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ANIMAL CARE AND COMPASSION COMMITTEE

This Committee has been recently formed in the year 2021 to inculcate the feeling of empathy towards stray animals among the students.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PRACTICE:

- To develop empathy towards animals.
- To minimise human animals' conflict and putting an end to animal abuse.
- Carrying out awareness buildings programmes.
- Promoting animal rights.
- Animal Advocacy.
- Volunteer in animal birth control camp.
- Volunteer and support local animal shelter when free.
- To conduct workshops for raising funds for stray animals.
- Workshops promoting animal adoptions.
- Publishing success stories. Also in order to motivate students and to reward active students certificates are given to work for animal welfare.

THE CONTEXT: Our logo signifies "service through Education". Hence in order to build a nation of youth and to develop the emotional feelings among the students, our college has formed Animal Care and Compassion Committee. Since the committee is a newly formed organisation, the key issues in the area of animal welfare includes animal testing and treatment of animals. This committee is dedicated towards helping stray animals in every possible way. The challenges faced is mainly the committee being a voluntary one and also those who have empathy towards the voiceless.



THE PRACTICE: On the special occasion of World Animal Day, the members and 27 students of various departments visited animal shelter in Shapley run by an NGO where they donated food medicines to the voiceless animals. The aim to visit this shelter was to help the needy animals and was to teach value loaded actions where students are expected to be more sensitive and empathetic towards the voiceless. The Committee strives to highlights the urgent need of making the students aware of animal protection Acts and to unite all animal lovers among teaching, non-teaching members and students to protect and rescue animals stray in and around the college campus.

EVIDENCE AND SUCCESS: As mentioned above, the Committee being a newly formed organization it has limited work done so far. On the auspicious day of "VIBES 2022" (College Annual Fest), the members of Animal Care and Compassion Committee along with ECO Club had opened a stall for fund raising programme. The main aim was to spread awareness among the college students and to raise few amounts of money for betterment of our voiceless needy animals. The members and students volunteers also visited local NGO and provided food, medicines and others items needed for the stray animals. The members also help all those needy stray animals who are found in and around the campus for medical treatment and better care by taking them to the nearby government veterinary centre.

PROBLEM ENCOUNTERED AND RESOURCES REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT:

Animal Care and Compassion Committee was formed mainly in order to create awareness about our voiceless animals and to develop empathy towards animals who faces various problems in its path. The most important and vital issue is the non-availability of funds. The only source of funds collection is through fund raising programme by students or through voluntary donations for the needy. There is no single fund available to the Committee members in order to organise some workshops or awareness programme in the future. It is basically done in collaboration with local NGO. Our college and the members of Animal Care and Compassion Committee intends to set up one centre for stray animals in the form of parks where the homeless stray animals can be provided shelter and proper food in near future subject to availability of funds

