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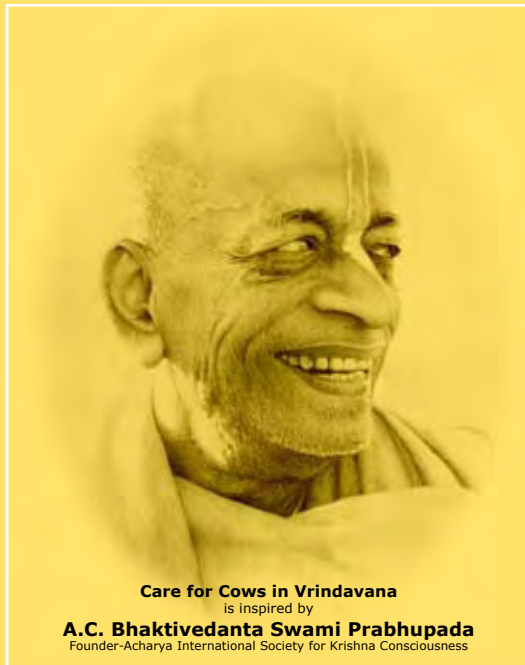


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Jaya Sri Guru!
Jaya Sri Gopala!
Jaya Sri Go Mata!

Dear Friends,

Padmalochan was the first bull given to us and we accepted him knowing that it meant a life-long commitment to *go seva*. Since he represents that commitment and the resulting inner satisfaction, he is special to us.

Today the wind blew a large piece of straw in his eye and he blinked repeatedly trying to extract it. When that didn't work he brought his back hoof to scratch his eye but since it was covered with dung and sand, it only made matters worse.

I approached the magnificent beast with intent to relieve his discomfort. As my hand approached his eye he clamped it shut concealing it well under the bulging muscles of his brow. I held his muzzle between my left arm and flank and pried his brow open with my right fingers and thumb. When I tried to intrude with my index finger, he withdrew his eyeball further into his socket making it inaccessible. He then got irritated and shook his massive head free rattling his bells and snorted threateningly.

Lesson: No matter how noble your intentions, you can't open the eyes of one who's determined to keep them shut.

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~ PORTRAIT OF THE MONTH ~



~ HANUMAN ~



Our Shining Star

Last month a beautiful, healthy white cow we named Anuradha arrived from the most sacred of sacred places, Sri Radha Kund.

Like Bhagirathi, who arrived two weeks earlier, Anuradha had a broken spine and her back legs and tail were paralyzed. Both cows had received their injuries by being mounted by a bull. Being unable to get up, Anuradha was given her own room in the sick bay where she was kept comfortable on Yamuna sand and soft hay bedding.

As part of her daily program she was groomed, massaged, changed sides regularly to avoid bed sores, fed nutritious food, and given fresh drinking water every few hours. Anuradha had a great appetite, a bright and friendly disposition, and was a pleasure to look after. After only three weeks of treatment with homeopathic medicines for her spinal injury, she showed encouraging signs of



On arrival Anuradha is lowered from the truck on an hydrolic platform



Medicinal ointment was applied down the spine to increase blood supply to the damaged nerves



Anuradha resting on pillows 12 hours before her departure

improvement – her tail could twitch and some sensation was evident in her back legs.

Then suddenly Anuradha fell sick, went off feed, and within 24 hours developed pneumonia. Dr Lavania treated her as a matter of urgency, and explained that with the change of season down cows are especially susceptible to cold, fever and pneumonia.

Over the next week she was cared for around the clock and was a wonderful, cooperative patient. From the onset of her illness one lung was badly congested and beside antibiotic injections, liniments were rubbed over the lung areas and she had regular sessions inhaling medicinal vapor. She was sustained by IV fluids, and kept as

comfortable as possible throughout her illness.

During her last days treatment continued for her body, and for her soul she took Ganga water, wore maha garlands and listened to Srila Prabhupada's bhajans. She peacefully departed from this world at 4.30am Feb 28 under the *naksatra* (star) of Anuradha, after which she was named.



Anuradha's body was placed in samadhi and worshiped with incense, flowers, and other auspicious offerings



PATIENT
UPDATE

SUSHILA



Sushila's leg was fractured in September 2007

Sushila tolerated having her front leg in a cast for 3.5 months, in an effort to heal a difficult fracture. Finally she was out of the cast in time for Christmas!

From lack of use her leg muscles were weak and due to the long time spent straight in the cast her knee couldn't bend more than a few degrees.

But Sushila's new year resolution was to exercise every day and by January end she could bend her knee almost fully back. A month on and it's working 100% (see photo opposite page).

Three cheers for Sushila!



By October end the knee joint was stiff



In Dec her cast was removed but her leg couldn't bend



Sensational results after 1 month of exercise



Lakshmi Devi Resides in Cow Dung

An excerpt from *The Mahabharata, Anusasana Parva*

“Yudhishtira said, ‘I have heard that the dung of the cow is endued with the Goddess of Fortune, Shree. I desire to hear how this has been brought about. I have doubts, O grandsire, which thou shouldst dispel.’

“Bhishma said, ‘In this connection is cited the old story, O monarch, of the conversation between kine and Shree, O best of the Bharatas! Once on a time the goddess Shree, assuming a very beautiful form, entered a herd of kine. The kine, beholding her wealth of beauty, became filled with wonder.’

“The kine said, ‘Who art thou, O goddess? Whence hast thou become unrivalled on earth for beauty? O highly blessed goddess, we have been filled with wonder at thy wealth of beauty. We desire to know who thou art. Who, indeed, art thou? Whither wilt thou proceed? O thou of very superior splendour of complexion, do tell us in detail all we wish to know.’

“Shree said, ‘Blessed be ye, I am dear unto all creatures. Indeed, I am known by the name of Shree. Forsaken by me, the Daityas have been lost forever. Indra, Vivaswat, Soma, Vishnu,

Varuna, and Agni, having obtained me, are sporting in joy and will do so forever. Verily, the Rishis and the deities, only when they are endued with me, have success.

Ye kine, those beings meet with destruction into whom I do not enter. Religion, wealth, and pleasure, only when endued with me, become sources of happiness. Ye kine who are givers of happiness, know that I am possessed of even such energy! I wish to always reside in every one of you. Repairing to your presence, I solicit you. Be all of you endued with Shree.

"The kine said, 'Thou art fickle and restless. Thou sufferest thyself to be enjoyed by many persons. We do not desire to have thee. Blessed be thou, go wheresoever thou pleasest. As regards ourselves, all of us are possessed of good forms. What need have we with thee? Go wheresoever thou likest. Thou hast already (by answering our questions) gratified us exceedingly.'

"Shree said, 'Is it proper with you, ye kine that you do not welcome me? I am difficult of being attained. Why then do you not accept me? It seems, ye



Gober (cow dung) is one of the five sacred items that comes from the cow. The other four are Gomutra (urine), Milk, Ghee, and Yoghurt.



ABOVE: A village girl gathers fresh cow dung and after kneading it into a thick dough, presses it into large paddies to be dried in the sun and stacked. Later it will be used for fuel for cooking and heating the house. **OPPOSITE:** Gober used as wall decoration.

creatures of excellent vows, that the popular proverb is true, that it is certain that when one comes to another of one's own accord and without being sought, one meets with disregard. The Gods, the Danavas, the

Gandharvas, the Pisachas, the Uragas, the Rakshasas and human beings succeed in obtaining me only after undergoing the severest austerities. You who have such energy, do take me. Ye amiable ones, I

am never disregarded by anyone in the three worlds of mobile and immobile creatures.'

"The kine said, 'We do not disregard thee, O goddess. We do not show thee a slight! Thou art

fickle and of a very restless heart. It is for this only that we take leave of thee. What need of much talk? Do thou go wheresoever thou chooseth. All of us are endued with excellent forms. What need have we with thee, O sinless one?’

“Shree said, ‘Ye givers of honours, cast off by you in this way, I shall certainly be an object of disregard with all the world. Do ye show me grace. Ye are all highly blessed. Ye are ever ready to grant protection unto those that seek your protection. I have come to you soliciting your protection. I have no fault. Do you rescue me (from this situation). Know that I shall always be devoted

to you. I am desirous of residing in any parts, however repulsive, of your bodies. Indeed, I wish to reside in even your rectum. Ye sinless ones, I do not see that ye have any part in your bodies that may be regarded as repulsive, for ye are sacred, and sanctifying, and highly blessed. Do ye, however, grant my prayer. Do tell me in which part, of your bodies I shall take up my residence.’

“Bhishma continued, ‘Thus addressed by Shree, the kine, always auspicious and inclined to kindness unto all who are devoted to them, took counsel with one another, and then addressing Shree, and unto her, O king, these words.’

“The kine said, ‘O thou of great fame, it is certainly desirable that we should honour thee. Do thou live in our urine and dung. Both these are sacred, O auspicious goddess!

“Shree said, ‘By good luck, ye have shown me much grace implying your desire to favour me. Let it be even as ye say! Blessed be ye all, I have really been honoured by you, ye givers of happiness!

“Bhishma continued, ‘Having, O Bharata, made this compact with the kine, Shree, there and then, in the very sight of those kine, rendered herself invisible. I have thus told thee, O son, the glory of the dung of kine.”



DAY-PATIENT



This month a six month old calf was admitted as a Day-patient, requiring surgery to remove a bone fragment from his fractured front leg. Dr Lavania removed the piece, narrowed the wound by suturing and set the limb in a pvc cast. The calf adjusted well to the new cast and returned home after lunch. His owner reports that he is doing fine.



Trying out the new leg cast



Nila Madvava

Nila Madhava was born to Sama Veda and is her first calf. He is basically white with ginger-colored markings on his head, neck and back. He is healthy, happy and energetic.



Brajasundari

Brajasundari is the first second-generation calf to be born at CFC. Her mother is Rani who was born from Pooja during a monsoon rain in 2003. Brajasundari is very good natured, happy and in need of a sponsor.

MISSIONS ~



Bhramar Gita

Bhramar Gita was also sent to us by Sudevi from Radha Kund. She suffered an injury which split the muscle wall containing her intestines and now has a large hernia. Dr. Lavania has determined that it is not safe to perform surgery so we are keeping her separate from members of the herd who may injure her. She is good-natured and is in need of a sponsor.

Varsana Bihari was born to Dhavali who is from Kiki Nagla, not far from Care for Cows. Dhavali's owner had told us that she could not get pregnant and thus he did not want her. To our happy surprise she gave birth to this healthy female calf while in the field. To date Varsana Bihari is the first calf we have seen delivered while her mother was standing.



Varsana Bihari



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1988-2008

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Life in the Street



Ketosis is a disease street cows get from eating moldy foods found in the garbage heaps. At a certain stage it affects their nervous system and can lead to blindness and motor sensory loss. This young bull was brought to Care for Cows too late as he could not eat or drink and died within a few days.

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MADHU WITH FLY-CATCHING FRIEND



There is a crane that frequently visits our facility and dutifully catches the flies that alight on the cows. This is nature's way of reducing the insect population.

Thank You From the Cows



The cows send their heartfelt thanks to those who assisted during February 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**