



KADEK, 13, GETS THE COMFORT SHE NEEDS

24 March 2017 DENPASAR, Bali: Kadek, 13, has a deep compassion and love for dogs that helps her deal with the challenges of her learning disability. When a homeless dog enters her family property, she immediately starts caring for the dog and then adopts it into her growing pack. When BAWA and Program Dharma* visited her in Bali's Sanur, Kadek and family were caring for 11 dogs – 6 adults plus a mother dog with 4 puppies, only 8 days old.

Program Dharma was in the area to sterilise and vaccinate animals and to educate people on proper care for them. When Kadek's mother brought some of her dogs to us for surgery, Kadek was distraught. She feared the dogs that were sedated for the operation were dead. But her tears dried up when we explained the process and she saw the dogs come out of anaesthesia. The following week, Kadek happily carried her other dogs to us for treatment.

Kadek's father Made says she has rescued dogs for 5 years now, and although she suffers some memory loss she never forgets her enduring love of dogs. As well as sterilising and vaccinating Kadek's dogs, Program Dharma is visiting regularly to provide veterinary services, advice and food for the dogs. Made works as a security guard and with 3 children and Special School fees for Kadek, he can't meet the costs without our help.

Keeping animals healthy makes their environment healthier for humans too. And education of the young is vital to a better future for all animals. BAWA of course needs help to support Program Dharma which is making a real difference to animal and human health in Bali communities. Our work with people such as young Kadek and family keeps more animals off Bali's streets and beaches. It keeps them fed, cared for and in homes of their own.

Program Dharma has worked in 28 Bali banjars for almost 12 months. Program Dharma banjars are rabies-free.

Achieved:

- Census: More than 5500 dogs in 3 villages
- One on One Education: More than 2000 dog owners
- Community Health Days: 29, including 220 sterilisations
- Vaccination: More than 800 dogs.

Results:

- Improved vaccination coverage in Sanur Kaja village from 61.5% at July 2016 to 81.2% at March 2017
- Zero suspected cases of rabies in the 3 Program Dharma villages
- Improved dog health. eg in Sanur Kaja the 13% of dogs that were very thin or emaciated has reduced to 4%
- Fewer dogs on the streets.

To support this important work, please go to: www.bawabali.com/donate-to-bawa/

***Program Dharma is a world-first pilot program in 28 banjars (sub villages) within 3 semi-urban communities in Sanur, Bali, where it is reducing the threat of rabies in humans and dogs. It is a community outreach / One Health program to eradicate rabies. Program Dharma is an innovative public sector / NGO partnership between:**

- **Udayana University, Department of Public Health & Faculty of Veterinary Science**
- **Yayasan Bali Animal Welfare Association (BAWA)**
- **International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)**
- **Yayasan Kerti Praja (YKP)**

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