



**Tsunami
Animal-People
Alliance**



**Annual Report
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2010**

Message from the Chairman of the Board



In 2010 we passed the milestone of 30,000 animals sterilised! Thanks to our donors, we continue to assist recovery of the animals and the people of Sri Lanka after the Great Tsunami. And now we are expanding our reach to touch the animals and the people in the former conflict zone, where the 30 year civil war finally ended.

Our team continues to provide outstanding service to the animals and people of Sri Lanka. Our vets, vet nurses, clinic assistants and skilled animal handlers work under difficult conditions and are away from home for three weeks of every month. We continue to provide no cost vaccinations, spay/neuter clinics and general vet care for both community dogs caught by net and for individually owned dogs where vet care is limited or does not exist at all. Our efforts reduce the threat of rabies and dog bites, while at the same time humanely controlling the animal population.

Our education programme seeks to improve the living environment for both the people and the animals, and to set the tone for the next generation. In 2010 we expanded our efforts to reach very young children (kindergarten and primary school age) in addition to our traditional programme which targets secondary school age and adults. Change comes from the children.

TAPA takes up the challenge of both tsunami recovery, and now assisting in the recovery from 30 years of civil war and ethnic divide. Thank you to our financial and in-kind donors -- both individuals and organisations -- who share our vision for making this possible!



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Senaka S. Kotagama". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Senaka S. Kotagama
Chairperson

Goals, Objectives and Strategies

Our Name

We chose the name Tsunami Animal-People Alliance (TAPA) to emphasise the interaction and importance of both animals and people in the community, giving thought, care and protection to both.



The TAPA name identifies our team as an animal welfare NGO, which also cares for the people and their welfare, and aims to strengthen the link between the two in a practical manner.

Goal

Our goal is to improve the welfare and living environment of Sri Lanka's animals and people, particularly in the tsunami-impacted zones, and now also in the former war/conflict zone.

Objectives

Our objectives to attain this goal include:

- Humane community dog population management
- Reduce rabies by creating rabies-free areas where TAPA works
- Reduce dog bites, particularly among children
- Raised awareness of animal welfare issues.

Strategy

Our strategy is to implement a no-charge Catch-Neuter-Vaccinate-Release (CNVR) programme in the tsunami-impacted zone. A mobile tent-based surgical field clinic moves from community to community with a goal of sterilising and vaccinating at least 75% of the dogs (community/street dogs as well as individually owned dogs.) Same-day release of the dogs is made possible by adhering to high standards of asepsis and specialised surgery protocols, including pain management, which is humane and conducive to fast healing. The dogs are returned to the exact spot where caught (or to their owners), to make use of their territorial nature to control the population, which is a critical factor to success as they will keep unsterilised and unvaccinated dogs away. We use large "butterfly" nets to humanely catch community/street dogs, while also reducing the risk of injury to them, as well as to TAPA staff.



Spay/Neuter surgeries under way in the TAPA Field Clinic

A well-executed CNVR programme yields a stable vaccinated dog population, reducing the incidence of animal and human rabies, while preventing the mass killing of dogs as an uninformed, ineffective and inhumane means of rabies reduction.

About TAPA Work

Strategy—Cont'd

TAPA also seeks to improve the standard of veterinary medicine and surgery practice within Sri Lanka, including the introduction of pain management, practise of high levels of asepsis and the concept of Early Age Neutering (EAN).

Additionally, TAPA provides a model for dog population management in Sri Lanka, as well as seizing opportunities to propagate and replicate our field tested methodologies and processes throughout the region. Our field clinic also provides general veterinary care to all animals on an as-needed basis. This model has been recognised as a viable and humane solution to community/street dog population management – an alternative to mass killing.

Areas of Operation

East Coast: Tsunami affected coastline from Yala National Park north. During 2010, we sought to increase our emphasis on the East Coast, and implemented field clinics in Batticaloa, the Arugam Bay Area, and Ampara District, especially in areas touched by the civil war.

South Coast: Tsunami affected coastline, with a special emphasis on the Galle area, which was particularly hard hit by the tsunami.

Former Conflict Zone: In 2011 we plan to expand our operations in the former conflict zone, including in the refugee camps (Internally Displaced Persons).



TAPA Prioritisation Guidelines

- A focus on tsunami-impacted areas
- Ability to obtain no-kill agreements in exchange for sterilising and vaccinating the dogs in the targeted communities
- Working where there is limited or no veterinary infrastructure
- The potential to transfer same-day release CNVR knowledge and skills. Such replication can greatly leverage the impact of our limited resources to benefit additional animals and the people who share their environment.



TAPA Field Clinic tents: when feasible, we also set up in abandoned buildings, government building porches, etc to reduce setup-takedown times.

About TAPA Work (con't)

Officially Registered NGO

TAPA continues to be an officially registered charitable Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), registered with the Ministry of Social Affairs of the Government of Sri Lanka.

The TAPA Team

The highly motivated Sri Lankan team has been assembled and trained by professional veterinarians, vet techs and animal handlers.

This programme builds on the CNVR "template" originally successfully field tested and implemented in Bali and Banda Aceh, Indonesia and in Phuket, Thailand. The TAPA team temporarily lives in the tsunami communities being served. The Field Clinic processes dogs through an organised routine of catch, evaluation of fitness for surgery, weighing, pre-surgery medication and anesthetic, pre-op prep,



surgery, post-op monitoring and recovery, and return to the exact spot where caught (or to the owner). Each dog is fitted with a red collar to indicate that it has been vaccinated. Because the red collars are eventually lost, all dogs are also ear notched while under anesthetic for neutering. The ear notch also serves as a permanent indicator to TAPA dog catchers and municipality employees that the dog has already been sterilised and vaccinated, thus eliminating re-catching and reducing the risk of being killed by misguided government employees given the task of reducing the population of community dogs.

Replication and Training

Over the last few years, TAPA has trained vets and staff from various Asian countries in our methods, including India, Malaysia and the Philippines. Training has either taken place through on the job training working with our team, or via seminars.



Prepping a cat for surgery



About TAPA Work (con't)

International Linkages

TAPA continues as both a Member Society of the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) and an Associate of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA).

Statistics

During 2010 the team sterilised and vaccinated 5,009 animals. This was slightly below target because several of the clinics were returns to areas of previous clinics, which makes it more difficult to find dogs not previously sterilised. Some heavy rain daays also slowed things: additional education programmes were conducted during such days. The number of dogs sterilised ranges from over 40 per day when TAPA first begins to work in a community to 20-25 per day as the team approaches saturation in that community.

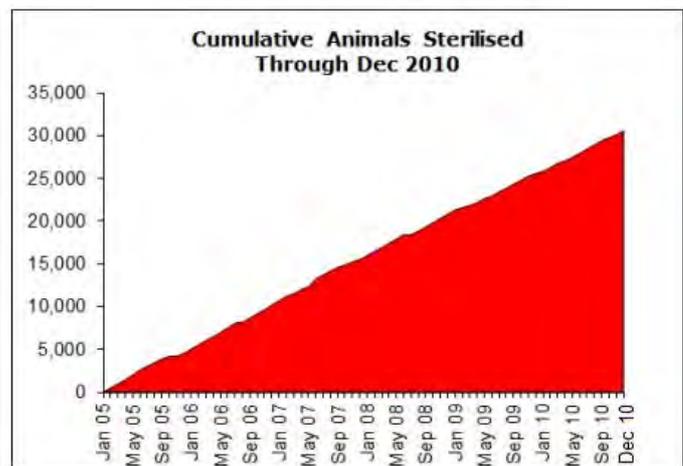
We sterilise both male and female dogs. The females are, obviously, sterilised for population control. But it is also important to sterilise the male dogs, not only for population control but also to reduce aggressive behaviour, especially during mating season. This reduces the risk of dog bites to people, and especially children who are at eye level with the dogs, but can also reduce injury to other dogs from fighting.



Dogs recovering from sterilisation

During 2010, we continued the use of licensed portable radios with boom microphone headsets for the handlers to communicate with each other while catching dogs in order to improve catching efficiency: this is especially important when approaching saturation levels. It is crucial to sterilise at least 75% of the dogs, as this is the level usually cited to result in zero population growth, and 75% vaccination rate is usually cited as the point at which "herd immunity" to rabies is attained. Consequently, TAPA must continue in that community even as the daily rate drops.

TAPA strives to sterilise 85-90% of the dogs in a community. This includes community and street dogs, as well as individually owned dogs (usually with low income owners), as there is generally limited or no vet care available. Both owned dogs and community dogs contribute to the street population: as a result of our marketing efforts in the community, our overall average is about half community dogs and half individually owned dogs.



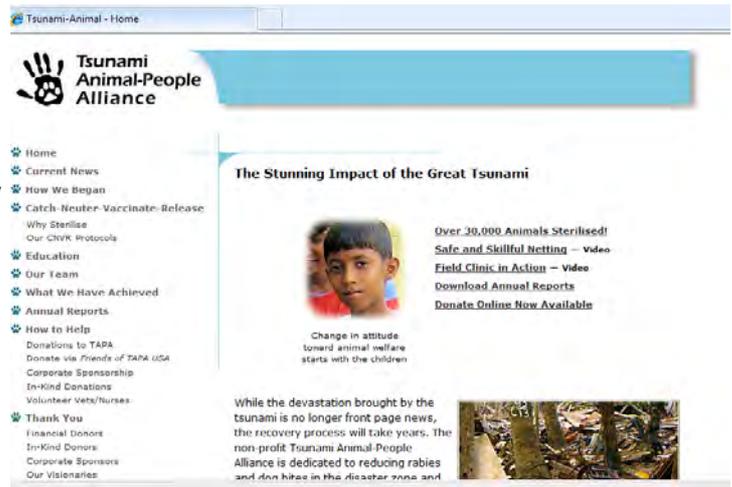
About TAPA Work (con't)

Publicity and Public Awareness

Descriptions of our work, as well as raising awareness of animal welfare issues, have been included in newspaper articles and TV broadcasts both within Sri Lanka and internationally.

Website

Thanks to the continuing efforts of our volunteer webmaster, Elaine Aronoff, our website at www.tsunami-animal.org well explains our work and is updated with new photos, current news, and a listing of where we are working.



Standards

TAPA Standard Operating Procedures, including asepsis, surgical techniques and strict protocols, are of paramount importance in protecting the welfare of the animals in a mass sterilisation programme.

The TAPA field clinic continues to successfully demonstrate that the standards expected in a static veterinary clinic can also be attained in a field environment. To verify this success, the TAPA team implemented a follow-up research programme, which monitored and collected data on 100 dogs daily post-surgery (20%-25% of a typical month's field work). The very positive results demonstrated that about 96% of all dogs have an excellent recovery post-CNVR. The remaining 4% also had an acceptable recovery with only minor self-correcting complications. Protocols have been tightened/alterd for special case dogs to improve this percentage even further. Unfortunately, we do lose several dogs out of 5,000 each year due to anesthetic shock issues despite our training in emergency situations. To our knowledge, no dogs have died due to post-CNVR complications. On average, we find one dog out of 500 that is in very bad condition. If our vets all concur that the animal is suffering without hope of recovery, we do, with great sadness, euthanise. We seek to honor the one and the many.



Releasing a dog to the exact place where caught in Arugam Bay

Follow-up research is now part of the CNVR template and is introduced in any training or capacity building programmes provided by TAPA.

About TAPA Work (con't)

Medical Perspective

Although the mission of the Field Clinic is mass sterilisation, the team has treated a number of animals, including dogs, cats, and others in the tsunami zone, for various medical conditions and accident injuries. Many of these animals would have died due to lack of veterinary care. All services are provided free of charge.

TAPA introduced **Early Age Neutering** (EAN) to Sri Lanka as a safe and effective population management method. TAPA has also raised awareness of post-surgery pain management and mitigation techniques.



Our team members are very committed to animal welfare - it's not just a job to them



Catching a dog on the street using a net—safer for the dog and for the team than using catchpoles



Sterilised cat recovering in the Field Clinic



Safely carrying a dog in the net back to the Field Clinic

About TAPA Work (con't)

Education

Community

In each community, TAPA first meets with community leaders and officials to explain how the CNVR programme works, the benefits of humane population management and how this reduces rabies and dog bites. Initial skepticism usually turns into offers of assistance once the community understands the concepts.



Education Programme

During 2010, TAPA continued and expanded implementation of our education programme. Traditionally our target has been secondary school students and adults. In 2009, we began a new effort to also reach kindergarten and primary school, and in 2010 we continued this approach through introduction of new ideas and learning aids to better transmit the messages to younger audiences. The sooner we can reach the children, the better!

In 2010, TAPA's education programme directly and indirectly (through sharing at home) over 15,000 people of all ages. We made presentations in all levels of schools (students and parents), community centres, orphanages and Buddhist Temple Sunday Schools in the tsunami zone.



"Poseable Dog" Crafts Activity—adapted from Helen Woodward Animal Center (USA) for use in the tsunami zone. The children assemble and colour a dog from paper, and then the finished product is used to demonstrate dog behaviors to help the children safely interact with dogs and avoid dog bites.

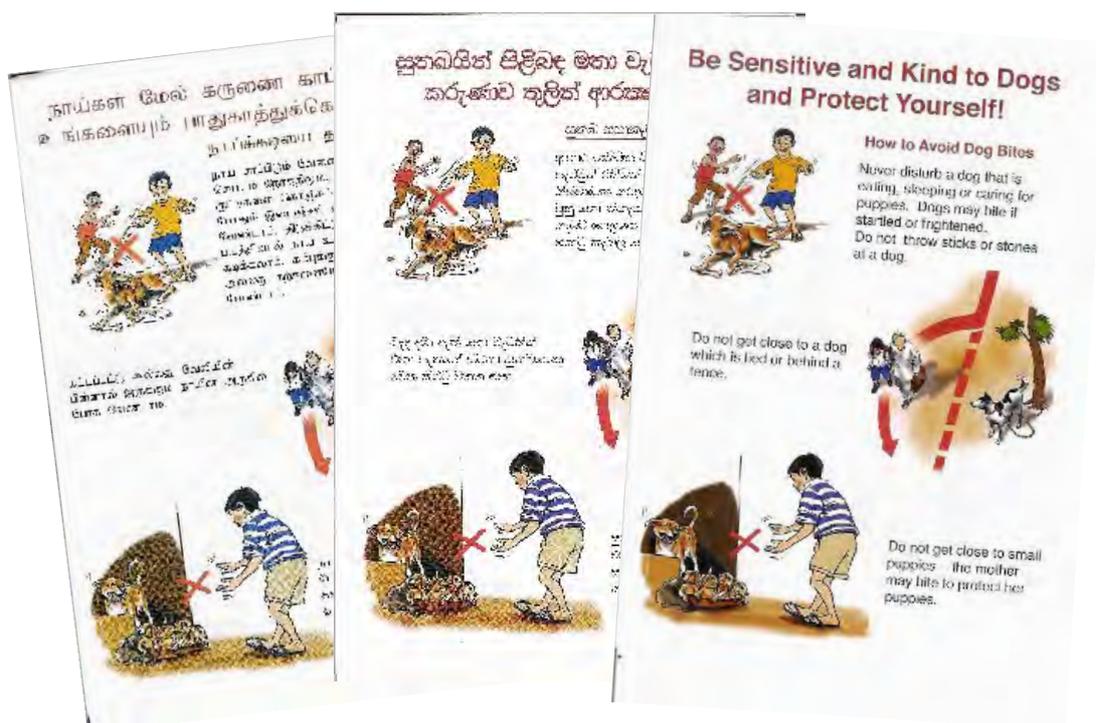
The presentations cover rabies facts, including precautions, prevention, and treatments; how to avoid dog bites; responsible pet ownership; and how Catch-Neuter-Vaccinate-Release impacts the dog population. A written evaluation quiz was taken at the end of each presentation. For the younger children, the presentations focused more on raising awareness that animals are to be respected as sentient beings sharing the earth with us. We used toy pets, stickers, singing, dramas and paintings to transfer this message to the young children. In 2011 we will continue to expand and refine this programme.

About TAPA Work (con't)

Avoiding Dog Bites Leaflet

Many dog bites are the result of a simple lack of knowledge of canine behaviour. The vast majority of dog bites do not involve rabid dogs, but are often from community dogs or even owned dogs. Regardless, most Sri Lankan victims seek costly medical treatment - even if the dog is known to them. These costly, and most often unnecessary, treatments deplete precious limited government health resources that could be used for other benefits.

As part of our education programme, TAPA developed and published a leaflet on how to avoid dog bites, with a special focus on children. TAPA hopes this will reduce the actual pain of the victims who might otherwise be bitten, minimise subsequent harm to the dogs, and stretch scarce health care resources.



We have printed over 150,000 copies (in Sinhala, Tamil and English) for distribution in the community. The leaflets, endorsed by the Ministry of Health, include colour graphics depicting Sri Lankan children and adults with local dogs in Sri Lankan surroundings. The four page leaflet stresses simple avoidance actions, such as not running near a dog, making a wide circle around



dogs that are tied, not disturbing puppies whose mother may be near and seek to protect them, as well as how to react to a dog that comes just to sniff, and what to do if actually attacked. Localised versions of our booklet have now been produced by local groups including in India, China, the Republic of Georgia, as well as in an Arabic version.

TAPA Capacity Building

Training

The TAPA team has been trained in keyhole speed spay/neuter surgery with an emphasis on strict asepsis. Both are critical components to reduce infection and post-operation complications, both crucial to the success of same day Catch-Neuter-Vaccinate-Release.

TAPA also seeks opportunities to train others in the overall CNVR process, as well as how to humanely and safely catch dogs using nets. TAPA's expenses for training others are covered by the sponsors of that training—all general donations to TAPA continue to be used exclusively ifor spay-neuter work in Sri Lanka's tsunami zone or former war zone.

Volunteer Vets/ Nurses

TAPA's Volunteer Vet Programme provides value-added training, specialised medicine and case work. These expat volunteers pay their own international travel expenses to Sri Lanka, where they live and work with the team in the field. International volunteer vets provide a broad range of exposure to medicine beyond that in Sri Lanka's veterinary education, training and profession, raising the level of the team's skills.



"Vaccinate & Sterilise" labels
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Challenges and Donors

Challenges

Funding remains our most serious challenge. It is not inexpensive to field a team of ten working for extended periods in remote locations. Our cost to sterilise a dog or cat is approximately US\$20 (about US\$8 for good quality medicines and surgical supplies plus about US\$12 for staff salaries, housing and food, van to transport dogs and equipment, etc.) In 2010, overheads were 3.0% for administration and fund-raising and 97.0% of income went directly for field project expenses. We average about 30 dogs per day (often over 35-40 dogs per day when TAPA first arrives in a new location, dropping to 20-25 per day after we have saturated an area, while continuing to work toward the minimum 75% sterilisation target.) A typical village has a dog population of 250 to 500 dogs. It adds up! We seek to reduce costs through in-kind donations of medications and supplies.



TAPA's field clinic sets up right in the tsunami zone, often next to the rubble of buildings

In order to provide the highest standard of humane medical treatment and protect the welfare of the animals, we cannot compromise on the quality of the medicines or supplies, such as anesthetics, pain medications or suture materials. Additionally, the team is asked to spend long hours for extended periods, working and living in difficult conditions in the tsunami zone. We must, therefore, ensure the team's well-being with reasonable food and shelter.

Sri Lanka is a poor country, so TAPA depends heavily on outside funding. We are, however, increasing emphasis on local funding, even if only token, to increase national "ownership" of the programme. In 2010, we continued participation in a government sterilisation programme which provides a small subsidy for our work in certain areas. This helped to stretch our limited resources.

Friends of the Tsunami Animal-People Alliance (U.S.)

The U.S.-based Friends of the Tsunami Animal-People Alliance (FoTAPA) supports field sterilisation in the tsunami zone. The U.S. Internal Revenue Service has designated FoTAPA a 501(c)3 (tax-exempt) non-profit organisation. In addition to offering tax deductibility of donations for U.S. income tax purposes, this also opens the door to seek funding from U.S. grantmakers that require 501(c)3 designation. Online donation from anywhere in the world is available via the FoTAPA webpage (www.tsunami-animal.org/FoTAPA).

Our Donors

TAPA could not have achieved these accomplishments without the generous support of many animal welfare organisations and individuals around the world. TAPA and the people and animals of Sri Lanka wish to thank all of our supporters, both large and small, without whom none of this would have been possible. Our donations are used exclusively for work in the tsunami zone and TAPA team capacity building. Expenses for the Indian team that came to train with us were covered by Humane Society International. And we do work outside the tsunami zone if a donor specifically directs us to do so. Pages 16-17 entitled "Donors Jan-Dec 2010" lists our financial and in-kind donors.

Team and Directors



TAPA Field Team

The TAPA Field Team includes veterinary surgeons, vet techs/nurses, animal handlers, community liaison, van driver, and education programme presenters. The team achieves its effectiveness and efficiency through flexible cross-over responsibilities – for example, the vet techs (and even the vets) assist the dog catchers when needed, and several of the vet techs and dog catchers are cross-trained.

TAPA Volunteer Board of Directors:

Mr. Senaka S. Kotegama (Sri Lankan), TAPA Chairman of the Board and well-respected Sri Lankan businessman with a special interest in animal welfare.

Dr. Subash Dananjaya (Sri Lankan), TAPA 's founding Chief Veterinary Surgeon, Field Clinic Manager and Team Leader.

Dr. Shalika Perera (Sri Lankan), Board Secretary, joined TAPA in 2005 and served as TAPA's Chief Veterinary Surgeon, Field Clinic Manager and Team Leader during 2007-2008.

Dr. Thusira Soorasena (Sri Lankan), joined TAPA in 2006 and served as TAPA's Chief Veterinary surgeon, Field Clinic Manager and Team Leader from 2008-2010.

Ms. Sherry Grant (American) co-founded TAPA, as well as earlier co-founding the Yudisthira Foundation in Bali (Bali Street Dogs) and recently Indonesia Animal Welfare, and has extensive experience in animal welfare in Asia. Ms. Grant was the inspiration behind establishing and providing the direction of TAPA.

Ms. Dawn Peacock (British), TAPA Board Vice-Chairperson, is an animal welfare specialist with extensive experience in animal welfare in Asia, who was instrumental in transferring procedures, processes, and lessons learned to TAPA from Yudisthira Foundation (the Bali Street Dog Programme) and assisting in field operations and research.

Dr. Elaine Ong (Australian), a veterinary surgeon who owns an Australian Small Animal Veterinary Association accredited Hospital of Excellence and is a Faculty Member and Academic Associate of the University of Melbourne. Dr. Ong has experience in developing countries, including working as a volunteer vet in Sri Lanka sterilising dogs in the tsunami refugee camps and providing insitu training.

Mr. Robert Blumberg (American), TAPA Board Treasurer, is an engineer who was resident in Sri Lanka at the time of the tsunami. He helped form the Tsunami People-Animal Welfare Coalition to provide the initial response in Sri Lanka immediately after the tsunami and then co-founded TAPA and helps administer its operations.

Financials

In order to monitor and control our finances, TAPA uses the same international standard software accounting package used by our auditor (Sri Lankan Chartered Accountants A&S Associates of Colombo). A&S provides continuing guidance to ensure that our accounting methods conform to professional norms. The Sri Lankan Fiscal Year is April 1 – March 31. A&S audited the books for the Fiscal Year ending 31 March 2010 and will do so again for the Fiscal year ending 31 March 2011. TAPA also retains a part-time accountant/administrator for several hours per month. Financials are available upon request.

The TAPA budget is based on a target of 5,000 dogs per year. As indicated previously, sterilising each dog costs about US\$20 per dog (consisting of approximately US\$8 for medicines, vaccines and surgical supplies, approximately \$12 for salaries, field living expenses, van for transporting dogs, etc.). The cost of medicines and supplies is partially offset by in-kind donations whenever possible.

Our overheads in 2010 were about 3.0% (Administration plus Fundraising) with 97.0% of expenses being field project costs.

This will not happen again for this family !!



TAPA sterilised the mother and then all eight puppies using Early Age Neutering (EAN) techniques introduced into Sri Lanka by TAPA guided by international vet volunteers. This family was subsequently carefully monitored by TAPA for several weeks and perfect recovery observed.

2011 Plans and Opportunities

- Continue CNVR Field Clinic programmes in the tsunami-impacted zones of Sri Lanka, and expand into the former conflict/war zone areas, including into the refugee/IDP camps.



A record chart follows each animal throughout the process

- Continue to implement our Education Programme in the communities where the Field Clinic operates. This programme offers the opportunity to educate the communities about rabies facts and myths, how to avoid dog bites (using our brochure) and responsible pet ownership, including the role of sterilisation. Increase emphasis on reaching very young children
- Seek additional opportunities to continue building the capacity of the TAPA team. This includes seeking sponsorships to attend training seminars, as well as facilitating the Volunteer Visiting Vets/Nurses programme to bring new ideas and experience to the team.
- Leverage Impact. TAPA's successful CNVR Field Clinic has gained recognition internationally and programmes to Train the Trainers can greatly leverage TAPA impact in improving the welfare of the animals and the people in Asia.



Meds prep based on each dog's weight



Puppies being brought to the clinic

Donors Jan-Dec 2010

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Embrace Pet Insurance (USA) - Clinic Network	(see following page)

In-Kind Donors and Facilitators—Continued

Embrace Pet Insurance (USA) - Clinic Network (USA)

30th Street Animal Clinic	King George Veterinary Clinic
Adobe Animal Hospital	Little York Veterinary Clinic
Advanced Critical Care & Internal Medicine	Londonderry Animal Hospital
Alvin Animal Clinic	Long Island Veterinary Specialists
Animal Care Hospital	Milton Animal Hospital
Animal Care Hospital	Mountain Top Animal Hospital
Animal Clinic Northview	New England Animal Medical Center
Animal Kind Veterinary Hospital	North Memorial Animal Hospital
Animal Medical Clinic of Gulf Gate	Norwell Veterinary Hospital
Animal Specialty Group	Nottingham Pet Clinic
Animal Wellness Center	Obetz Animal Hospital
Arlington Animal Hospital	Occoquan Animal Hospital
Atlantic Animal Hospital	Olney Veterinary Hospital
Bay Area Veterinary Specialists	Paces Ferry Veterinary Clinic
Belfair Animal Hospital	Park Animal Hospital
Berkeley Dog and Cat Hospital	Pearl Animal Hospital
Best Friends Veterinary Hospital	Pender Veterinary Centre
Bethel Animal Hospital	Pets Unlimited Veterinary Center
Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center	Phillips Animal Hospital
Bloomsburg Veterinary Hospital	Reichardt Veterinary Hospital
Blue Ridge Veterinary Hospital	Rock Creek Veterinary Hospital
Bolton Veterinary Hospital	Rock Springs Animal Hospital
Bradshaw Veterinary Clinic	Rockaway Animal Clinic
Bramer Animal Hospital	Sample Road Animal Hospital
Bright Cross Animal Clinic	San Francisco Veterinary Specialists
Broad Ripple Animal Clinic	Santa Cruz Veterinary Hospital
Brookview Animal Hospital	Shelley Drive Animal Clinic
Chico Animal Hospital	So. California Vet Speciality Hospital
Churchman Animal Hospital	St. Johns Animal Clinic
Compassionate Care Vet Hospital	Tustana Animal Hospital
Coral Breeze Animal Hospital	Valley Green Veterinary Hospital
Coral Springs Animal Hospital	VCA Animal Care Center of Sonoma County
Daniel Webster Animal Hospital	VCA Sacramento Animal Medical Group
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Dr Karen Animal Hospital	Veterinary Surgical Assoc-Concord
East Bay Vet Specialists & Emergency	Water's Edge Veterinary Hospital
Edenwood Veterinary Clinic	Wellesley Natick Vet Hospital
EmanciPET	Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital
Encina Veterinary Hospital	Williamsburg Animal Clinic
Framingham Animal Hospital	Windsor Vet & Dental Services
Fulton County Veterinary Clinic	
Governor Animal Clinic	
Great Bay Animal Hospital	
Great Lakes Pet Emergencies	
Great Lakes Veterinary Specialists	
Grove City Veterinary Hospital	
Gulf Coast Veterinary Specialists	
Harbour Veterinary Office	
Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital	
Kern Valley Veterinary Clinic	

An Unexpected Development

During 2010, TAPA worked in Batticaloa on the margin of the former war zone. We were so busy in going what we do, it took an outside observer from an ethnic reconciliation group to put things into perspective.....

"TAPA is really a great, dynamic team and what I see is so much more than the work they are doing for dogs- their interaction with the communities is also beneficial. Here in Batticaloa for example, after 30 years of war, devastation, death and destruction, TAPA represents a whole new concept that some of the communities have never experienced- respect, care, nurturing, concern for others... The ethnic divide is also very key and having Sinhala staff at TAPA doing work without charge for Tamil communities sends quite a powerful message. People in Batticaloa really appreciated this show of kindness, care and respect from TAPA staff."



The community brings their dogs to the TAPA Field Clinic for spay/neuter



For More Information

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TAPA's field clinic is usually near the ocean....
a constant reminder of the day everything
changed for Sri Lanka's animals and people.