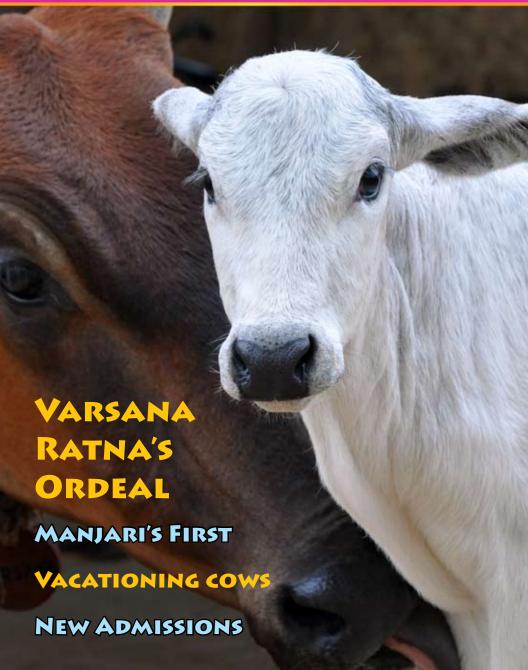
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Jaya Sri Guru! Jaya Sri Gopala! Jaya Sri Go Mata!

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 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?

"...The human being is the elder brother of all living beings. He is endowed with intelligence more powerful than animals for realizing the course of nature and the indications of the Almighty Father. 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 hogs and dogs."

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, S.B. purport to 1.10.4

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Varsana Rafna's Ordeal

Varsana Ratna came to us in October 2006 from a dairy in Varsana after she had delivered her first calf. The calf died and she suffered a vaginal prolapse which was neglected for months. The portion of the birth canal which protruded became stiff and hard and whenever it was inserted, her body would reject it treating it like foreign tissue.

Dr. Lavania first anesthetized

the area and then removed most of the hardened tissue. Next he inserted the mass back in place and then stitched the vulva so the prolapse could not recur.

Varsana Ratna was given a course of anti-biotics and kept in the recovery area for several weeks until the discharge ceased and she was well enough to fend for herself again.

Dr. Lavania said that her







Puri Maharaja supports the calf...



and lowers her for the mother to lick...



chances of getting pregnant again were good but that we should let some time pass.

Some months later she came into heat but we kept her away from the bulls waiting for her to fully recover.

She gained much weight and became completely healthy and last winter while grazing in the field mated with a wandering bull.

The cowherd men kept her under diligent watch during the gestation period checking to see if the prolapse would recur. She progressed normally and then gave birth with little complication.

Puri Maharaja, a long time resident of Vrindavan and sevak at Care for Cows spends most of his time with the cows and is especially concerned for those preparing to deliver. He observed Varsana Ratna from a distance and saw the water bag burst and the front hooves of the calf protrude.

Bhaja Govindam watched as Puri Maharaja rushed to assist Varsana Ratna and captured the whole delivery with her camera. As you can see, Varsana Ratna delivered her calf while standing.

Immediately after the birth Varsana Ratna dutifully began cleaning her calf. With each lick, the calf became more and more alive, aware and active. Within fifteen minutes the calf was attempting to stand and after a half an hour began to wander around discovering her new surroundings.

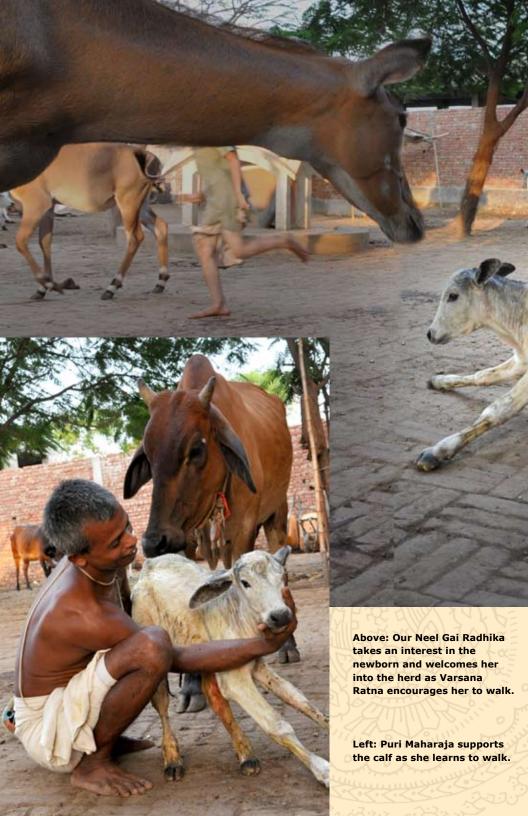
We were all relieved that there were no serious complications.



Above: The calf lays limp as Varsana Ratna begins to clean her. with each lick the calf becomes more aware and active. After fifteen minutes she tried to stand .

Below: After a few hours the calf is alert and learning to walk.



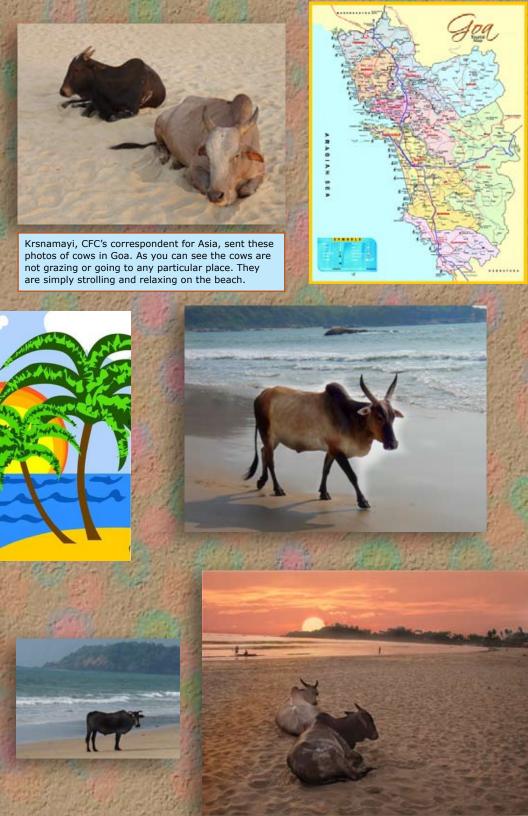




The calf has been adopted by Ambika Dasi from Australia who has named her Moti.



VACATIONING COWS



MANJARI'S FIRST



Manjari was rescued from the streets in the summer of 2005 by a kind-hearted soul after her ear had been mangled by dogs. She was about seven-months-old, emaciated, her scant coat covered with dirt and dried diarrhea. She was a picture of moroseness (see left).

After a few weeks her ear healed and we worked on getting her weight up. Within a two years she was transformed into a fat and happy cow (see below).

Now at four-and-a half-years of age she delivered her first calf. The calf has been adopted by Deenanath and Radhika from Perth, Australia who named her AnuGita.









The Sandipani Muni School now has five bull-powered school buses





Nakula **Pran Govind**



Four Oxen Agree to Accept Sponsors

Though submissive to their trainers, these four oxen have an independent streak in them. You might say they're proud. After much coaxing they have agreed to accept sponsors on the condition that whenever their prospective sponsors visit Vrindavana, they must offer them at least one dozen bananas and a thorough brushing.

Nakula is strong-minded, domineering and powerful; Pran Govind is aloof, noble and proud of his black-bluish luster; Krsna Murari has an aristocratic air and always walks with his head held high; Shatrughna, though the most massive, is humble and unassertive.

They are all most dutiful in taking Brijabasi students to and from school. Each one of them has an immaculate driving record - they never speed, drive in the wrong lane or fall asleep at the wheel. They have, on occasion, snitched spinach from the vegetable carts, but only in the spirit of teaching the venders to provide more room as they do not like to be obstructed in their duty.





Krsna Murari

Shatrughna





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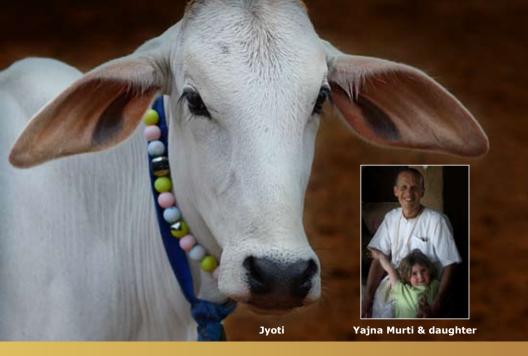
Clockwise from upper left: Several residents nibble the buckwheat before it is chopped for the rest of the herd; Madhu delights as two servants clean his ears; Jagannath Rao consoles Radhika who is harassed by her overgrown son; two calves have a friendly sparing match; Nandi yawns while resting in the shade; the nosey calf who followed the herd home from grazing and decided to move in.





NEW ADMISSIONS





Left & Above: Yajna Murti, his wife and two daughters have been keeping Kalindi and her son in their home. She supplies them with all the milk they require and in return is treated as the household pet.

The family has decided to move to Mayapur so the girls can attend school so until they return Kalindi and Jyoti will be hosted at Care for Cows until they return to Vrindavan.

Below: A healthy seven-monthold calf joined our herd as they were grazing and returned home with them. Her calm and gentle captured visiting Ekanta Bhakti dasi who has pledged to sponsor her and named her Parijata.



NEW ADMISSIONS



Above: An eight-month-old female calf was rescued from the street after being hit by a car on Radhastami. She is recuperating and showing improvement.

Below: A one-year-old bull was run over in the street and is suffering from internal injuries. He is not eating and in serious condition.









Above: (Cambodia) A potter has devised an awning to shade his oxen as they toil in the sun.

Right: (India) A wise street dog protects himself from threatening traffic by taking shelter of a bull.



Above: (England) Rob Taverner, a dairy farmer from Devon, has been practicing *tai chi* in front of his herd of cows. He claims it makes them happy and declares, "The happier they are, the more milk they produce."



Thank You From the Cows





The cows send their heart-felt thanks to those who assisted during August 2009

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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