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KMC To work with an NGO for stray dog management

Kathmandu Metropolitan City chief Dinesh Thapaliya has said the metropolis will work with an NGO, Kathmandu Animal Treatment Centre (KAT) for the management of stray dogs in the city. KMC Executive Officer Thapaliya expressed commitment to provide land to the organization in the centre of the city. Thapaliya was speaking at the fourth anniversary function of the Centre.

The KAT has been working in the Humane Management of Stray dogs in Kathmandu valley for community Benefit. To humanely and sustainably lower the street canine population, it sterilizes female dogs and gives anti-rabies vaccination.

It was informed in the program that KAT has sterilized 5,700 dogs in the last four years which has prevented further 55,000 puppies from being born.

KAT has also rescued and treated 1,400 sick or injured dogs in these years.

Thapaliya stressed that other local governments also should find alternative to the cruel killing of the dogs.

Addressing the program KAT Chairman and renowned comedian Hari Bamsha Acharya said no person can think of killing dogs through poisoning in the civilized society and stressed that ABC is the only humane solution to the stray dog problem.

KAT Founder Jan Salter said now there are very few or no puppies on the streets where KAT is working and the remaining dogs are happier and healthier.

A British artist who has been working in Nepal since the last forty years, Jan Salter founded the KAT with the support from the renowned persons from various walks of social life including Acharya and his coworker Madan Krishna Shrestha, journalist Kanak Mani Dixit, Dr. Baburam Gautam, Durgesh Nandini Bhattachan, Lottie Weise, Neeta Pokhrel, Gaurinath Rimal and Laxmi Sharma.

KAT is situated at Chapaligaon near Budhanilkantha, some 4 kms outskirts of Maharajgunj Chakra Path. KAT manager Khageshwaar Sharma says- "in order to give service more and needy stray dogs, we need to move to the core of the city and I think the commitment by KMC chief matters a lot for us."

KAT targets to sterilize around 1,500 dogs and give rescue and treatment service to further 500 dogs this year.

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Before KAT started its work in 2004, dogs were routinely poisoned by the Kathmandu Municipality using meat laced with strychnine. The dogs took several days to die from painful convulsions, and the rotting carcasses were then dumped in the river causing a health hazard to local people and other animals.

Through an Animal Birth Control program, street and community dogs are caught each day, taken to KAT Centre, treated for conditions such as worms, fleas and mange, and then sterilised and vaccinated against rabies. Once they are fully recovered they are released back where they came from with an identity mark on their ear.

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