

INDIA ANIMAL FUND

ACTIVITY REPORT

For the Period October 2022 – March 2026

1. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

India Animal Fund (IAF) is a not-for-profit organisation working to improve the welfare and protection of animals in India. Its work covers prevention of animal cruelty, animal welfare, education and awareness, plant-based nutrition, research, policy and institutional change, and support for organisations working for animals.

IAF's support includes grants and funding, connecting organisations with donors and CSR funders, project monitoring, research and education, capacity building, and bringing organisations and other stakeholders together to work on common animal welfare issues.

IAF's approach is comprehensive: it supports work that directly improves outcomes for animals, while also supporting efforts to strengthen the systems that affect animal welfare—including law and policy, education and awareness, professional capacity building, and research.

2. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING THE PERIOD

From October 2022 to March 2026, IAF supported a wide range of animal welfare activities across India. The work included direct support to animal welfare organisations and shelters, farmed and working animal welfare, policy and legal work, school education, nutrition, research, leadership development, public awareness and the initiation of two key initiatives – the India Karuna Collaborative and the Animal Funding Circle.

A. Policy and Institutional Work for Animal Welfare

IAF supported organisations working to strengthen animal welfare laws and policies, and their effective implementation. This included work with People for Animals Public Policy Foundation (PFA PPF) and PETA India.

- Supported policy work and recommendations aimed at improving animal welfare rules and standards.
- Supported legal cases and other legal interventions to protect animals and strengthen enforcement of animal welfare laws.
- Supported training for judges, police officers, veterinary officers, government officials and law students.
- Supported work to improve veterinary and animal welfare facilities and standards.
- Supported research on animal welfare issues, including fish welfare and better housing systems for farmed animals.
- Supported engagement with government departments and other institutions so that animal welfare is considered in policy and implementation.

Impact: This work has helped move animal welfare beyond individual cases towards changes in laws, government systems, professional training, and welfare standards. During the project period, PFA PPF contributed to national animal welfare guidelines, pig-farming guidelines, inclusion of animal-cruelty offences in the NCRB Crime in India Report, and welfare advisories from several government ministries. These results build on the policy and institutional work supported by IAF.

B. Farmed Animal Welfare

IAF has supported organisations working to reduce suffering in farms and food production systems and to improve the way farmed animals are treated.

- Provided grants and facilitated funding for organisations working on farmed animal welfare.
- Supported buffalo welfare initiatives and other projects aimed at improving conditions for animals used in food production.
- Supported cage-free and higher-welfare initiatives.
- Supported investigations, research and evidence gathering on farmed animal welfare.
- Supported policy and corporate work aimed at improving animal welfare standards.
- Supported organisations including PETA India and other partners working on farmed animal protection.
- Helped bring different animal welfare organisations together so that they could share knowledge and work on common priorities.
- Supported the development of new organisations and initiatives to fill gaps in the farmed animal welfare movement.

Impact: IAF has helped build a stronger network of organisations working on farmed animal welfare and has directed funding towards areas that have historically received limited philanthropic support. Its role has included not only funding projects but also helping organisations collaborate, access donors, and develop longer-term systemic solutions.

C. Working, Companion, and Community Animal Welfare

IAF has supported organisations working directly with animals, including working animals, community animals and animals requiring rescue, treatment or shelter.

- Supported work with People for Animals (PFA) on the welfare of working donkeys and other working equines.
- Supported rescue, treatment, rehabilitation, and veterinary care for animals in need.
- Supported shelters and frontline animal welfare organisations providing ongoing care to rescued animals.
- Supported community animal welfare initiatives for injured, sick and abandoned animals.
- Facilitated funding for organisations providing direct services to animals.
- Supported organisational and operational strengthening of frontline animal welfare organisations.

Impact: This support has helped frontline organisations continue providing direct care to animals while also improving their ability to operate, report, monitor projects and reach more animals.

D. Education, Humane Education, and School Programmes

IAF has supported education programmes that help children and educators understand animal sentience, empathy, compassion, and responsible behaviour towards animals.

- Supported humane education programmes for school students and educators.
- Supported Humane education sessions across 85 schools, reaching more than 10,000 students during the reported project period.
- Supported development of classroom content and interactive methods for teaching empathy and compassion towards animals.
- Supported the development and pilot of the AI Coach, using AI-assisted classroom sessions to explore a scalable way of delivering humane education.
- Supported awareness and communication activities to increase public understanding of animal welfare.

Impact: The school programmes have taken animal welfare education directly into classrooms, reaching thousands of students and creating an opportunity to build empathy towards animals at an early age. The AI Coach work is intended to make this type of education easier to scale.

E. Evidence-Based Nutrition and Plant-Based Food Transitions

IAF has supported work connecting animal welfare with human health and food choices. This includes evidence-based nutrition education and promotion of plant-based alternatives.

- Supported Physicians Association for Nutrition (PAN India) in medical and allied-health education.
- Supported Continuing Medical Education programmes for doctors.
- Supported training for allied health professionals and medical students.
- Supported engagement with medical colleges, universities, and healthcare institutions.
- Supported research and development of evidence-based nutrition and dietary guidance.
- Supported development of clinical nutrition resources and scientific communication.
- Supported awareness initiatives by organisations such as Veganuary and Vegan Outreach promoting plant-based food choices.

Impact: The work has helped take evidence-based nutrition and plant-based food discussions into medical and professional settings, reaching healthcare professionals, students and institutions rather than limiting the conversation to the animal welfare sector.

F. Leadership and Capacity Building

IAF has invested in people and organisations because a stronger animal welfare movement requires capable leaders, trained teams, and well-managed organisations.

- Supported the Ahimsa Fellowship as a leadership and professional development initiative.
- Supported the LEAD programme to strengthen leadership and organisational capacity.

- Provided implementing organisations with support on project planning, reporting, monitoring, and evaluation.
- Supported knowledge sharing and collaboration between organisations.
- Helped organisations connect with donors, partners, and other resources.

Impact: These activities strengthen the people and organisations working for animals, helping them deliver projects more effectively and build capacity for longer-term work.

G. India Karuna Collaborative (IKC)

IAF established and developed the India Karuna Collaborative (IKC) to bring together influential leaders and organisations and connect them with people and institutions outside the animal welfare sector.

- Built a network of more than 50 organisations working towards a common animal welfare vision.
- Engaged with more than 100 senior corporate leaders and CXOs, including people working in CSR, ESG and sustainability.
- Created opportunities for animal welfare organisations to engage with companies and their teams.
- Facilitated awareness sessions, institutional partnerships and potential CSR and philanthropic opportunities.
- Created a space for organisations to share knowledge and work together.
- Connected animal welfare with wider discussions on health, food systems, sustainability, and social impact.
- Supported development of the Karuna Ethics Alliance, bringing businesses together to explore more ethical and responsible supply chains.

Impact: IKC has expanded the animal welfare movement's reach beyond traditional animal welfare organisations. It has opened conversations with corporate and social-sector leaders who can provide awareness, expertise, partnerships and funding, creating opportunities for animal welfare to be considered in wider business and social-impact decisions.

H. Research and Knowledge Development

IAF has supported research and evidence generation so that animal welfare programmes and policies can be based on reliable information.

- Supported research on farmed animal welfare and working animal welfare.
- Supported fish welfare research and related knowledge development.
- Supported research on animal welfare law and policy.
- Supported evidence-based nutrition research and resources.
- Supported research and knowledge on alternatives to animal experimentation.
- Used research and evidence to support policy, education, advocacy, and programme development.

Impact: Research supported by IAF helps organisations and decision-makers understand animal welfare problems and identify practical solutions, rather than relying only on awareness or opinion.

I. Funding Facilitation and Support to Charitable Organisations

A major part of IAF's work has been helping animal welfare organisations access and use philanthropic funding effectively.

- Provided grants to organisations undertaking animal welfare activities.
- Facilitated funding from donors to implementing organisations.
- Supported more than 30 implementing organisations and projects over the period.
- Reviewed projects, budgets, and proposed activities before funding.
- Monitored project implementation and utilisation of funds.
- Supported monitoring, evaluation, and donor reporting.
- Helped organisations meet reporting and compliance requirements.

Impact: This work has enabled more funding to reach animal welfare organisations and projects, including areas that have historically had limited access to philanthropic funding. It has also helped donors give greater information, oversight, and accountability.

J. Public Outreach, Awareness and Sector Events

IAF has supported public and sector-level communication to increase awareness of animal welfare and create opportunities for people and organisations to take action.

- Supported digital awareness and communication campaigns.
- Supported educational and public awareness programmes.
- Supported stakeholder meetings and roundtable discussions.
- Engaged with corporate and philanthropic stakeholders.
- Supported animal welfare sector convenings and knowledge-sharing events.
- Used IKC engagements to bring together animal welfare organisations and stakeholders from other sectors.
- Worked with individuals, organisations and institutions supporting animal welfare.

Impact: These activities have helped increase the visibility of animal welfare, create new relationships, and bring people from different sectors into conversation.

3. OVERALL IMPACT OF ACTIVITIES

Between October 2022 and March 2026, IAF's work went beyond funding individual projects. It helped strengthen the wider animal welfare system in India by supporting organisations, building skills, connecting donors, improving access to research and education, and creating links with government, healthcare, corporate and social-sector stakeholders.

- Supported more than 30 organisations and projects across different areas of animal welfare.
- Helped build a network of more than 50 organisations through the India Karuna Collaborative.
- Engaged more than 100 senior corporate leaders and CXOs through IKC.

- Supported school-based humane education, reaching more than 10,000 students through the Educator – Delhi programme.
- Supported Humane education and storytelling sessions across 85 schools through the Educator programme.
- Supported policy, legal and institutional work involving government departments, courts, police, judicial institutions, and veterinary systems.
- Supported direct animal welfare work including working donkeys, shelters, rescue, rehabilitation and community animal welfare.
- Supported farmed animal welfare, plant-based nutrition, evidence-based healthcare education, and research.
- Helped connect donors and philanthropic resources with organisations working for animals.

Taken together, these activities have helped IAF contribute at three levels: improving care and protection for animals directly; strengthening the organisations and people working for animals; and creating longer-term changes in policy, education, funding, business practices and public awareness.

4. CONCLUSION

India Animal Fund undertook activities in furtherance of its charitable objectives during the period October 2022 to March 2026. The organisation supported implementing partners, provided and facilitated charitable funding, and undertook work in animal welfare, policy, education, research, nutrition, capacity building, public awareness and ecosystem development.

The work combined direct support to animals and frontline organisations with longer-term efforts to strengthen the systems that influence animal welfare in India. Through its partners and initiatives, IAF has supported practical work on the ground while also helping build stronger organisations, better-informed professionals, greater public awareness, stronger institutional practices and wider collaboration for animal welfare.