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CARE FOR COWS

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Jaya Sri Guru! Jaya Sri Gopala!
Jaya Sri Go Mata!

Dear Friends,

“There is no wealth equal to cows. To talk about cows, to hear others speak about cows, to offer gifts of cows to worthy people and to see cows are all auspicious activities. There is never any inauspiciousness in cows.

On Earth cows represent high energy and are endowed with the elements of strength and energetic exertion. There are also elements of great wisdom in cows and they are bestowers of great happiness upon all creatures.

That country or nation where cows are protected and live without fear of slaughter becomes exalted and the sins of that country are evaporated.

Cows constitute the stairs that lead to heaven. Cows are adored in heaven. Cows are goddesses competent to grant every righteous wish and desire. Verily there is nothing in the worlds more elevated or superior to cows.”

--Anusasana Parva, Mahabharata

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~ PORTRAIT OF THE MONTH ~



~ TITHI & CALF ~



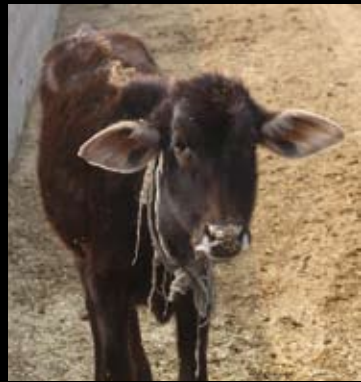
NAGA BABA SAVES MORE COWS FROM BUTCHERS

Naga Baba has been protecting cows in Vrindavan for almost fifty years. He has put his life on the line on several occasions. In January 2010 he captured a herd of cows that rustlers had stolen from the streets and private *goshallas* and were force-marching them to an illegal slaughterhouse in U.P.

In a daring operation he and his helpers disrupted the march and rescued more than seventy cows and bulls and dispensed them to seven of the *goshallas* he has helped establish.

Thirty-six of the cows rescued have been sent to his *goshalla* in Belvan where Care for Cows has been operating for the last three years. Needless to say, the new thirty-six cows and bulls are disoriented but are adjusting quickly.

All of the cows rescued are in relatively good health except for the trauma of the ordeal. Some have cuts and abrasions from the rough handling of the rustlers, but there are no broken bones or more serious injuries.







The cows are safe in Belvan but their presence demands that we raise the funds required to feed them. Up until now, an adult cow could be maintained for about Rs.1,100 per month but since this winter began the cost of fodder and grains has considerably risen and pushed the monthly cost per cow to about Rs.1,500 -- about Rs.50 per day. Hence the added cost to our overhead will be about Rs.54,000 per month.

Naga Baba risked his life to save them now we only need a few people to maintain them.

We need either

- one person to offer Rs.54,000 per month;
- or two to offer Rs.27,000 per month;
- or four to offer Rs.13,500 per month;
- or six to offer Rs.9,000 per month;
- or eight to offer Rs.6,750 per month;
- or ten to offer Rs.5,400 per month.

Remember: If one delivers a cow from a dangerous situation, from being stuck in the mud or from being attacked by a tiger, one attains the result of performing a horse sacrifice (*Ashvamedha Yajnya*).

--Visnu-dharmottara-purana Part 3, Chapter 291



GITA PRESS CARES FOR COWS



During a short visit to Gorakhpur, U.P. Braja Gopal of CFC came upon a street cow with an injured tail. While trying to purchase the medicine to treat it he was told to call the Gita Press as they have veterinarians who attend to abandoned cows.

Braja Gopal called the Gita Press who promptly sent a veterinarian and assistant who expertly attended to the cow. They administered a local anesthesia, amputated the dead flesh, applied disinfectant and bandaged the stump. The cow was then released to continue her wanderings.



The cow was secured with a rope before the Vet arrived on a motorbike. The assistant administered a local anesthesia and the Vet amputated the dead portion of the tail and bandaged the stump.



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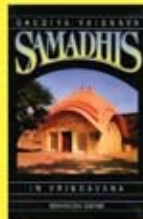
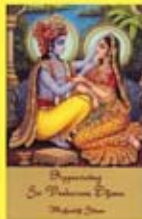
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AKSAYA
MR. CFC
WINNER OF THE
CALF BEAUTY CONTEST



INTERVIEW
WITH MR. CFC

CFC: Congratulations you for winning the Calf Beauty Contest. You certainly are beautiful...

Aksaya: Thank you. My Mother deserves all the credit.

CFC: Most thought a female calf would win. You're a bull... are you surprised that you won the Beauty Contest?



Aksaya: Yes I am since nowadays there is a prejudice against bulls. It just goes to show how anything is possible.

CFC: What are your plans now? Will you go to Bollywood or travel overseas?

Aksaya: No. I plan to stay in Vrindavan and learn how to plow and pull the cart. Being beautiful is temporary... it's nothing to get excited about, really... I'm determined not to let this title go to my head.

CFC: You think beauty is not

important? Can you please elaborate?

Aksaya: Beauty is like the changing of the seasons. For a time you have it and then it is gone. Listen carefully to this story and you'll know what I mean.

Once upon a time a handsome bull saw a very beautiful cow grazing in a pasture in a hidden valley. Being captivated by her beauty, the bull jumped the fence and after reaching her draped his thick dewlap over her back and started grunting. The beautiful



Mr. CFC Aksaya winner of the Calf Beauty Contest

cow was not in heat so she didn't welcome the bull's advances.

She told him to leave her alone but the bull insisted, "My dear, you are so beautiful that I cannot control myself."

The beautiful cow became irritated as the bull was forcing himself on her. She then decided to teach him a lesson so he would learn not to be so bewildered by bodily beauty.

She began, "My dear handsome bull, you are certainly a suitable mate for me but since I am not in season, I cannot accept you. Please be patient and return in ten days when I will be more than happy to mate with you."

The handsome bull replied, "My darling, you are the most beautiful cow I've ever seen. I will return

in ten days and cavort with you in this valley."

Determined to teach the lusty bull a lesson she first searched out some noxious weeds in the pasture and ate them. This upset her stomach to the degree that she promptly vomited her cud into the water trough. Then she ate another type of weed which caused her to have diarrhea and she emptied her bowels into the same place. She ate another weed which caused her to pass enormous amounts of urine which she mixed with the other foul liquids.

She continued this behavior until she was emaciated and the mixture in the water trough became rancid and sour.

By the tenth day her eyes were

sunk, she became skinny and her hair was falling out in patches. Indeed she had lost her lustrous beauty to the degree that when the handsome bull returned, he did not even recognise her.

Upon arriving the bull called out to her, "O decrepid one, where is that charming beauty that decorated this heavenly pasture some days ago? Hurry to her and announce that her gallant has returned to cavort with her."

She replied, "O Sire! I am the the beautiful one you have come to delight with. Please take me!"

"What?" the bull responded. "Certainly you are not that one for her hips were full and yours a boney; her coat was like velvet while yours is like a burlap bag; her eyes were like the moon while yours are like ashes; her fragrance was like a bouquet of roses while yours is like a swamp! You are not even fit to be her maidservant. Now stop joking and quickly call my queen!"

The cow answered, "I am that very same one, my Lord. Only, I have extracted the elements of my beauty and kept them very carefully for you in a liquid form," She then led the bull over to the water trough where he curiously lowered his great nose over the tank which was now foaming and emanating the most foul and abominable odor. His eyes burned.

She said, "Behold the ingredients of my beauty, my Lord, since they are so dear to you. Now enjoy my beauty to your full satisfaction!"



Thus the bull came to his senses and clearly understood that bodily beauty is nothing more than foul and undesirable fluids combined in such a remarkable way that they appear desirable and attractive.

For this reason I again declare that being perceived as beautiful is nothing to be proud of.

CFC: Thank you very much for this illuminating narration Aksaya. Your real beauty is your profound wisdom.



MORE CALVES BORN



Davanala Devi and her first calf



Davanala joined us in 2006 (see our Oct. 2006 issue) and as far as we know this is her first calf.

The female calf is healthy and alert and is drinking all of her mother's milk. Davanala Devi is sponsored by Katyayani Dasi. Her new calf is in need of a sponsor.

MORE CALVES BORN



Kisori's calf

Above is the second calf born to Kisori (right). She is healthy and one of the liveliest calves in the *goshalla*. Her father is Nandi who pulls one of the school buses. She is also in need of a sponsor.





Lalita's first calf



Lalita

Lalita came to us in 2002 and this is her first calf, also female. For some strange reason Lalita is not interested in feeding her so at times she has been drinking from Tithi and other times we feed her by bottle.

Since she gets plenty of affection from the cowherd men she doesn't seem to be negatively affected by her mother's disinterest. She has been sponsored by Jagannath Rao.



Tithi's first calf

Tithi was born at CFC from Jatila in 2004 and this is also her first calf. We expected the calf to be born two weeks ago but somehow Tithi kept waddling around with a huge milk bag. The calf was born without difficulty eventhough she is bigger than Lalita and Davanala's calves who are a week older. Tithi's calf also needs a sponsor.



PATIENT UPDATE

SHYAM GOPAL RECUPERATES



Shyam Gopal arrived with a broken tibia in December 2009. Under the care of Dr. Rudra Prasad Pandey of the Mathura Veterinary College he underwent an operation where his tibia was fixed with two steel pins.

After two months of care Shyam Gopal is wandering around the *goshalla* with only a slight limp. He is in good spirits and on occasion even tries to carefully run and jump. He is barely a year old so we expect a near full recovery. He is sponsored by Vedanta Krit Dasa.



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You can now order your favorite cow prints by clicking on the Order Prints button on the Home Page of careforcows.org.

At present we have sixty prints available in four categories:
Portraits of Cows
Portraits of Bulls
Portraits of Calves
Cows Swimming

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16 x 20
20 x 30 (inches).

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Celebrate the Cow by ordering prints today!

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The cows send their heart-felt thanks to those who assisted during January 2010

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May cows stay in front of me; may cows stay behind me; may cows stay on both sides of me. May I always reside in the midst of cows. —*Hari Bhakti Vilas* 16.252