

# Blue Cross of Hyderabad

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## ABANDONED PETS

Abandoned- what a forlorn, final word! Last year Blue Cross rescued 99 abandoned pet dogs, some from the streets, some tied to our gates in the night. This is apart from the 6000 and odd sick, injured and abused homeless ones. Imagine how many more confused, depressed animals are out there on the roads, starving and thirsty in the 40+ degrees heat?

There is another side to abandoning pets:

Many people come to blue cross shelter to abandon their old pets as they are going on vacation, want a new puppy or simply have no time. Many more are abandon them on the roads unvaccinated and spreading distemper , parvo virus and Rabies among genuinely homeless animals.

Pet 'abandoners' work against all our efforts for Rabies free Hyderabad - and endanger the lives and welfare of under- privileged children in the streets. They are anti social at the core and we are outraged by their actions.

For persons bringing abandoned pet animals to Blue Cross, remember to :-

1. Please be ready to prove that the animal is not yours.
2. Sign a Rs.10 Stamp paper of the animal with all details, was lost and found.
3. Contact the Lost dogs organization (Mrs. Pratima –tel: )
4. Failing all else, go to GHMCH Pound and hand over the dog

Let us look now at the moral obligation: A pet is a lifetime family member. If you cannot afford to feed your children, do you throw them out onto the street? No, you adjust your expenses. One good meal is better than three attempts of nutrition! Cheaper foods are often best- spinach, ragi, jower, and soya.

Pets abandoned due to bad behaviour: They say there are no bad pets, only bad owners! Exercise and encouraging good behaviour, timely sterilisation and vaccination all this helps a pet adjust in an apartment building or community. Tying a dog all day makes it vicious. We can advise and counsel you on this at the Blue Cross of Hyderabad.

But the real suffers are the family pets who are put out on the street due to old age. Just when they need help the most, after a lifetime of guarding the family, they are left on the street to deal with starvation and territorial street dogs.

And finally there must be karmic effects of abandoning an animal in it's old age! What more need one say? Please do not abandon your pet and guide others not to either.