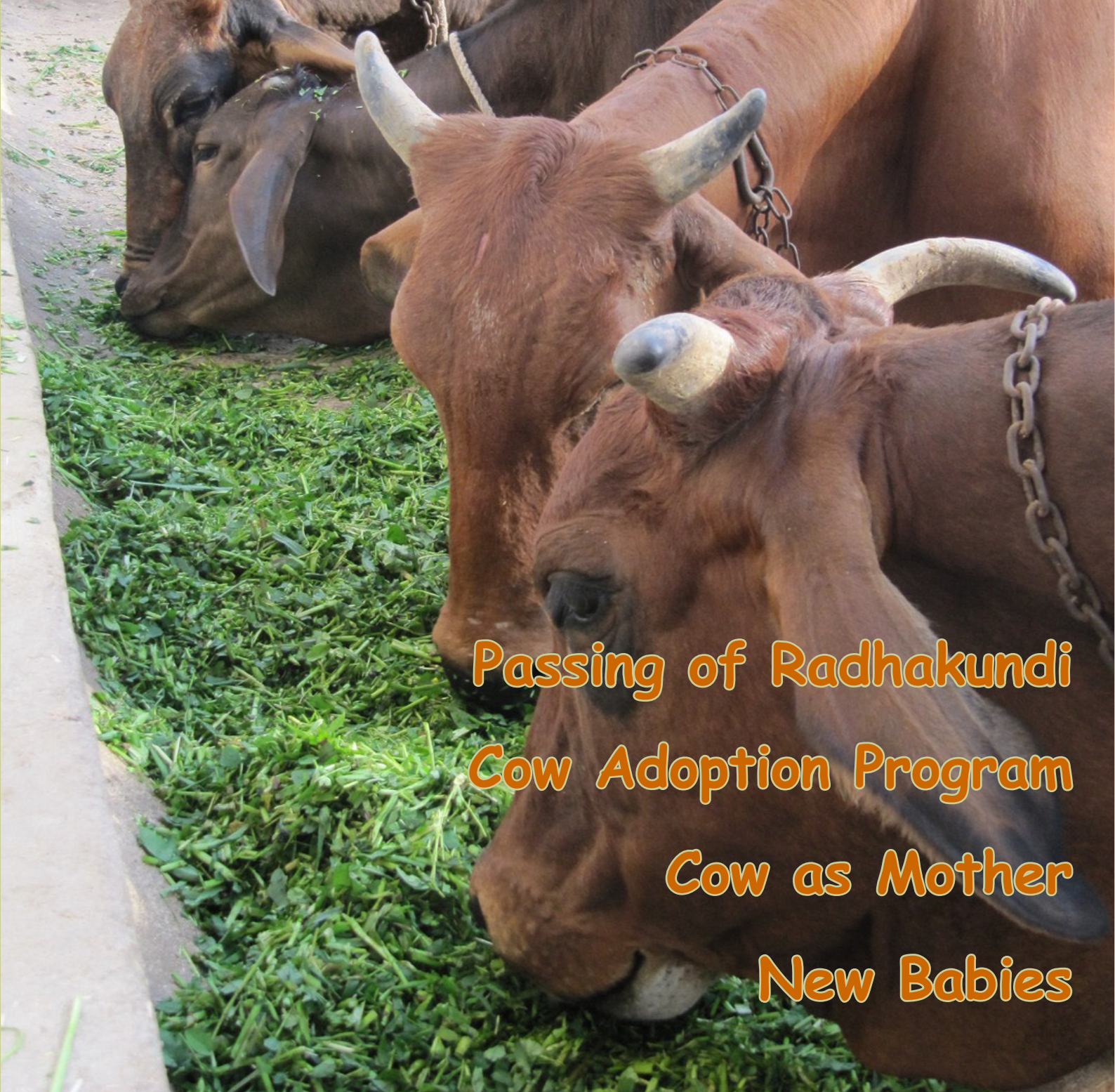




# Voice of Cows

The Newsletter of  
Bhaktivedanta Swami Goshala Vrindavan

April 2012 - Vol 12 - Issue 4



**Passing of Radhakundi**

**Cow Adoption Program**

**Cow as Mother**

**New Babies**





# Back to Vrindavan Village

The Lord, being thus unapproachable by any material assets, out of unbounded and causeless mercy descends on the earth as He is in order to show His special mercy upon His unalloyed devotees and to diminish the upsurges of the demoniac persons. Queen Kunti specifically adores the incarnation or descent of Lord Krsna above all other incarnations because in this particular incarnation He is more approachable. In the Rama incarnation He remained a king's son from His very childhood, but in the incarnation of Krsna, although He was the son of a king, He at once left the shelter of His real father and mother (King Vasudeva and Queen Devaki) just after His appearance and went to the lap of Yasodamayi to play the part of an ordinary cowherd boy in the blessed Vrajabhumi, which is very sanctified because of His childhood pastimes. Therefore Lord Krsna is more merciful than Lord Rama. He was undoubtedly very kind to Kunti's brother Vasudeva and the family. Had He not become the son of Vasudeva and Devaki, Queen Kunti could not claim Him to be her nephew and thus address Krsna in parental affection. But Nanda and Yasoda are more fortunate because they could relish the Lord's childhood pastimes, which are more attractive than all other pastimes. There is no parallel to His childhood pastimes as exhibited at Vrajabhumi, which are replicas of His eternal affairs in the original Krsnaloka, described as the cintamani-dhama in the Brahma-samhita [Bs. 5.29]. Lord Sri Krsna descended Himself at Vrajabhumi with all His transcendental entourage and paraphernalia. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu therefore confirmed that no one is as fortunate as the residents of Vrajabhumi, and specifically the cowherd girls, who dedicated their everything for the satisfaction of the Lord. His pastimes with Nanda and Yasoda and His pastimes with the cowherd men and especially with the cowherd boys and the cows have caused Him to be known as Govinda. Lord Krsna as Govinda is more inclined to the brahmanas and the cows, indicating thereby that human prosperity depends more on these two items, namely brahminical culture and cow protection. Lord Krsna is never satisfied where these are lacking.

SB 1.8.21

**His Divine Grace**  
**A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami**  
**Prabhupada**

Founder-Acharya  
International Society for Krishna Consciousness

## Bhaktivedanta Swami Goshala

Ramam Reti, Vrindavan,  
Mathura District,  
281121, U.P. India

For General Enquiries:  
Sanak Sanatan Das  
+91 9897878111

For Donations:  
Pundarik Vidyaniidhi Das  
+91 8979307180

For Products:  
Madhav Gopal Das  
+91 9997022303  
gomataproducts@gmail.com

E-mail:  
goshala@iskconvrindavan.com

Website:  
www.goshala.com

# Passing of Radhakundi

"All glories to the cows, the beloved of the Lord!"

"Our most dear Radhakundi"

The beautiful golden brown cow with her two calves was the prized addition to "Bhaktivedanta Swami Goshala" way back in 2002. At the prime of her youth she joined Srila Prabhupada's family of cows. Accompanied by her two calves she was welcomed by all. Born at "Radha Kunda" she was bestowed with all serenity and divinity. At that time she had a newly born male calf with her and was therefore pouring out milk in abundance. On her arrival she was named "Radhakundi" by Krishnapriya mataji



(caretaker of the cows at that time), to which she responded with all love. Within days she had become a favorite of all. She was a docile cow who adhered easily to the lifestyle at the goshala that was new to her. Away from her village and Brajbasi home, she mingled well with other cows as well as the people around her here.

Radhakundi would love to be caressed and patted. Krishnapriya mataji's kids enjoyed playing with her; they would take her around the green pasture. They would hug her, swing with her strong sturdy tail. She never complained rather remained transcendental. Kids would feed her with roti prasadam from their thali with all affection that she equally reciprocated. She became an integral part of the Goshala family. Always joyful, eagerly responding to the visitors; she won everybody's heart. Her milking capacity too exceeded all other cows; she gave 15 liters of milk in a day. Her milk was chosen to be sent for Sri Sri Radha Shyamsunder, Sri Sri Krsna Balrama and Sri Sri Gaura Nitai. She attained the prime service; serving Their Lordships. The ambience at the ISKCON goshala is non different to any temple. At the dawn melodious chanting of Mahamantra fusing with the jingle of the bells tied around the necks of the cows is music to the ears. Radhakundi was always blissful at the early hours and all set for milking. She was meant to serve Their Lordships. Days passed into months and Radhakundi mothered four more calves. Milk kept on flowing from her incessantly.

Out of love for the cows the Supreme Personality of Godhead has awarded this meek animal with eyes resembling lotus petals, slanting sideways and always filled with warmth. Radhakundi too had all compassion in her moist eyes; she would lick and look lovingly to all who simply stroked her. Time flew; she grew old and weak. Her babies now grown up replaced her in service. Last month she had to be moved with the sick cows where our veterinary doctors take care

along with all of us. The Hare Krishna Mahamantra plays in this shed nonstop for 24 hours. The old sick cows are given all attention and care. She knew her end was near and had stopped taking any form of food; liquid or solid. This went on for three weeks making her body frailer. On the morning of 18th March on the auspicious day of Ekadasi, Radhakundi was observed breathing heavily. The attendant at the shed called in for Pundarik prabhu (the Caretaker of Goshala) who rushed back with carinamrta and a Mahaprasad garland for her. As he administered carinamrta to her and garlanded her, amidst Harinam kirtan our dear most Radhakundi breathed her last. She had indeed lived to serve the Lord. She lived a perfect life in a non-human body.

## "All Glories to Radhakundi"

# BENEFITS OF SERVING COWS

### **SPIRITUAL Benefits**

- The Supreme Personality of Godhead Lord Krishna advises go-rakshya, which means cow protection. In Bhagavad Gita it tells us that Cows are dear to Lord Krishna, this is why Krishna is also called Gopal, the saviour of the cows.
- It releases us from past sinful reactions.
- Gives protection from both moral and spiritual degradation.
- Without protection of cows, brahminical culture cannot be maintained, and without brahmanical culture, the aim of life cannot be fulfilled. Cow products are used to perform yagna sacrifices, the prescribed duties of humans as described in Vedas

### **HUMANITY Benefits**

- Cow protection brings happiness and perfection in life.
- Cow protection is the most important business of human society.
- Cow killing is the only reason of wide spread terrorism.
- The perfect way to give some relief to this world by following the path of serving humanity shown by God.
- Because of innumerable benefits of cow products i.e. milk, curds, ghee and even urine and dung which have medical, agricultural and industrial application the whole of humanity is benefited.

### **MEDICAL Benefits**

- Urine and dung provide the right solutions for most of the diseases that are considered incurable.
- Cow urine has natural disinfectant and antiseptic qualities. It helps in curing Cancer, AIDS, Asthma, Diabetes, Psoriasis, Eczema, Heart Diseases, Hypertension, Piles, Prostate, Liver, Kidney, Female Diseases, Hepatitis, Acidity, Fits, Ulcer, Spleen, Ear, Sexual Disorders, Nose, Eye, Cough & Cold, Migraine, Headache, Gout, Sodalities, Sciatica and other chronic ailments.

### **ECOLOGICAL Benefits**

- Allows us to lead a simple & pollution free life.
- Cow dung is an excellent fertiliser and the urine is a good pesticide, thereby producing more nutrient fruits and vegetables for healthy life. Helps in overcoming the horrors of chemical fertilizers and pesticides which actually end up killing the soil.
- Cow dung can be used in energy production such as BIOGAS and ELECTRICITY, which surpasses the harmful effects of production of energy through conventional sources like burning of fossil fuels and nuclear fuel.





# New Babies





# Cow as Mother

## Why is Cow called Mother?

By Madan Gopal Das



Mother is one who loves her children. She cannot do a single act which is harmful or not good for her children. Mother supports her offspring in all ways. In sanskrita there is word dharan. It means to bear or support. As seen in a previous article the cow is the support of all living entities.

This world will prosper only by the presence of holy vedic cows. This world will be nourished in all ways by her presence. Today cows may be considered as a burden especially because we are not aware of how cows are nourishing all humanity, the earth and the universe. So instead of helping the cows in their sustenance of the world we are creating obstacles.

Mother's nature is selfless love and her unconditional love for her children. Vedic cows are the only entities who have unconditional love for all living entities in world. It is so that even their dung and urine are only for the benefit for the world.

There is a story to make this point of mother's love. It is as follows. Once upon a time a son somehow very much loathed his mother and one day he came to kill her with a knife. While running towards her whom the mother also could see he tripped and hurt himself with his own knife. But the mother did not stop. She went to him and nursed him with love. Only mothers can have that kind of love in this world.

There is another anecdote in this regard as follows. Sometimes a wife may make some item to eat and husband's general comment is, this is good but not as the taste of my mother. Actually wife has also made it nicely but she cannot artificially imitate the love of mother which she will feel for her children. Sometimes the wife may ask mother in law about preparing an item but still husband finds it not to match that of mother. This is not wrong. What is missing is the love element of mother in food.

Similarly food grown on cow dung has special properties. We cannot experience a higher, satisfied, peaceful life until we get that love of mother cow. We cannot be healthy, free from stress till we get love of mother cow. Today's situation is exactly like that. The whole world is becoming a mess lacking love of holy mother cow in all walks of life. Recognizing this fact was the glory of vedic culture.

# Cow Adoption Program



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 (godaan) 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 Vrindavan we see cows wandering throughout the day eating whatever garbage they get. Many times we find them near the Municipality garbage pit searching out for something to eat in the refuse. The natural

question that will arise in the mind of any sane person is 'who is the owner of these cows?' and 'why doesn't he protect his cow from eating filth and plastic?'

It is terrible that people even in Vrindavan use the cow as a commodity. They simply exploit the cow for its milk but do not feed her plentiful. After the milking is done the cow is left on her own to search out for food and when she has stopped giving milk she is completely dragged out from the 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?



## A Real Life Story

After a five-hour surgery, veterinary doctors removed 30kg of plastic from a cow's stomach on Wednesday. A week ago, animal lovers from IIT Powai called the Bombay Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to tell them about a cow that was unable



walk due to a wound on her tail. A team of doctors visited the area and saw that the problem was much worse. They suggested she be brought to Bai Sakarbai Dinshaw Petit Hospital in Parel for observation.

They found that her stomach was bloated and the food she ate would come out of her nose. She also had a deep wound in her pelvic region and showed loss of appetite. These were all indications that she had eaten too much plastic.

"First we cured the tail wound," says Dr Ashish Sutar, manager of the hospital, "then we planned the surgery with the help of Bombay Veterinary College." The doctors were surprised to see the quantity of plastic that came out of the cow's stomach during a rumenotomy. During the first hour, they could remove only shreds of plastic.

It took four more hours to remove all of it. "Out of curiosity," said one doctor, "we measured the plastic and it weighed 30kg. This is the first time so much has been found in a cow's stomach."

"Most cow owners leave their animals out to graze after milking them," explains Dr J C Khanna, chief functionary of the hospital, "These cows eat out of garbage bins — as they are rarely fed by their owners — where food stuff is often wrapped in plastic."



“It’s sad that owners look after their animals only as long as they are capable of giving milk,” says Khanna, “Then they are abandoned.” Sutar says, “The cow is now out of danger and in post-operative care.”

**What we wish to do:** Seeing this condition we at Bhaktivedanta Swami Goshala Vrindavan have designed a 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 will 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 cows that 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. So rather than donating any new cows to the Goshala we ask you to adopt either a new calf or one of the cows already in the Goshala. 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.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP TO PROTECT KRISHNA'S COWS

Sponsor Krishna's cows in Sri Vrindavana Dhama and obtain boundless mercy!

| Sponsorship Opportunity                          | Amount INR      |
|--|-----------------|
| Adopt a cow/bull for one year on a monthly basis | 1,500 per month |
| Adopt a cow/bull for one year                    | 18,000          |
| Adopt a cow/bull for life                        | 1,80,000        |
| Adopt a calf for life                            | 2,70,000        |
| Feed a cow/bull for one year                     | 14,600          |
| Maintain Goshala for one day                     | 15,500          |
| Medical expenses for one month                   | 15,000          |
| Feed the full herd for a month                   | 4,54,000        |
| Purchase of Grazing land for the cows per acre   | 6,00,000        |

If you visit our website, [www.goshala.com](http://www.goshala.com) and click on the **Cow Adoption** page you can then choose your cow or bull for adoption and the type of sponsorship as listed above. Or you can click on the **Sponsorship** page to make other donations as listed above, then click on your selection and simply follow the instructions on screen.

If you are unable to make donations online then you can deposit your donation directly into our bank account, there are separate accounts for national and international deposits, so please use the correct account depending on if you are in or outside of India.

|                      |                |   |
|----------------------|----------------|---|
| <b>Bank</b>          | Axis Bank Ltd. | Khasra No.1283, Chatikara Road, Near Nandanvan, Vrindavan, District-Mathura. U.P. India |
| <b>Inside India</b>  | Account Name   | ISKCON - Goshala A/C  |
|                      | Account No.    | 9100100-1456-3822   |
| <b>Outside India</b> | Account Name   | ISKCON - Foreign A/c  |
|                      | Account No.    | 9100100-1456-5239   |
|                      | Swift Code     | AXISINBB086   |
|                      | IFSC Code      | UTIB0000794   |





# New Babies



ALL GLORIES TO GO-SEVA AND GO-RAKSHA