

Project Update: July 2011

During the kite flying festival (14th-15th January 2011) we invited 50 veterinarians who provided services for treatment to injured birds, Six of them were from outside India. We rescued eight vultures during the kite flying festival - three died, three were released and two were sent to the Junagadh breeding centre.

Help the Birds-2011

· Total number of birds	1865
· Rescued but died before reaching hospital	200
· Admitted to hospital	1665
· Died during hospitalisation	427
· Released after treatment	1238
· Percentage success	74.35%

NSAID Survey

Human Diclofenac, a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug given to livestock, is extremely toxic to vultures and has caused most of the mortalities. We are stopping human Diclofenac from being used for veterinary purposes. Awareness programmes for volunteers, forest staff and religious people have been undertaken. Posters and pamphlets were distributed during the kite festival near vulture nesting and roosting sites. We are visited Panjrapoles, where vultures always feed, and helped them.

