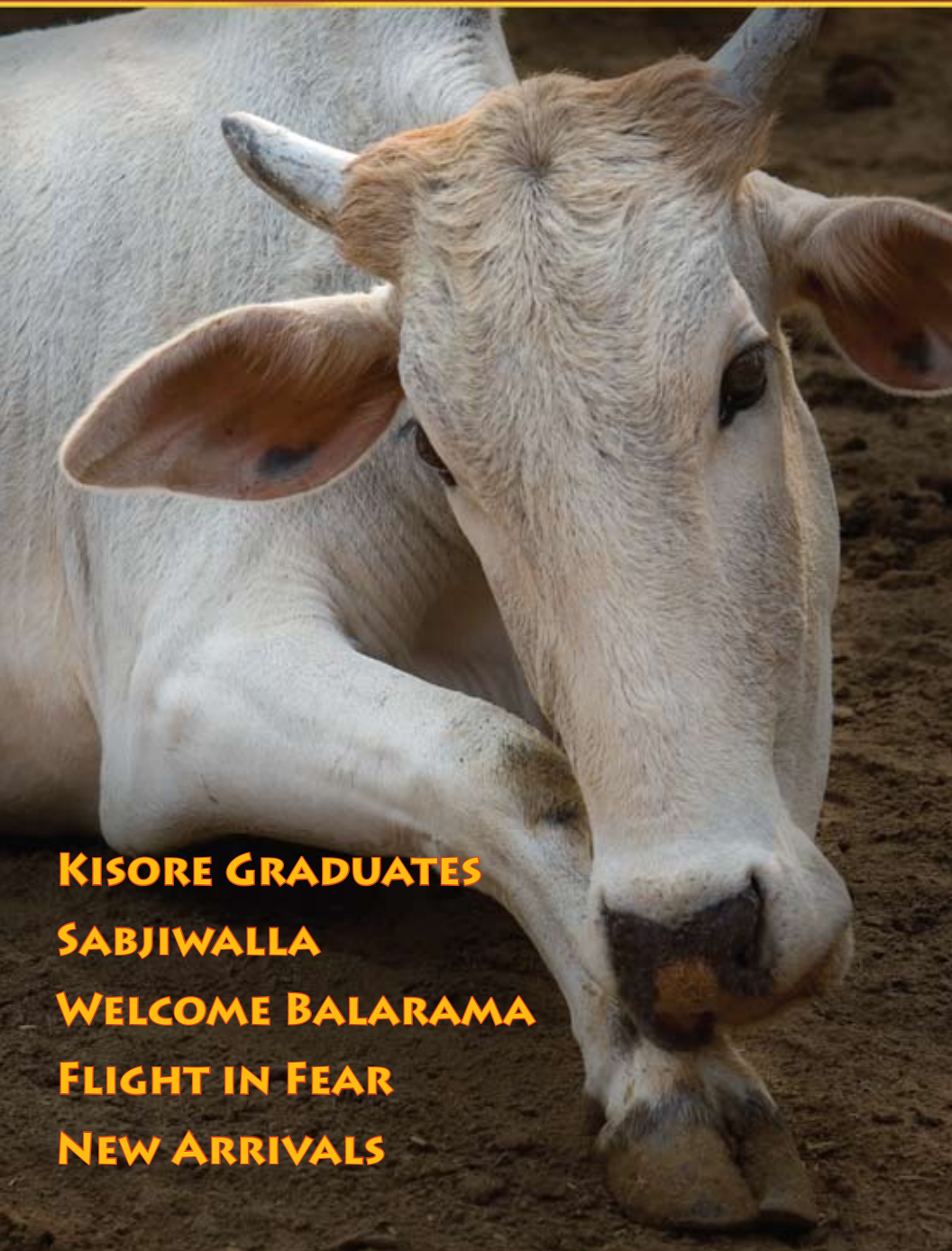


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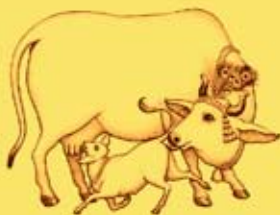
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CARE FOR COWS
IN VRINDAVAN

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

Gomati-vidya

That body of water which nourishes
a thirsty cow becomes as good as the
Ganga, Yamuna, Sindhu or Sarasvati.



The body of the cow hosts all holy
rivers and sacred places.

The cow is the source of all
nourishment and religious principles.

The Goddess of Fortune Laksmi
resides in the dung of the cow.

By offering respect to cows, one
captures the four objectives of life
(*dharma, artha, kama* and *moksha*).

Therefore, all intelligent persons who
desire benefit should offer obeisances to
the cows.



Vishnu-dharmottara Part II – 42/49 to 58

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~ PORTRAIT OF THE MONTH ~



~ VALLABHA ~



SABJIWALLA

Many of the bulls that roam the streets stalking the vegetable vendors become very capable of taking care of themselves. Sabjiwalla, as the local vendors call him, is a healthy example.

He was injured by a careless motorist and suffered a nasty gash below his hip. Flies went to work and in a few days maggots burrowed three inches into his flesh. Despite his regular licking his wound became festered and constantly oozed blood and pus.

Some of the local vendors tried to treat the wound with disinfectants but since Sabjiwalla

is not very friendly, their treatment could not be thorough.

Three men loaded the unwilling Sabjiwalla on our truck and brought him in for treatment. Since he has been on his own for about two years he was not interested to be confined to the *goshalla* and repeatedly tried to break out. We ended up tying him for a week until his wound was healed.

When we untied him we opened the gate so he could leave but since he had been so well fed, he decided to stay and is presently settling into the herd well.



Above: After being tied securely, Syam Hari and Vijay clean Sabjiwalla's wound.
Below: Sabjiwalla's deep nasty gash healed after eight days of careful dressing.



chool Bus



KISORE GRADUATES

Kisore has been with us since February 2002 and has always been friendly but somewhat high-strung. We moved him to Belvan with the other bulls but he refused to settle in there so we brought him back.

He protested a bit more than usual when he began his training but we patiently persisted. In time he accepted and has now joined our working oxen in transporting village children to school. He is now obedient and very strong.

The system our bull trainers use is that two candidates are first tied together and made to march in a long oval track. After two days of this practice they put the team in a light bamboo training yoke and drill them for another two days.

Then they drag an old tire loaded with bricks around the training area for three or four days learning voice commands.

Next they are paired with a trained bull and begin to pull the empty cart around the barnyard. After a day of this practice they go out on the road and pull the empty cart to the school which is about two kilometers away.

When they begin to transport the students, their trainer walks beside them for a week helping them overcome the various obstacles Vrindavan's busy streets offer. One day Kisore sensed that a parked motorcycle may impede the passage of the cart and tossed it aside with a carefree nudge with his horn!



Fitting the training yoke on Balaji and Mukti



Balaji and Mukti in training



Kisore and Nitai training





Vrnda is an orphaned calf who has been with us for more than a year. Recently she received a nice gift sent by her sponsors Madhava Dasa and family. It is a very durable cow bell with her name engraved on it. The tightly woven

colorful nylon strap promises to last several years.

Madhava had a smaller version made which he keeps in his house next to a photo of Vrnda. He plans to do the same for the other two residents he sponsors here.



SPECIAL COW ~ SPECIAL BELL

Those of you who wish to arrange for similar bells for other members of the herd may do so by contacting madhava@alltel.net.

At present the bell is a bit big for Vrinda but she is expected to grow into it soon.





WELCOME BALARAM



Balarama was a surprise to all of us except his mother Rangini who is barely three-years-old. We were not aware that she was pregnant until a few hours before she gave birth.

Though we have been trying to control the breeding owing to our space limitations in Sundrakh several cows have surprised us. There are definitely some clandestine meetings going on which defy our surveillance.

In any case, before he was one-hour-old Phillip and his wife from Croatia visited the goshalla and became captivated by the new-born calf. They had come to take photos of our project for publication in a magazine in their country. After shooting many pictures of the calf and his mother, they decided to sponsor him and named him Balarama.

Rangini was born to Shanti in 2005 and has been always quiet and friendly.

Shanti and her mother arrived at Care for Cows in 2000, both suffering from advanced hoof and mouth disease (FMD). They were emaciated from being unable to eat owing to lesions on their gums and tongue. We began treating them and Shanti survived but her mother died. Shanti is being sponsored by Dr. Janice Oliver, USA and Rangini by Bharat Samtani, Mumbai.

Balarama is healthy and strong and is blessed with a thick coat to get him through the winter.



Shanti



Shanti's daughter Rangini



Rangini and Balarama



FLIGHT IN FEAR



Maha Prasad getting soliced after his wound was cleaned

It was the last Ekadasi in Kartika and the Parikrama path was packed with thousands of excited pilgrims. Two men were perusing me and I was doing my best to lose them in the river of people. I noticed they were using a cell phone to coordinate their assault.

As I wove in and out of the crowd I was plagued by hundreds of flies swarming around the discharging wound on my neck.

The two men were gaining on me so I jumped through an open gate into a small ashrama hoping to lose them. It didn't work and I got trapped.

Another man suddenly appeared with a cell phone to assist the others and they all at once lunged at me. One grabbed my ear, the second wrapped a rope around my neck and the third clamped an iron fist behind the hump on my back and my knees buckled and I fell to the ground. In great desperation I let out an alarm call feeling like the end was near.

Soon it became apparent that they were not going to harm me and were actually trying to help. They wrapped a cloth around my wound and walked me to Care for Cows where they promptly washed the dried blood and pus off my neck and removed more than three hundred maggots from my wound.

What I thought was going to be the end turned out to be a new beginning. Now they tell me I have been named Maha Prasad by my sponsrs Vijeta Dasa & Arya Devi Dasi in Canada!





NEW ARRIVALS

This month we admitted another *nilgai* (antelope) who had been hit on the Delhi-Agra highway. She has a laceration behind her left ear, and substantial swelling in her jaw which complicates and limits eating and rumination. Initially

she would not eat by herself but would accept bananas and spinach if hand fed. Her front leg is also injured.

Each adult *nilgai* we have previously admitted has died from shock. This one, however,



is improving rapidly so we are hopeful she will adapt.

Other arrivals this month are the three young bulls pictured above. They are healthy and between nine-months and two- years-old. We suspect the

one with the nose harness was rejected as untrainable but will test him after he settles into the herd. The other two bulls are healthy and we suspect they were turned out from a local dairy as they are well-mannered.

Thank You From the Cows



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