



VOICE OF COWS

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Cow adoption program

OUR COW ADOPTION PROGRAM – why & how?

We found it very important to inform our well-wishers and supporters about the need of this program and what we wish to achieve by this in the long run. Since many people approach us wanting to donate a cow (go-daan) knowing it to be a highly pious activity one needs to do in one's life, we felt that it's required to inform all about the matter in this document:

Treatment given to the cows:- All over we see cows wandering throughout the day eating whatever garbage they get. Many times we find them near the garbage pit of Municipality searching out in the refuse. Natural question that will arise in the mind of any sane person is 'who is the owner of these cows?', 'why doesn't he protect his cow from eating filth and plastic?' It is terrible that people even in Vrindavan use cow as a commodity. They simply exploit the cow for its milk but do not feed her plentiful.



NEAR MAHESWARI GUEST HOUSE
VRINDAVAN

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Quote from scripture

Milking the cow means drawing the principles of religiosity in liquid form.

SB 1.17.3 Purport

Is this advancement?

At the time of independence, India had a little more than 300 abattoirs. Today there are more than 35,000 approved ones. There are thousands of unapproved slaughter houses

After milking is done cow is left on her own to search out for food and when she has stopped giving milk she is completely dragged out from home.

They argue that they haven't sold her for money but the inevitable fate of such street cows is the abattoir or that they die miserably of some disease caused by eating filth and plastic. ISN'T THIS CRUEL!!, should the owners not be honest toward taking the responsibility of their mother?

What we wish to do:- Seeing this condition we at ISKCON goshala have designed this program of cow adoption with a desire to set-up an ideal standard of cow care in the long run. By letting people donate a cow(go-daan) to us we'll also be a culprit of the same cruelty that we are protesting against. First of all we need to be honest in taking up the responsibility of those who are born in our goshala-they are our own children.

The above treatment met to the cows is due to the dearth of enough grazing land. All land is speedily getting used-up by construction companies or factories.

By your kind help it will be possible for us to purchase more land for the cows to graze on and to make sheds. Thus setup an example for the whole community. Thanking you for your kind consideration.

Shyama passes away

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Shyama put in Samadhi

**This cow served Krishna Balaram for last 9 yrs.
She was very active and happy cow.
Please pray that she goes back to godhead.**



Letter to: Hamsaduta
Los Angeles 68-01-11



we must have sufficient time for executing Krishna Consciousness business, so you have to select which one will be suitable for you. If you think that by carving Jagannathas or painting you will have sufficient income, it is very nice. Otherwise do not give up your present job for some future hope. Rayarama's suggestion to open an asrama is very nice. If it is possible to keep sufficient number of cows in the asrama, there can be very nice milk business and that may make sufficient income for maintaining one institution for educating children in Krishna Consciousness. Actually the modern educational institutions are different grades of slaughter houses. If you can open an ideal institution for the future children of our associates, it will be a great service. Actually as I have already discussed in my Srimad-Bhagavatam, for economic problem one requires a little land and a few cows. Then the whole economic problem is solved. We should utilize our time for elevating ourselves in Krishna Consciousness than for so-called economic development. If we are satisfied with plain living, with minimum time and the balance time is engaged for elevating our Krishna Conscious program, then every man can be transferred to Goloka Vrindaban, just in this very life. The modern civilization has encumbered the mode of living and people are engaged all the time in the matter of eating, sleeping, defending, and mating. Both yourself, and your wife Himavati are good combination. If you can develop such an institution for future children of the society, or outside the society, it will be great service for the humanity. I am sure Krishna will give you more and more intelligence in this matter, if you seriously think on the subject by gradual evolution. Offer my blessings to your good wife and I pray to Krishna for your all round prosperity. Hope you are both well.

Your ever well-wisher,
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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