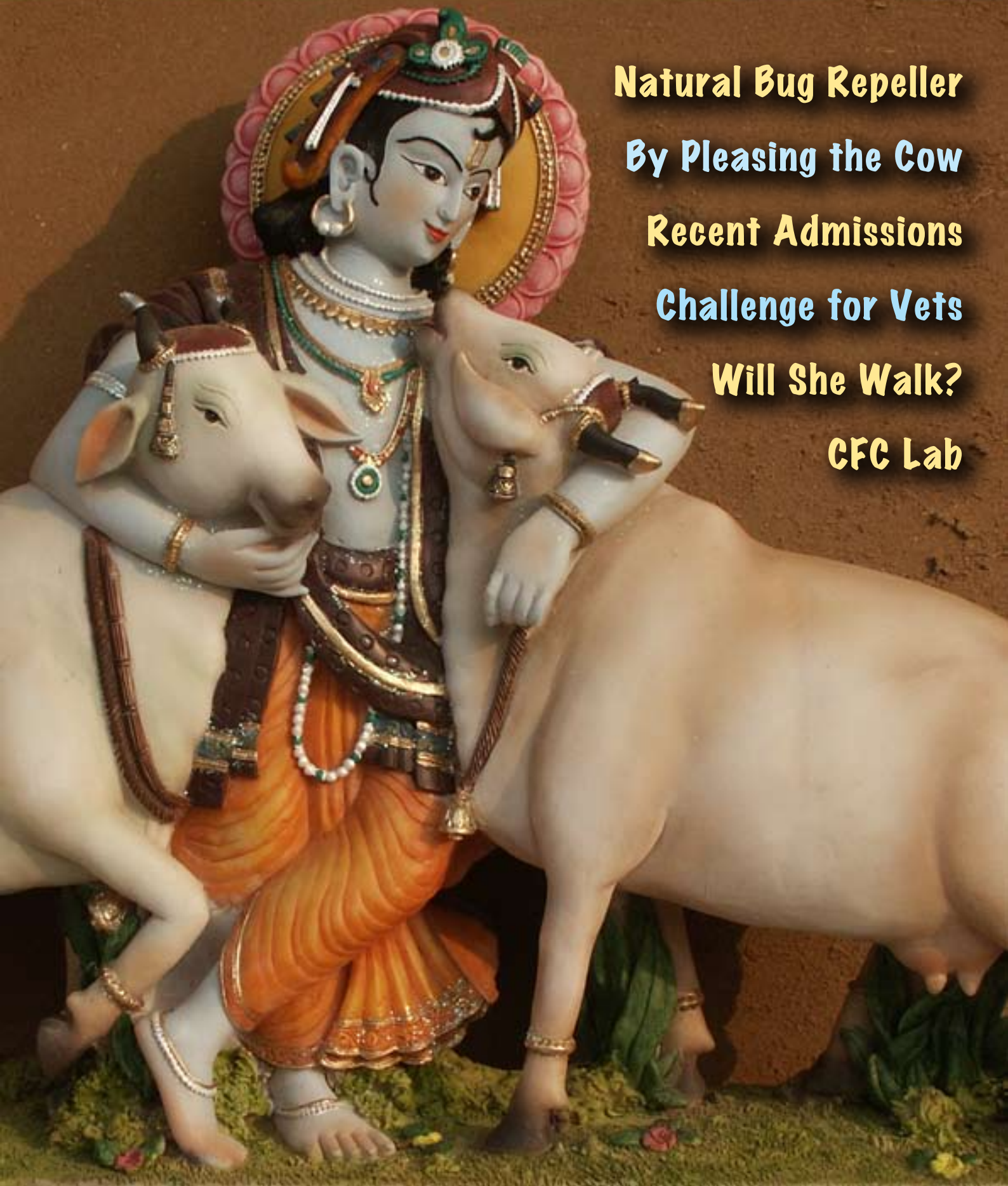


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CARE FOR COWS

IN VRINDAVAN



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Will She Walk?

CFC Lab

Will she walk?

Chameli has a unique style of getting around. Her front legs are perfectly normal but neither of her back legs bend, they are both locked straight.

Consequently she cannot walk unassisted and can stand alone only for short periods of time until she loses her balance and plops down on mattresses laid around to catch her fall. To aid her in walking the CFC Carers manually raise her back section, hooves just above the ground, and using her front legs she shoots off like a rocket taking her Carer on a wild tour of the CFC compound !!

Doctors suspect Chameli has permanent upward displacement of the patella, which may have been inherited

as she seems to have been born with the condition.

As reported earlier this year, an attempt was made to relax the tendons by setting both her back legs bent in casts for two weeks, but it was not successful.



So Chameli was taken to Mathura Veterinary Hospital for x-rays and a check up last month. From the x-rays Doctors were able to confirm that the bone structure in both back legs are normal, and suspect the cause of the patella (knee) being

raised, and therefore locking the limb, is due to a loose tendon wrapped in a loop around muscle which overextends the leg and fixes it from moving.

A number of procedures were discussed by the Doctors

and further investigation through surgery was proposed. Dr Lavania performed the first simple operation on-site at CFC, cutting one of the tendons but it was not successful in freeing the patella. In May Chameli will go

for her next surgery at the Mathura Hospital, to be performed by Dr Pandey.

Meanwhile her leg has healed from the first operation and she is spending her time relaxing never far away from her best friend Kala Krishna.



Dr Pandey and students x-rays Chameli's back legs



Dr Lavania views the x-rays



Dr Lavania tries a small risk free operation, cutting a tendon in one of Chameli's back legs



Surgery is over in 10 minutes



Dr Pandey and Dr Lavania examine Chameli



Suturing closed



Chameli relaxing beside Kala Krishna



Little Giriraj

Recent Admissions

One of our out patients last month was **Giriraj** who had lost his leg in a mishap in a Radha Kund dairy. After treatment he returned to Radha Kund but developed a bacterial infection causing severe diarrhea and an abscess on his left shoulder. He developed a high fever and stopped eating so he was brought back for further treatment. He stayed with us and despite all attempts to restore his health, he left us five days later.



Giriraj suffers no more

Ramavati (below) is a female calf who was found near a tea stall in downtown Vrindavan. She was so weak she couldn't stand up and was surviving on scraps offered by the customers of the tea stall

One of our cowherd men



witnessed the tea vendor throwing the used tea leaves on her in the hope she would run off but she was too weak. She had no choice but to tolerate. Our cowherd man brought her to Care for Cows where she is getting stronger.

After a good meal she was given a good scrubbing to get the tea stains off her coat!



Ramavati getting scrubbed

Laxmi (above right) was hit by a vehicle and suffered a multiple fracture in her right rear leg. She was taken to the Mathura Hospital but was abandoned by her owner after he refused



Laxmi getting her wound dressed

to purchase the required medical necessities.

Sudevi from Radha Kund took pity on Laxmi and moved her to Radha Kund and began treating her. Laxmi requires extensive care and if her wound does

not mend soon, she may require an amputation. She is now under the care of Dr. Lavania. At present we are dressing her wound daily and trying to restore her strength. We are hopeful she will survive.



Kamal Lochan with his ears bandaged

Kamal Lochan (above) is a bull calf who was

living in the streets of Govardhana and had his



Rear view of Kamal Lochan's ears

ears mangled by dogs. Though most of the wounds are superficial and are healing fast, he has a deep puncture in one ear and it is being attended to. He has a good appetite and should improve quickly.



Subal

Subal (left) is a bull calf who was found starving on the streets of Radha Kund. He is so weak that he falls over if pushed by another calf. He has a good appetite and should get stronger soon.



Syamala (right) is a cow who had suffered a face injury years ago. She was saved by Sudevi but since then slipped and broke her pelvis in two parts. She is recumbent and must be kept in a sand bed to avoid pressure sores. She can change sides on her own but with difficulty.

She is dominant by nature, very intelligent and has a beautiful dark velvety coat.



Blind Outpatient Calf

In April an unusual Outpatient was brought into CFC for treatment – an eight day old calf apparently blind in both eyes.

Dr Lavania treated the patient with a delicate injection of antibiotic and anti-inflammatory mix, administered through a fine needle directly into the eyelid membrane.

An eye ointment was then applied over both eyes and good results were expected within 10 days. The newborn calf then returned home.

After a few days the calf's owner reported that already one eye was 80% cleared, the other 50%, and the calf was able to see. It is very possible he will make a full recovery.



Natural Bug Repeller



Neem oil makes cows inhospitable to pests, so stop fleas, ticks and other biting nasties in their tracks while conditioning your cow's hair at the same time...

Neem Oil Bug Repeller

- 10ml Neem oil
- 10g Soap nut powder
- 1L Water

Add the soap nut powder to water and stir to dissolve. Strain the

mixed solution through a fine cloth to separate larger particles. Pour neem oil into the solution and mix thoroughly. Transfer into a spray bottle and shake well before use. Alternatively, apply as a wash over the cows coat with a sponge, and don't forget arm creases! *Neem Oil Bug Repeller* may also be sprayed around the compound and bug breeding zones.

To make the solution more broad spectrum, add essential oil like patchouli, lavender or citronella to repel flies and mosquitoes. Eight drops per one litre.

Caution: Neem Oil can be an irritant and should be used with care especially on light sensitive cows. Avoid application near eyes, udders and other bare skin. Do not spray in the heat of the day.



1. Add soap nut powder to water and stir thoroughly until dissolved



2. Strain the mixed solution through fine cloth into another container



3. Mix neem oil to the solution, pour into a spray bottle and shake well



4. Spray or wash solution over cows coat

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Did You Know?

Sri Krishna's pet bull is named Padmagandha which means "Lotus Fragrance". Bulls of Vrindavan today also emanate a sweet fragrance from the centre of their foreheads, which smells just like sugar candy.

CFC Laboratory

Encouraged by CFC well-wisher Dr Lavania, Dr RD Agrawal – Professor and Head, Department of Parasitology, Mathura Veterinary University, recently paid a visit to CFC to offer practical advice on setting up CFC Cow Pathology Lab.

Dr Agrawal is very learned and respected in his field, and said he was inspired by the nature of the charitable services performed at CFC, and heartily agreed to contribute his ongoing services free of charge. The Doctor gave details on the necessary items required for pathology analysis including equipment, chemicals, glassware, slides etc and other valuable setting up information. Majority of the purchases are underway and once established, the CFC Lab will offer free screening services for cows to the public, a first for Vrindavan. The Lab is expected to open next month.



CFC Nand Kishor Das and Dr Lavania show Dr Agrawal (right) around the CFC facility



In the News

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Maharashtra

In December 2006, The Bombay High Court delivered an historic judgment for protection of cow progeny in Maharashtra, banning slaughtering of cow progeny aged under 16 years unless they were certified "fit for slaughter" by the Municipal Corporation. However the same was stayed by the court eleven days later on the intervention by some Muslim groups.

State Advocate General Ravi Kadam contended that the State wanted the interim order, banning slaughtering of male progeny aged under 16, to be vacated, on which further arguments would be heard.

In January 2007, the State had sought implementation of a total ban on slaughter of cows and reconsidering the amendment of 1995 in the Maharashtra Animal Preservation Act. The Amendment bans slaughtering of male progeny of cow aged under 16. However, since the same was not implemented, ultimately a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) was filed

by the Viniyog Parivar Trust before the High Court in 1998, and the interim order, upholding the Amendment and directing its implementation, was passed after eight years, on December 15, 2006.

Shortly thereafter, Muslim organizations moved a Notice of Motion before the Bombay High Court and stay against the operation was granted. The State filed appeals and the stay continues to be in place, continually being extended, despite the Supreme Court's order to finally dispose of the matter by January 2007.

This means it is being dragged on by the courts and currently there is no new date fixed for another hearing, and it appears that there is a well planned strategy to derail the whole matter. As a result bulls, oxen and male calves throughout Maharashtra are still being slaughtered in maximum numbers on a daily basis, and future hope to stop the slaughter is uncertain.

**Fight to
stop
the
slaughter
of
Bulls
and
Oxen
intervened
by
Muslims**

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The cows send their heartfelt thanks to those who assisted during April 2007

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