

Tulsi Gaushala: An Oasis of Animal Welfare in the Desert of Jaisalmer

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Established in 2001, Tulsi Gaushala in Jaisalmer operates under the aegis of the Tulsi Govardhan Nidhi Sansthan, a registered trust under the Society Registration Act of 1958. The Gaushala is also officially recognized by the Government of Rajasthan and holds registrations under Section 12AA and 80G of the Income Tax Act, providing donors with tax exemption benefits. Additionally, it is registered with the Animal Welfare Board of India and NITI Aayog. Efforts are currently underway to obtain CSR registration.

The Gaushala began on a small piece of privately owned land before receiving an official land allotment from the government in the latter half of 2001. In the early years, growth was modest, with the cattle population reaching around 100 by 2009. A significant transformation occurred with a change in the trust's management. A dedicated team of professionals and volunteers, unified by a shared commitment to animal welfare, took charge and began shaping the Gaushala into a model institution.

Between 2009 and 2025, Tulsi Gaushala achieved several important milestones in the field of animal welfare. Today, it is home to over 1,200 cattle, along with a few injured camels. The Gaushala also has a history of rescuing wild animals and transferring them to the Forest Department for further care.

Core Areas of Focus

Tulsi Gaushala works across four major areas of animal welfare:

- 1. Rescue and Care of Stray Cattle:** We provide shelter and care to abandoned cattle, often left by owners due to their inability to provide economic benefits.
- 2. Breed Improvement:** We focus particularly on the indigenous Tharparkar breed, aiming to restore the dignity and profitability of traditional cattle rearing for local communities.
- 3. Veterinary Services:** A team of three veterinary professionals offers round-the-clock medical care to all animals brought to the Gaushala. An automatic-lifting animal ambulance ensures timely transportation and treatment. Our fully stocked medical facility treats injured, sick, and accident-affected animals.
- 4. Sustainable Biomass Utilization:** We operate an 85 cubic meter biogas plant, established under the Government of India's Godhan Pariyojana, for clean energy generation. The biogas powers an electric generator and produces organic manure. We also produce Gokasht—eco-friendly cow dung logs used for cremation and in traditional kilns, thereby reducing deforestation and supporting environmental conservation.

Environment and Community Initiatives

In a region characterized by rocky terrain, the Gaushala has successfully planted over 100 trees. These trees were planted by digging pits with machinery, filling them with fertile lakebed soil, and nurturing them—providing crucial habitat for local birds like the endangered sparrow.

Looking ahead, the Gaushala is working towards establishing a state-of-the-art Super Speciality Veterinary Hospital to serve animals in need with the best possible care.

We are also expanding our shelter facilities to include abandoned bulls and oxen—often the most neglected animals on the streets. The State Government has allotted

25 bighas of land near the Oran Forest area for this initiative, where we plan to develop a Nandi Shala. This site will also feature an artificial lake for wildlife and the plantation of around 5,000 trees to help create a thriving natural ecosystem.

Join Us in Making a Difference

Tulsi Gaushala operates on the core principle of compassion—providing relief, shelter, and dignity to voiceless animals. Our work is supported primarily by government aid and the generous contributions of animal lovers and activists. We are also working towards building a self-sustaining ecosystem for long-term impact.

If you happen to visit Jaisalmer, we warmly invite you to visit Tulsi Gaushala and support our efforts in creating a kinder world for animals.



Our Team:

Permanent Veterinary Staff:

Mr Prem Singh Bhati (Retired) Senior LSA
 Mr Yogesh Kumar Verma LSA
 Mr Gaurav Solanki LSA

Visiting Veterinarians:

Dr Vasudev Garg, SVO, Govt Vet. Hospital
 Dr Hethudan, SVO, Govt Vet. Hospital
 Dr Joginder Singh, VO, Govt Vet. Hospital

Managing Committee:

Mr Pawan Bhatia - Vice Chairperson
 Mr P S Rajawat – Vice Chairperson
 Mr Mehtab Singh Bhati – Secretary
 Mr Anil R Bhatia – Treasurer

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