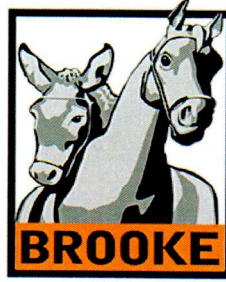


Memorandum of Understanding

Between

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This agreement has been made and agreed upon between both the parties mentioned below, signed on **July 29, 2020**.

Between

Brooke Hospital for Animals (India) (hereafter known as Brooke India or BI), is a Not For Profit Company registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act 1956 (Now Section 8 of the Companies Act 2013). It is registered as an Animal Welfare Organization by the Animal Welfare Board of India and works for the welfare of working equids. BI's mission is to sustainably improve the conditions of working equines and that of the underprivileged marginalized families that own them.

And

The Rajasthan University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Bikaner (hereinafter referred to as RAJUVAS, and the expression shall include all its present and future Units) has been established by the Govt. of Rajasthan through an Act, the Rajasthan University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences Act, 2010 (No. 13 of 2010) is mandated to further teaching, research and extension in all the areas of Veterinary & Animal sciences, with its jurisdiction throughout the State of Rajasthan. The University is the only one of its kind in Rajasthan and has well equipped as well as staffed units elsewhere in the State also.

Background

The population of horses, ponies, mules & donkeys in the country has shown a gradual decline due to rapid mechanization and its impact is visible in the latest census. According to the 2019 livestock census, there are only 2.65 lakh equines in Rajasthan.

Equine owning community is the most marginalized section in Rajasthan. Working equine are generally employed as cart & pack animals at brick kilns, used for transportation of goods in urban areas, and are also kept for ceremonial & breeding purposes. Despite being useful these animals are mostly left out of animal/ livestock development schemes, which are focused more on production livestock (cow, buffaloes, pigs, poultry).

Since 2012, BI has been focusing on uplifting the poor and marginalized working equine owning communities in Rajasthan. BI's present areas of operation in Rajasthan include Churu, Dholpur and Barmer regions.

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The main objective of equine welfare projects in the state is to improve equine welfare through awareness and training of equine owners & Local Service Providers (LSPs) on good equine management practices and protection from fatal equine diseases. At the community level, BI has been focusing on the formation of equine welfare groups for initiating savings and inter-lending among the community and initiate linkage with government schemes for exploring alternative livelihood opportunities. BI has also been extending its services at equine fairs held in the state. Working with local fair organizers and local administration, BI has been advocating for adoption welfare-friendly provisions at the fair sites as advised by the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI).

Whereas, the RAJUVAS is envisaged to accomplish responsibility to trained human resource, generate suitable technologies and transfer new technical knowledge to stakeholders for the purpose of enhancing income of farmers and livestock owners through Animal Husbandry of Rajasthan and to do all other things as it may consider necessary, incidental and conducive to the attainment of these objectives.

BI's operations in Rajasthan are well placed to undertake measures for innovative and collaborative approaches to make a significant impact on equine welfare. It is envisioned that working with RAJUVAS will prove a boon to the marginalized equine owning community in the state. This is quite in line with, the RAJUVAS's own goals of wanting to help the society through various extension schemes and outreach programs. The University has a rich repository of highly educated and trained veterinary professionals with specialization in various disciplines who are capable of meeting the livestock health and production requirements of the State.

1. Purpose

Looking at the strength and operational coverage of both the organizations, there excellent scope for both BI and RAJUVAS to partner, leverage their inherent strengths and collaborate to achieve better outcomes that foster better equine welfare in the state of Rajasthan. This will further lead to sustainable development and improvement in the livelihood of the economically weaker section of society that owns working equines.

2. Areas of Collaboration

The areas of collaboration that are available include the following.

- i. Imparting equine specific skill development training to Veterinarians, Veterinary Paraprofessionals, Local Service Providers, equine owners, etc.
- ii. Extension support to the equine owning community in BI/ University's operational area and proximity, respectively.



- iii. Collaborative Research on issues concerning the health and welfare of equines identified under field conditions.
- iv. Capacity building in Farriery as per norms promulgated by Agriculture Sector Skill Council of India (ASCI).
- v. To work on imparting knowledge and industry expertise to wider audiences through virtual medium including interactive webinars and training sessions.
- vi. Any other area of common interest as identified and agreed upon in the future for the welfare of equines and equine owners.
- vii. No party will have financial liability responsibility commitment due to this MoU. All financial will be mutually discussed whenever required.

3. Terms & Conditions

- i. Development of a Joint action plan on the above mentioned thematic areas.
- ii. Joint updation and revision of course modules for training/certification/teaching in specified equine domains.
- iii. Joint implementation of training/teaching and certificate courses in specified equine domains.

4. Termination Agreement

- i. The MoU shall be effective from the date of signing by both the parties and shall remain in operation for three years, subject to renewal after three years or termination with mutual consent.
- ii. Any dispute arising out of MoU's execution/ provisions or otherwise shall be subject to solution by mutual agreement.

Chief Executive Officer

Brooke Hospital for Animals (India)

29 July 2020

Vice Chancellor

RAJUVAS, Bikaner

Dated: 29/7/2020

Witness 1.

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Witness 2.

Ratna K. Rao
Head of Program.

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(CRK Singh)

Witness 1.

Dean of Faculty, Chakman
RAJUVAS Bikaner

Witness 2.

Nidhi Bhardwaj
HAHW, Brooke India
Dr Nidhi Bhardwaj
29/7/2020