

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened" Antole France

October, the month of festivities brought lots of cheer, excitement and satisfaction for all of us here at Deens. We had a wonderful time with Munni and Missy two little dog charmers who were a perfect stress buster and taught us all about sustainability too. Deens is all about learning while having fun so students, let's spare a minute to go back to what happened this October 2017....

Ayesha Khan -7A

CUPA AT DEENS

Every day we hear and even see dogs dying because they are run over by vehicles or get diseases and cannot be treated because no one takes care of them. Why do we act so careless? These poor dogs die every day because of us. They too have feelings. If a car runs over us we are rushed to hospitals to be cured whereas for Dogs we don't even stop and continue our journey. Dogs are mates to blind humans and are more loyal too. They stay awake all night guarding our houses and acting like true friends. And what do we do? We leave them on the road like we don't want them anymore. We are so busy now a days that there no time to look around and help the dogs. We say it's their fault that they are on the road. Well it's not. The road is not ours but everyone's including them. We have to take care of them just like we drive carefully not to bang into other cars. Now there are dog shelter homes which tames and takes care of their daily needs. We, students of grade 7, are contributing rupees 100 each for the event "joy of giving." This money will be given to dog shelter home "CUPA" to suffice the basic needs of dogs. Today these dogs have come to our school to give us an opportunity to understand them better. It's time we spread awareness of what we are doing. Destroying everything. Let us all promise to get together to save these wonderful friendly animals from being killed day by day.



Aria H. Kanani (7 D)



A DATE WITH MUNNI AND MISSY

A date with Munni and Missy; so said the students..... 17.10.17

I found both Munni and Missy adorable.- Baljeet Kalha

I found the event very nice. They delivered the message of saving dogs very well. I was the luckiest person in the grade as I got to walk both the dogs. Kudos to them -Vidwaan Singhania 7D

The dogs were cute but did I dont like dogs.-Anurag Padhy 7D

Munni and Missy were cute and adorable and Cupa gave us the message about treating the dogs well- Adi kumar 7D

Munni and Missi , both were really adorable. The message delivered for saving dogs were was really nice. It was fun petting the dogs..... - Arushi semwal 7D

Munni and Missy were really cute .Cupa gave us a good message about the dogs-Tarun karthik.V 7D

The Dogs were very adorable and shy and the students just went nuts. It was like a crazy mind switch that happened.The message sent by CUPA was useful but the behaviour of the children could have been better.-Tejas Murthy 7D

Iliked the programme as I learnt more about creulty to dogs and dog shelters. -Shereen khar 7D



I liked the event as it was a really helpful speech given by the CUPA team and the dogs they bought (Munni and Missi) were really cute.Vasishta ntakurthi 7D

I felt most of the people were concerned about petting the two dogs and not understanding why the people from CUPA had come, to tell us about why we must adopt, help and save dogs. - Manjari Pathak 7D

Cupa was an overall success in delivering the message and inspired many to adopt a dog. -Ananya Rajesh 7D

Sanjana told us that there is a common misconception that people judge the dog by their looks. She also told us that people buy only puppies or young dogs as they feel that they will not be very active and they would be managed easily. But managing a dog does not depend on their size. This has helped me to understand the dogs better. Shobhit 7-E

Munni's and Missy's stories were very sad and I'm glad that CUPA was able to rescue them and keep them healthy. In this experience I learned that we should not harm our dogs and we should treat them in a way that they should be treated. After all dogs help us in a lot of ways. When we are sad about something, dogs will understand and make us happy with their smiles. Tanika 7E

There is no better way of cheering ourselves up than to spend some time with animals who only want some love and affection in return for the endless love they give us. Revathy,7B



DOG'S DIARY

"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened."

I couldn't agree more to this thought of **Antole France**.



Although I am still very young and haven't undergone much of life experiences but whatever few I have experienced, they have certainly left me enriched for life. Let me quote an incident from my life. I must confess, I was always very scared of pets. I tried to find whatever excuses I could just to avoid going to anyone's house who had a pet. It doesn't mean that I didn't like them but I was just scared. My parents tried a lot to make my fear go. Even friends and neighbours helped but in vain.

It was just another day when I was taking the lift alone to go down to play. Suddenly the lift stopped and a lady walked in with [dumbroll please...] a huge dog! I froze. [I later came to know that the dog was Labrador but anyways] He tried to reach me with his beautifully pink tongue and I shrank into the corner, hoping the walls could engulf me. The lady said, "Come on, **Hero** (the dog's name, not mine) is a friendly boy. He just wants to say hello." I gave him a feeble smile. She said, "Not to me, give this beautiful smile to Hero." I mustered up my courage and looked at Hero. **That was the life changing moment for me.** What no one's persuasion could do, Hero's loving eyes did as if saying why scared of me, I want to love and be loved. He was a Hero who awakened my soul.

My story was a small part of the plan which we have to implement to create a safe haven for our pets in the long run. However, it is wrong to urge everyone to get a pet against their wishes. I strongly feel that having a pet bring a lot of responsibilities and one should be mentally prepared to shoulder them. But we all can do our bit by just giving our pets love and care in whichever way possible. Giving them a loving home could be the best way to help them. To inculcate values like this, our school invites dogs to spend quality time with us.

A great way to make us aware about their needs. But the question is, "Does our duty end the moment they leave the school campus?" No! The most important part of our plan is to sustain this practice in whole society. There are several organisations which promote love for pets. "**Therpupdogcafe**" or "**The cat cafe studio**" believe in rescue, care, love and adoption, where time spent is never wasted. These pups can help us get over bad marks, scoldings, homework or just too much MATHS!!! I will end by saying,

"Those who teach us about humanity, aren't always humans." Donald I. Hicks

By **Ayesha Khan - VII A**

DOGS ARE OUR BEST FRIENDS

We should all know that dogs are even more like us than we think. Our dogs can easily read facial expressions, communicate jealousy, display empathy and even watch television. Studies have shown, they've picked up people-like traits during their evolution from wolves to domesticated pets.



Dogs in particular can reduce stress, anxiety and depression, ease loneliness, encourage exercise, playfulness and even improve your cardiovascular health. Caring for a dog can help children grow up more secure and active, or provide valuable companionship for older adults and most importantly, a dog can add real joy and unconditional love to your life.

Now it is our turn to help them. Many people love dogs but cannot keep them due to some restrictions, but we can still help. We can start by bringing toys to the dog park and add some joy and color to their lives. We can volunteer at shelters. Shelter dogs are in desperate need of love and companionship, and if you need a dog to love, it's a match made in heaven.

Most shelters are happy to have extra volunteers to share some burden of having to take care of so many dogs. We can offer to dog-sit for our friends or relatives or we can ask a senior if we could walk their dog because these dogs need exercise, but it's difficult for seniors to provide that to their dogs. If you want some fun, go to a dog friendly event. It will help you get familiar with dogs and even liven up your day.

There's a reason we call them "Man's best friend". We can learn so many things from a dogs behavior, personality, demeanor, resilience and the willingness to provide family members with love and loyalty down to their very last breath.

—Saam Roy Choudhuri 7B

ANIMAL CRUELTY

- A SERIOUS AND WIDESPREAD THREAT



Dogs, widely known as man's best friend, are loving caring and faithful till the end. However, mankind doesn't give a second thought about these loyal creatures. In India, there are millions of dogs with no proper food, shelter, health care or even a single human companion who will love them and care for them. They are left to fend for themselves from the day that they are born till the time that they draw their last breath. As the youngest, most modern generation, it is our duty to make sure that these animals receive the kindness that they deserve. Our main problem here is the lack of awareness amongst the people. People are mercilessly thrashing that unfortunate dog who took an accidental step onto their land, vegetable mongers are pelting dogs with sharp stones and pebbles all because the hungry dog tried to make a quick meal of peels that were going to be thrown away anyway. On top of that, the fine for animal cruelty in India is a meagre Rs. 50, while in the USA, it can lead you up to 5 years in prison. Like all problems, this one has a solution as well, it all but takes one person to show kindness to a dog and this gradually inspires others to do the same.

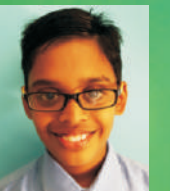
Earlier on this year, all the pet owners in my apartment, including my mother and I, found this small puppy on the streets near the gate of our apartment. We all pooled in money and took him to the vet where he was vaccinated and bathed. It was then discovered that due to living on the streets, he was suffering from a Neurological problem which gave him a sudden jerk in the neck every now and then. This got worse, so medicines were bought and we fed him daily. His name is Twitch, inspired by his back story. Now he is a healthy dog. And now every time any one of us steps out of the gate, he comes running to greet us. The pleasure you feel from showing kindness is priceless. This incident has now inspired other non-pet residents to feed the dogs on the streets as well. You may ask how you can help such animals. The answer to this is, there are many dog shelters around the city, and you can easily adopt a dog from there. But not everyone can adopt dogs due to certain restrictions. Another way you can help is to donate toys and bedding to these shelters. You can also provide the street dogs in your layout with food and water.

It all but takes one step from your part, and soon you will notice that your tiny action has led to a big change in society. Now this decision is yours....are you going to take the steps yourself or are you going to let the others take the initiative and most importantly....forget everything you have just read!

Anindita Saha VII B

SUSTAINABLE CARE FOR STRAY ANIMALS

The only creatures that are evolved enough to convey pure love are dogs and infants. Man is a social animal and we children are young, energetic and enthusiastic. 'Help Animals India' built a sturdy, dedicated dog shelter in 2014. Our school has planned to help an organisation named Cupa in doing the same, by collecting a hundred rupees from every student. But will this effort be sustainable in long Run is the question?



We see street dogs and we stay away from them thinking that if we go they will attack us and bite us. Not only this we also think that they are untreated and may carry diseases like rabies. These street dogs can't find food easily so they invade our homes. When we see this we throw the dog away instead of feeding it.

We children can help these dogs by using some of our pocket money to either feed them, take them to a vet with our parents or even do both. We can do much more as in helping a large free land to make this shelter which we may have seen while sitting in the bus. Then later on permission can be taken by respective authorities to build this helpful structure. We should inform our community about this social service.

Lets say we have made a safe shelter and many street dogs have started living there but to keep providing them with food and keep someone to take care of the dogs we need money. We children can collect money from our communities and submit them to the head of the shelter.

This is an easy type of social service that can easily be performed by anyone ; man or child. Sustainable development is the masterful balance of meeting our own needs without jeopardizing future generations ability to do the same.

Adi Kumar - G7D

SUSTAINABLE CARE FOR STRAY ANIMALS

If you care for the stray dogs in your neighborhood like I do, then undoubtedly you have seen mothers with newborn pups. Once born, the babies and their mothers face a daily struggle of finding shelter and food, as well as avoiding cars and abusive people. It can be tempting to take them off the roads and try to find homes for them.

Finding the pups homes is extremely rewarding and can prevent so much suffering, when they have a mother they do have a chance at survival on the street. When a compassionate caretaker places pups with mothers in a home, they fill a home with a dog which had a chance of survival on the road. The pups whose mothers die while they are still dependent have no chance at life on the street, and so I think that they should get priority in adoptions. We should encourage stray caretakers to let the pups who have mothers stay on the street and to care for them there.

Should you come across a stray mother with puppies, here is how I recommend you care for them:-

1. Help them find shelter
2. Feed them a high-protein diet
3. Keep their area clean
4. Vaccinate all of them
5. De-worm them
6. Handle the Pups with care



Just these small steps can help make a difference

Even if you are not keen to adopt them, you can always feed them like I do. We always give 1 chapatti to a stray dog in our lane. As we all know, our school too takes care of dogs in the teachers parking lot there are 2 stray dogs of which Deens takes care of. Our dear teacher, **Nidhi Ma'am** feeds them too. Kudos to her.

Vidwaan Singhania - 7D

CARING FOR STRAY DOGS

Plenty of stray dogs die and fall sick everyday due to lack of food or thirst. These stray dogs are a disgust to many people and they are least bothered about them. People love, care and spend for their pet dogs but absolutely pay no heed or attention to strays. This attitude is wrong and mistaken. Many camps are held for stray dogs but they do not succeed very well.



We citizens of this country have contributed for the welfare and protection of our own animals. The people who volunteer to help should be praised for their work. We 7th grade students for joy of giving week 2017 are helping these needy, innocent animals. Each student has contributed Rs. 100 for this.

Many people might have different views and opinions about this activity but as a grade, we have teamed up and vowed to make it as sustainable as possible. Our money will be used to provide the dogs with food, water, shelter and other basic needs. On 17th October these dogs will be loved and be taken care of by 7th grade. Also if each student informs their neighbours and tell them about the same society we are helping they can be of great help too.

This way awareness about strays will spread. But as we do not have much time to look at our environment we should take a break from our busy lives and consider this as our duty too. Pledge today that each one of us will and are capable to help our poor stray animals. Together India can become a better place.

-ANANYA RAJESH 7D

WORKSHOP BY KPMG ON CYBER SECURITY

Internet is an essential part of our life today. We use it for research, entertainment, to connect with our friends etc., hence keeping ourselves safe from the evils of Internet is very important.



To educate us on the importance of keeping ourselves protected on the internet our school had arranged a session for us on cyber security.

The important points that we discussed during the session were:

Passwords: We were told not to share our password with anyone. We were also told not to use passwords that are commonly used by people/ or easily identifiable like Name of house, Date of Birth etc as it will be easy for people to hack our account

Usage of on line platforms: We were briefed about the risks of speaking to strangers on any on line platform. We were told that we should not disclose any of our personally identifiable information to any stranger and avoid meeting him/her .Hence it is always better to be vigilant and keep away from strangers on on line platforms.

Usage of websites: We were told to not visit any site without seeking permission from our parents. While playing any game on line we should always check if the site is genuine and trustworthy. Also avoid clicking on pop ups which might inject malware into your system/phone. We should always ensure that the devices are protected with anti virus software.

The session provided us an insight to the do's and don'ts while being on line and hence was beneficial for us.

Meenakshi Pradeep 7A

