

ANIMAL WELFARE AND REHABILITATION WORKSHOP

By Khalsa Rescue Foundation

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

— Mahatma Gandhi



Community Outreach Team at JKPS organised a workshop titled '**Animal Welfare and Rehabilitation**' on **August 13, 2024**, in collaboration with the **Khalsa Rescue Foundation**. Guided by the principle of "Guardianship," the Khalsa Rescue Foundation is dedicated to combating the rising cruelty against stray animals in India. The workshop aimed to educate students in **classes VI and VII** on the critical importance of animal protection, the essential role of various organizations, and how they can

actively contribute to animal welfare. **Through this initiative, we sought to inspire a future generation committed to fostering a society where compassion and respect for all living beings are paramount, aligning with sustainable development goals such as responsible consumption and production and life on land.**

The workshop commenced with a warm welcome from our student anchors, Kripa and Harnoor, who introduced the distinguished guests from the Khalsa Rescue Foundation. **The team included Ms. Supriti Sachdeva and Mr. Maninder Singh Sachdeva, the founders of the Foundation, along with Ms. Charu Kumar, the adoption coordinator, and Mr. Kalhan Kaul, an expert in animal behaviour.** A special highlight was the presence of two furry guests who engaged the students in understanding the joys and responsibilities of adopting stray animals.





The session was formally inaugurated with an address by our esteemed Headmistress, Ms. Shikha Dhameja, whose eloquent speech set the tone for the day by emphasizing the vital importance of empathy and compassion towards animals. Hritvi Kaur Sachdeva, a student, then delivered a poignant reflection on the plight of community animals in India, urging her peers to take meaningful and proactive steps in advancing animal welfare. She encouraged her peers to contribute to a growing initiative of support.

Throughout the workshop, **the Khalsa Rescue Foundation team provided informative and engaging insights on various topics, including animal protection, the importance of adopting stray animals, and practical ways for students to contribute to animal welfare. The presence of the dogs added a special interactive element, making the learning experience both memorable and impactful.**



The team also shared details about their NGO's daily work, their contributions to animal welfare, and the importance of understanding animal rights and the basic needs of community animals.



A special video message by **Mr. Sudhir Kudalkar, Senior Police Inspector**, explained the laws for animal protection, offering a legal perspective on safeguarding animal rights. **Mr. Maninder** discussed the role of the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI), highlighting its crucial role in promoting and enforcing animal welfare standards.

Medical rescue and cruelty prevention were addressed by Supriti Sachdeva, who shared practical tips and emphasized the importance of timely intervention. **Ms. Charu Kumar** spoke about the nuances of adoption, stressing the need for providing a loving home to stray animals. The session on the importance of dog training was made even more engaging with an interactive segment led by **Mr. Kalhan Kaul**, who demonstrated training techniques with his puppies.



The workshop concluded with a lively question and answer session, where students interacted with the team, deepening their understanding of animal welfare. A vote of thanks was extended by our students, expressing their heartfelt gratitude to the Khalsa Rescue Foundation for their invaluable contribution. The workshop was a resounding success, with active participation from both students and parents.



This workshop marks a significant step forward in our Community Outreach Program. Traditionally focused on supporting individuals, our initiative is now expanding to include animal welfare. This shift reflects our commitment to broadening our impact by addressing the needs of both people and animals in our community. By fostering awareness and action towards animal protection, we aim to contribute to a more compassionate and inclusive environment, aligning with sustainable development goals. Our ongoing efforts will continue to support and promote the well-being of both our human and animal neighbours.