

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024



## **FOREWORD**

As we reflect on the achievements and challenges of the past year, it is with immense pride and gratitude that we present the Annual Report of the Animal Warriors Conservation Society for 2023-2024. This year has been one of growth, resilience, and unwavering commitment to our mission of safeguarding animals and their natural habitats for future generations.

Throughout this year, we have continued to confront the pressing environmental issues that threaten the biodiversity of our planet, while also celebrating the successes and innovations that have moved us closer to our goal. Our dedicated team of conservationists, volunteers, partners, and supporters have worked tirelessly to protect animals, promote sustainable practices, and raise awareness about the critical importance of nature conservation.

From our field programs that have seen successful wildlife monitoring and habitat restoration, to our educational outreach that has empowered communities to become stewards of the environment, every step we take is motivated by a shared vision of a harmonious world where humans and animals coexist and thrive.

We are grateful for the unwavering support from our donors and stakeholders, whose generosity and trust enable us to carry out our work. Together, we have achieved significant milestones, but we recognize that the journey ahead is long, and there is still much to be done.

As we look to the future, we remain focused on our mission, inspired by the resilience of the species we protect, and committed to ensuring that the ecosystems of tomorrow are healthier, more diverse, and more sustainable.

On behalf of the entire Animal Warriors Conservation Society, we thank you for your ongoing support. Let us continue working together to make a lasting impact on the conservation of wildlife and the preservation of our natural world.

PRADEEP PARAKUTH

Founder & President,
Animal Warriors Conservation Society

# MISSION STATEMENT

**Animal Warriors Conservation Society** is a non-profit organisation working towards the conservation of nature and protecting wildlife from unnatural threats by engaging communities.

With a strong Rapid Response Team we save animals from disastrous situations .Through our conservation projects we protect and conserve the precious wildlife in Urban habitats. Our Compassion Awareness campaigns bring change in humans to lead a humane lifestyle to safeguard the future of animals and co-exist with humans.

#### **MISSION**

To protect natural ecosystems through education and sustainable actions. By engaging the affected communities, the Animal Warriors Conservation Society aims for community-driven nature conservation, which can solve the problem at a large scale.

#### VISION

To bring different communities to play a vital role in nature conservation and make Resource Dependent Communities to be sustainable ecologically and economically.

#### AIM

To educate and create responsible community development strategies to ensure a sustainable and plastic-free ecosystem.



# OCEANS DETANGLED

Our efforts in conservation and wildlife protection continue with the same level of scientific research and understanding. By integrating education and awareness into our initiatives, we strive for more realistic and sustainable conservation goals. Below are some of our key projects, each making a significant impact in its own way.

Animal Warriors Conservation Society (AWCS) is leading a groundbreaking initiative to tackle the growing crisis of ghost nets in the Andhra Pradesh coastal region.

Ghost nets, fishing nets which are abandoned, lost, or discarded, are a significant threat to marine life, entangling and killing countless species, from sea turtles and dolphins to fish and seabirds. Through a holistic approach combining mitigation, recycling, community engagement, and innovation, AWCS is striving to create plastic-free seas and a healthier marine ecosystem.

- Ghost Net Snag Point Sonar Mapping Pilot Study to identify and remove nets.
- Community engagement in Ghost net collection, educate the impacts of ghost nets to marine life and promote sustainable fishing practices.
- Recycling programs to recycle and repurpose ghost nets into useful materials.



#### BIRD REHABILITATION AND AWARENESS CENTER

Our Tactical and Wildlife Rescue team actively rescues injured and sick birds, providing them with the care they need. To support this mission, a specialized Bird Rehab and Awareness Center was established in a lush, green environment, offering treatment and rehabilitation for rescued birds while promoting nature conservation.



With a team of skilled medical professionals and caretakers, the center ensures that every bird receives proper treatment and is successfully rehabilitated before being released back into the wild. Additionally, the center serves as an educational hub, raising awareness among school children and local communities about the importance of wildlife conservation. Conducting research on bird migration patterns and habitat preservation.

#### BIRD REHABILITATION AND AWARENESS CENTER

Our Bird Rehab and Awareness Center cares for over 1,200 birds annually, providing them with expert medical attention and a nurturing environment for recovery. Equipped with an advanced clinical setup, our skilled medical team rescues and rehabilitates numerous birds, many of whom suffer critical injuries from nylon manja.

Dedicated animal caretakers ensure that each bird receives proper nutrition and clean water, essential for a smooth healing process. The center features a strategically designed recovery facility, offering ample fresh air and shaded natural spaces, allowing birds to rest, regain strength, and feel secure.





To prepare them for a successful return to the wild, a spacious pre-release unit enables recovered birds to test their flight ability in a safe and controlled setting. Once our medical team confirms a bird's readiness, the rescue team carefully releases it back into its natural habitat, returning it to the very place where it was found.

We warmly invite schools, corporations, and communities to explore our facility and learn about the vital role of birds in our ecosystem and the importance of conservation.

To foster active participation, we organize engaging volunteering programs, allowing visitors to contribute to our initiatives, such as Bring Back Sparrows, Responsible Kite Flying, Water for Animals, and the Seedballs Project. These hands-on experiences inspire a deeper connection with nature and encourage responsible environmental stewardship.





#### RESPONSIBLE KITE FLYING



Animal Warriors Conservation Society (AWCS) is actively working to reduce the impact of nylon and glass-coated manjha on birds through its Responsible Kite Flying initiative in Hyderabad. Despite the national ban, the use of these hazardous threads remains widespread, causing severe injuries and fatalities among birds. To combat this issue, AWCS has established a dedicated Bird Rescue Center, providing critical veterinary care, rehabilitation, and safe release for injured and orphaned birds. The center ensures proper treatment, helping birds regain their strength before being returned to the wild.

Beyond rescue efforts, AWCS is committed to preventing bird injuries through awareness campaigns. The organization conducts community outreach and school programs well before the kite-flying season, educating citizens on the dangers of manipa and promoting safe, eco-friendly alternatives.

Through rescue operations, rehabilitation, and proactive awareness, AWCS is striving to make kite flying a more responsible and bird-friendly tradition in Hyderabad.

#### BRING BACK SPARROWS

House sparrows derive their name from their deep association with human habitats, as they rely entirely on these spaces to build their nests. In the past, traditional homes with thatched or tiled roofs provided ample nooks and crevices, offering ideal nesting sites for these small birds to breed and flourish. However, with rapid urbanization and the rise of modern concrete structures, such natural gaps have vanished, leaving house sparrows struggling to find suitable nesting spaces. This loss of habitat has become one of the primary reasons for their dwindling presence in urban landscapes.

The Animal Warriors Conservation Society (AWCS) launched the "Bring Back Sparrows" initiative to restore house sparrow populations in urban areas. This community-driven project encourages residents to place specially designed sparrow nest boxes, provided by AWCS, in their homes and balconies to create safe nesting spaces. The initiative has been highly successful, with over 90% of the installed boxes being occupied by sparrows. Each year, AWCS distributes more than 1,000 nest boxes, making "Bring Back Sparrows" one of our flagship conservation programs.

#### Our Bring Back Sparrows aims to:

- · Raising awareness about the vital role of sparrows in the ecosystem.
- Installing scientifically designed nest boxes in urban areas to provide safe nesting spaces.
- Encouraging eco-friendly construction practices that integrate green spaces for bird conservation.
- Actively involving communities and schools in efforts to protect and restore sparrow populations.





#### WATER FOR ANIMALS



Water is vital for all living beings. With each passing year, summers are becoming increasingly hotter, making survival even more challenging for stray animals. The scarcity of fresh water leads to severe dehydration and heat strokes, causing the loss of countless animals and birds.

Under the "Water for Animals" initiative, the Animal Warriors Conservation Society distributes free water bowls to communities, ensuring that stray animals have access to fresh water, especially during scorching summers. This compassionate initiative not only helps prevent dehydration and heat-related distress but also inspires communities to take responsibility for the well-being of animals in their surroundings. Each year we distribute 2000+ free "Wate for Animals" bowls .





#### HABITAT SUITABILITY OF RUSTY SPOTTED CAT

The Rusty Spotted Cat, one of the world's smallest wild cats, faces habitat loss due to deforestation and human expansion. Animal Warriors Conservation Society (AWCS) is conducting scientific research to identify and map potential habitats crucial for its survival.

Through community-driven conservation efforts, AWCS collaborates with forest departments and researchers to monitor populations, restore degraded habitats, and raise awareness among local communities. Engaging local stakeholders ensures sustainable conservation strategies while promoting coexistence between wildlife and humans.

By fostering community participation, habitat restoration, and ecological research, AWCS aims to safeguard this elusive species for future generations.



### **WORLD WETLAND DAY**

The Animal Warriors Conservation Society, in collaboration with the Forest Department of Telangana, celebrated World Wetland Day at Pocharam Wildlife Sanctuary and Pocharam Lake in Medak. The event highlighted the importance of wetlands in maintaining biodiversity, supporting wildlife, and ensuring ecological balance. Activities included Lake cleaning, and discussions on wetland conservation. The celebration aimed to promote community involvement in protecting these vital ecosystems and emphasized the role of wetlands in sustaining both wildlife and human livelihoods.



### INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP DAY 2023

On September 16th, 2023, the Animal Warriors Conservation Society, in partnership with the HCL Foundation and HCLTech employees, celebrated International Coastal Cleanup Day at \*\*Kothapatnam Beach, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh\*\*.





The event brought together 150 dedicated volunteers from HCLTech, the coastal department, and the local fishing community for an impactful beach cleanup drive. Together, they successfully retrieved 450 kilograms of marine debris from the shoreline, contributing to the preservation of marine ecosystems and the protection of coastal wildlife.

This collaborative effort not only highlighted the importance of keeping our oceans clean but also strengthened community engagement and awareness about the critical need for sustainable environmental practices. The Animal Warriors Conservation Society and its partners continue to lead the way in fostering a cleaner, healthier planet for future generations.



#### MUGGER RESCUE STORIES

The Animal Warriors Conservation Society has been at the forefront of wildlife rescue and conservation, particularly in safeguarding mugger crocodiles and other reptiles in challenging situations. Here are a few remarkable rescue stories:

1. Kundada Mugger Rescue, Andhra Pradesh.

In a remote village in Andhra Pradesh, a mugger crocodile was found stranded in an isolated waterbody, facing severe dehydration and starvation. The team swiftly intervened, safely capturing and relocating the crocodile to a nearby suitable habitat, ensuring its survival and well-being.



2. Chickadpally Mugger Rescue, Hyderabad City.

In an unexpected urban encounter, a mugger crocodile was discovered in the heart of Hyderabad city, causing panic among residents. The team expertly navigated the crowded environment, safely rescuing the crocodile and releasing it into a secure natural habitat, away from human settlements.



3. Saltwater Crocodile Rescue, Kothapatnam Sea Coast, Andhra Pradesh.

A rare saltwater crocodile was found entangled in fishing nets along the Kothapatnam coastline. The team acted quickly to free the crocodile, providing necessary medical attention before releasing it back into its natural marine environment.



#### OUR CORPORATE COLLABORATIONS

### **HCLFoundation**

Animal Warriors Conservation Society, are deeply honored to be a part of the prestigious HCL Harit family. Your unwavering commitment to avian conservation through initiatives like Responsible Kite Flying, Bird Rehabilitation and Awareness Center in Hyderabad, and the Ghost Net Mitigation & Recycling Unit along the Andhra Pradesh coastline is truly inspiring.

Your support empowers us to further our mission of protecting animals and preserving nature. Together, we are making a meaningful difference in safeguarding wildlife and fostering a sustainable environment. Thank you, HCL Foundation, for being a pillar of strength in our conservation journey



We are proud to announce our partnership with Hyundai Motors & Engineering India Pvt Ltd, whose generous support is strengthening our tactical rescue operations and conservation of Sparrows at Animal Warriors Conservation Society (AWCS). Their funding has played a crucial role in increasing the sparrow populations in urban areas and equipping our rescue teams with essential tools, advanced rescue equipment, and skilled personnel, ensuring that we can respond swiftly and effectively to animals in distress.

With their backing, we are able to:

Enhance our rescue capabilities with state-of-the-art equipment. Train and support rescue staff to handle critical emergency situations. Expand our reach to save more animals affected by natural disasters, accidents, and human-wildlife conflicts.





We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Pernod Ricard India Pvt Ltd for their generous funding and to the Center for Wildlife Studies for their invaluable support in making this critical research project possible. Your commitment to conservation and environmental stewardship is truly commendable.

This project, focused on the Habitat Suitability of the Rusty Spotted Cat, aims to safeguard one of the world's smallest and most vulnerable wild cat species. By identifying and mapping potential habitats in Telangana, assessing the impacts of deforestation, agricultural expansion, and human settlements, and developing actionable conservation strategies, we are taking significant steps toward protecting this remarkable species and restoring its natural habitat.

#### **ANIMAL RESCUES**







1082 189

**GHOST NETS RETRIEVED (IN KGGS)** 



3892

**COMMUNITY ENGAGED** 



6500

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### ANIMAL WARRIORS CONSERVATION SOCIETY Redg No. 95 of 2019

H.No. 21-55/5, Venkatapuram, Road No.4, Bank Colony, Alwal, Medchal Dist., Telangana - 500015

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31.03.2024					
Expenditure	1.0	Amount Rs.	Income		Amount Rs.
By Operational Cost		9,003,763	By Donations		10,533,459
Animals-			CSR Donations	6,117,212	
Food Maintenance	289,482		Specific Donations	3,025,000	
Health Maintenance	411,484		Other Donations	1,391,247	
Welfare Program	173,894			1 1	
Employees & Trainees-	53			1 1	
Salaries	3,964,000		By Interest on Savings Bank	1 1	20,882
Staff Welfare	256,547			1 1	
Shelter-				1 1	
Rent	232,000			1 1	
Maintenance	519,904			1 1	
Rescue-	200000000000000000000000000000000000000			1 1	
Materials	314,289			1 1	
Maintenance	25,585			1 1	
Enviroment Activities-	10 A 5 S A 5 T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T			1 1	
Welfare Program	650,996			1 1	
Materials	134,213			1 1	
Equipments	500,000			1 1	
Others-				1 1	
Office Maintenance	111,072			1 1	
Travelling Expenses	416,399			1 1	
Electricity Expenses	33,920			1 1	
Fuel Charges	624,179			1 1	
Professional Fee	50,500			1 1	
Vehicle Maintenance	158,766			1 1	
Bank Charges	5,367			1 1	
Administration Expenses	115,645				
Miscellaneous Expenses	15,523				
To Excess of Income over Expenditure		1,550,578			
Total		10,554,341	Total		10,554,341

As per our audit report of even date

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We, at **Animal Warriors Conservation Society (AWCS**), extend our deepest appreciation to our generous donors. Your unwavering support fuels our mission to rescue, rehabilitate, and protect countless animals in need.

From saving injured birds caught in manjha to responding to distress calls for wildlife in urban and rural areas, your contributions make a real difference. Every rescue, every life saved, and every awareness campaign we conduct is possible because of your kindness and dedication to the cause.

Thank you for standing with us in our journey to protect and preserve nature. Together, we are creating a world where animals are safe and respected.

#### J Santoshi

Treasurer

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# THANK YOU

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Thanks to all supporters and volunteers for making 2023-2024 very Impactful

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