



WILDLIFE RESCUE AND REHABILITATION CENTRE

## Resilient, Rare & Feisty

April - July Newsletter **2020-2021**



DEAR PATRON,

*Thank you for being a part of  
our family.*

Without the cooperation of caring and compassionate supporters like you, we would not be able to sustain our efforts.

We owe it to our rescuers who call our rescue helplines when they notice an animal in distress, and to our team who is always ready to help.

***We are immensely grateful to our team of volunteers, rescuers and veterinarians who were on the front lines of these operations, ensuring that wild animals in distress receive prompt care and attention.***

***It is a rewarding experience when we, as a team, are able to assist these animals in alleviating their grief.***

# The Slender Loris

This endearing adult female was rescued on in June 2020 from the Kaggalipura main road. She was recorded as a 'road accident case, and on examination she had pelvic bone fracture and fracture of both thigh bones.

We did emergency surgery under anaesthesia to stabilise the broken bones. She recovered from anaesthesia and started eating on her own. She would consume at least 15 cockroaches (caught especially for her) in less than 2 minutes. When she recovered fully, she was able to partially lift her hip and move around, but she is going to be handicapped all her life.

The Grey Slender Loris (*Loris lydekkerianus*) is a small nocturnal primate found only in South Indian and Sri Lankan forests. They are shy, harmless insectivores essential for the health of the ecosystem, and are protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972. They are arboreal, i.e., live in trees, rarely venturing onto the ground. So for this particular loris to have been run over by a vehicle on a main road seems highly suspicious. The fact is that these beautiful animals are used in black magic rituals in which they are tortured.

We must spread awareness about the presence, importance and uniqueness of the Slender Loris. School children, city folks as well as people living on forest fringes must do their part to end these cruel and pointless practices.



# The Confused Pelican

This Spot-Billed Pelican was rescued from a house in Begur road, Bangalore City in September 2020. The caller had found the bird on her lawn, looking confused and unable to fly.

We did a thorough physical examination, but nothing seemed to be amiss. He was a sub-adult, and may have strayed from the nearby BTM lake on his maiden flight, losing his bearings.

After a routine deworming, we left him in an aviary with water. At first we had to force-feed him, but in a few days, he started eating fish on his own. He began exercising his flight muscles, and became quite aggressive, attacking anyone who approached him. In a wild bird, this is a good sign. Once his flight had improved, we took him to Kokkrelluru, Karnataka to the pelicanry run by the forest department. There, orphaned and injured pelicans are monitored and cared for by experts.



When he is fully independent and capable of fishing on his own, our pelican will join the large numbers of pelicans which come to Kokkrelluru every winter to breed.

# The Feisty Monkey

This adult male Bonnet Macaque was rescued in December 2020 from the IISc campus with serious bite wounds on the skin and muscles of his head, neck, hands and legs. Luckily, he was strong and had survived despite copious blood loss from his gruesome injuries. We stabilised him with painkillers and fluids, and did the necessary surgeries. In a month, all his injuries had healed perfectly and he was ready to go back home. Like all our rescued wild animals, he was released back into his original territory, where he would have the best chance of survival.

Though we hope he is now wise enough not to confront any dog, cat - or human, to be on the safe side!



We are faced with an unprecedented crisis which created a 'new' normal for all of us. Two things have remained unchanged: the suffering we cause animals and the compassion of the people who care about them.

Our centre saw the intake of multiple animals and we'd like to salute and thank the frontline warriors for animals – the rescuers and volunteers who made sure injured animals and birds were taken care of.

Your support and encouragement helps them do what they are doing. You can continue to help us by donating here.

