until they are accepted into the herd which generally takes about ten days.





The above bull and the *neel gai* both arrived with broken spines. We were told they had fallen into ditches.

The bull sat for two days as seen above quietly tolerating his condition as if doing breathing exercises. He refused to eat or drink but sat looking into the distance. He then layed flat for two days and departed.

The *neel gai* is about three-months-old and in perfect health but his spine is visibly broken and his hind quarter is paralyzed.





! ADI DEVA BORN TO TUNGAVIDYA !



Adi Deva at three
hours old

Thank You From the Cows



A cow snoozing in Varsana



The cows send their heart-felt thanks to those who assisted during September 2008

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May cows stay in front of me; may cows stay behind me; may cows stay on both sides of me. May I always reside in the midst of cows. —Hari Bhakti Vilas 16.252