

THE ISCOWP NEWS

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Yes, your donations have saved Vraja and Gita from a fate of fear and misery. Thank you so much.

We would like to give special thanks to Vrajavadhu Dasi (Marie Pritekel) and Ben Zambiasi. We named one calf Vraja after Vrajavadhu and Ben and the Hamilton Gita Club from Ontario, Canada, renamed Rick, Gita.

We would also like to give our thanks and special appreciation to Henry Schoelkopf, Dennis and Caroline Constantine, Steve Zumbo, Peter Burwash, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Goerke, Rajindra Sharma, Sudevi (Lynn Hansen), Lorenz Schaller of The Kusa Foundation, Paramprabhu Dasi (Paula Hamer), Purushotama (Chris McNay) of Govinda's Restaurant in Ojai, Radhapati Das (Russell Noler), Dennis Nagel, Radhika Dasi, Dale Thatcher, Charles Kelleher, Toni Hodges, Thomas Gamache, Hamsagati Das, Lenny Greenberg, Rawtee Lutchman, Vatsala Das, Karnamrta Das, Maganbhai Patel, Oscar Schofield, Samika Rsis Das (Dr. S. Mahajan), Christen J. Wegner, Paula Baymiller, Chris Schmidt, Jamuna-priya (Joann Thompson), Mukunda Das, Kardama Muni Das (Carl Mink), Nina Scozzari, Murray Polner, Papsudani Dasi (Patricia Taylor) Albert Winkelman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Duer, Linda Barbour (Chaitanya Dasi), Gayle Jansen, Maduryalila Dasi, Gopinatha Dasi, LauraDubcovsky, Dr.T.Radhakrishnan, Mary Crane, P. Singh, Aditi Mandel, Lillian Diaz, Madhuha Das, Bhadrunga Das (Bruce Sherman), Mark W. Watanabe, Kim and Brian Walters, Mukunda Das (Michael Tandy), Rayana Lenz, and Jagadisvara dasa.

Find out how close we are to getting the calves' trailer by turning to page 6.

YOU DID IT!



Welcome home boys. It's nice to have you here.



Saved from the slaughterhouse, Vraja and Gita enjoy their new home at the ISCOWP farm in North Carolina.

OUR NEW OX TEAM

The plentiful rains had changed all the pastures to a luscious, mint green. It was a hot spring day but the air was fresh and clean. As we drove through the fertile, rural back roads of North Carolina we anticipated meeting 2 twin bull calves, our future ox team.

Their owner wasn't going to keep them much longer and would soon sell them at the auction where veal and beef farmers buy their animals. We wanted to tell him he could forget the trip because we would be glad to buy them instead. Anxiously we looked for the silo where we were to turn in at the left.

It is not common for a cow to have twin bull calves. They would make a perfect team since they were the same age, size, and already have an emotional bond between them. Certainly this was a God sent arrangement.

As the silo appeared at the curve of the road we turned left as instructed, and drove onto the farm property. In the farmhouse yard there were several small hutches (pens) housing newborn calves. All of the hutches housed heifers (females) except for one where the twins were housed.

As we approached the twin's hutch they perked their ears and strained their necks over the fencing to say hello. They had just been weaned from the bottle and did a good job of sucking on our hands, shirt sleeves, and anything else they could get a hold of. We were glad they were not afraid.

The farmer told us they were three months old, weighed about 250 pounds each, and were the sons of the best cow in their herd. Then we told him about ox power. We explained how we would like to take the calves and train them as a team. During the summer we would teach them to answer to voice commands, familiarize them to the yoke, and show them how to do light tasks as a team. He was fascinated, but he was not about to give them away free.

After we settled on a price of \$350 for both, we went over to the twin's hutch. Although they were both so similar because they were twins, each one began to reveal their individuality. The one we decided should be given the name Vraja, born two minutes later, was a little smaller and more delicately built. He was also more pensive and sensitive in his interactions with us. The other one was a little bit larger, more aggressive, and quite a character.

The next day we brought them to their new home. The first thing they wanted to do was run. Apparently they had been in their little hutch their whole lives and had never or rarely exercised. We put halters on them and with lead ropes we ran and ran with them until they didn't want to run any more.

On that day, April 16, 1991, a lifetime relationship of protection with love was begun. A relationship that would show to humanity the practical reality of a harmonious relationship between man and his brother, the ox.

LAND DEVELOPMENT

If the youth of America are ruling out farming as a lifestyle and profession because they can't afford the tractors and all the assorted implements that are needed to work a large farm, they should seriously consider the small family farm powered by oxen.

To provide a practical example of such a farm we have recently purchased 3.5 acres of land in Efland, North Carolina as ISCOWP's first small family farm and headquarters. The land is part of a 10 plot subdivision each plot consisting of several acres. All the land owners are enthusiastic to develop Cow Protection in their community. With the support of our friends we feel confident ISCOWP's new chapter will flourish.

To demonstrate a small family farm powered by oxen we are searching for old animal drawn farming equipment which can be used in our traveling displays as well as utilized in working the land. So far we have located a three row grain drill which plants three rows of seed at the same time, an over the row cultivator which weeds large plants about 3 feet high like corn, several ridgers which create ridges in the soil for planting, and an assortment of plows, cultivators and planters.

Our new team plus this equipment will not only enable us to work the land and therefore practically show a small family farm powered by ox power, but will also enable us to offer a living classroom setting for educational seminars emphasizing ox training and ox powered field work. Only through such educational opportunities can people, young and old, truly understand ethical self sustainable agriculture based on cow protection.

We are considering next spring as the date of our first seminar. This summer we will be distributing literature informing everyone of the availability of these seminars. In our future newsletters and communications we will notify you of definite dates and seminar subjects.

There should be many farms such as this one all over the country demonstrating the benefits of sustainable agriculture based on Cow Protection. There is no need for the youth who are interested in farming as a career to remain frustrated by the massive burden of debt necessary to acquire modern day farming equipment. ISCOWP offers alternative agricultural practices allowing everyone to engage in self sustainable agriculture within their means.

This year we are encouraging our friends and members to bequeath land to ISCOWP that can be used for an ISCOWP farm. Not only will you have the satisfaction of knowing your gift will make a significant difference in the development

of agricultural and bovine husbandry practices in America, but it can also offer you financial rewards.

We read in the December 1990 issue of MONEY magazine, "an increasing number of Americans are discovering that with a little bit more effort they can make their gifts through charitable trusts and other relatively simple strategies and get a much bigger tax payoff and in some cases collect income

from the property they give away." It was further stated that people are discovering they can make a significant gift to charity without lowering their standard of living. You don't have to be a Rockefeller or Ford to take advantage of these tactics either.

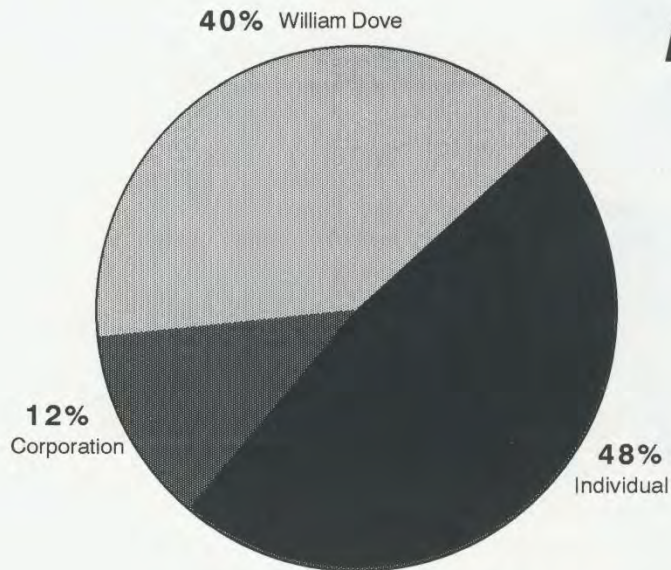
If you have land or you know of anyone who does and is interested in such a land gift please contact us at our ISCOWP address in North Carolina.



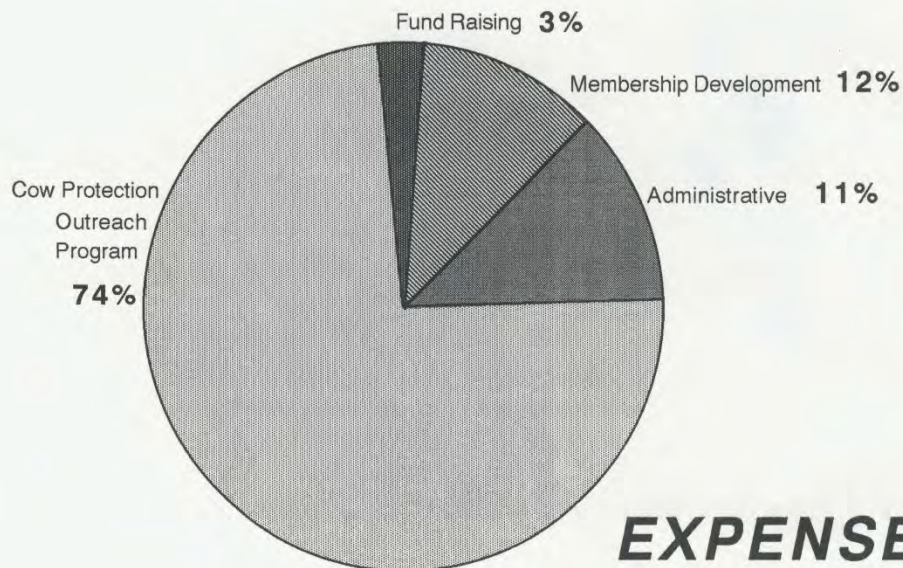
Our newly acquired planter and grain drill

ISCOWP: AN ETHICAL INVESTMENT

INCOME



EXPENSES



1990 Financial Summary

by
William Dove
Managing Director of ISCOWP

The year 1990 heralded the inception of ISCOWP and its formal incorporation in the state of Pennsylvania as a non-profit charitable corporation. I would like to thank all of the ISCOWP members and donors for their financial support to get this project of cow protection up and running. Your ethical investment in the future development of cruelty-free sustainable agriculture is greatly appreciated.

Membership

In the fiscal year 1990 a total of 240 members from America, Sweden, India, and Canada joined the ISCOWP ranks. We have received information requests from people in Australia and France. Through several contacts we are encouraging the peoples of the U.S.S.R. and other emerging Eastern European countries to develop sustainable agriculture based on the principles of cow protection and ox power. For our second fiscal year (1991) we have set a membership goal of 1000 members. Help us reach that goal by renewing your membership and by telling your friends about ISCOWP. Your continued support will enable us to continue establishing our foundation programs.

Cow Protection Outreach Program

Coast to Coast travel with the oxen was the highlight of the year. The renovated school bus gave the traveling cow protection program the extra space and facility for expanded displays, feed for the oxen, and living space for the outreach staff. The oxen participated in 15 major events and many smaller programs as well.

Expenses for the traveling program accounted for 74% of all ISCOWP's expense and are broken down as follows.

Animal Maintenance	\$1,119.86
Vehicle Maintenance	\$7,675.58
Travel	\$5,508.75
Displays	\$ 813.82
Total	\$15,118

A goal I set each year is to INCREASE the number of programs we do. This year is no exception. With your help we can expand the ISCOWP traveling outreach program. Wherever you live you can set up a program at fairs, flea markets, parades, vegetarian and holistic events, Renaissance fairs, etc. We have a program fee of \$250 and 50 cents a mile travel expense from point of origin to your location. You can get together with other groups in your area and share the traveling fee, thus making your expense less.

So far we will be in these cities on the following dates this summer. If you would like more information about our itinerary please contact us at our ISCOWP address.

Itinerary

MAY 25,26,27	Dallas, Texas
JUNE 28,29,30	Boston, Mass.
JULY 6,7	Toronto, Canada
JULY 27,28	Los Angeles, Ca.
AUG. 4	San Francisco, Ca.
AUG. 11	Denver, Co.

Income

Donations incurred from the traveling outreach program and individual memberships accounted for 48% of ISCOWP's income, corporations contributed 12%, and personal grants from William Dove amounted to 40%.

Individuals	48%=\$11,681
Corporations	12%=\$ 3,475
William Dove	40%=\$10,109
Total Income	\$25,265

Expenses

After the first fiscal year of operation ISCOWP had incurred the following expenses:

Membership Development	
12%=\$2,427	
Traveling Outreach Program	
74%=\$15,118	
Fund Raising	
3%=\$ 519	
Administration	
11%=\$2,220	
Total Expense	\$20,284

A Macintosh SE computer and a GCC Technologies PLP II laser printer were also donated by William Dove.

No wages or salaries were paid in the fiscal year of 1990. All functions and activities were performed on a volunteer basis by the staff.

INCOME	\$25,265
EXPENSES	\$20,284
BALANCE	\$ 4,981

I look forward to a long and productive relationship with you in establishing sustainable agriculture based on the principles of cow protection. Many thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,

William Dove

Here's How You Can Help Us Get Vraja and Gita Their New Trailer

May 1, 1991

Dear Friends,

Now, you can help us get Vraja and Gita their new trailer. Together we saved Vraja and Gita from the slaughterhouse. Together we can get them the space and comfort they need for traveling.

Our fund raising drive totaled \$3,367, almost half of our goal. Since the calves cost \$350 we now have \$3,017 to invest in the trailer. Although our goal was \$7000, and we have not yet reached that amount, I feel very encouraged by your response.

We are a young organization only incorporated one year. I have only sent out fund raising letters to individuals like you who have a unique interest in cow protection. I know most of you are persons of simple means and we greatly appreciate your sacrifice in giving your support. Thank you again.

I am pleased that our members and friends realize the potency of this traveling cow protection program to awaken in the hearts of those who eat meat the seeds of vegetarianism. Due to this program those who are already vegetarians are enthused to go one step further and either support ISCOWP, a cow protection farm near them, and/or open a small ISCOWP farm in their area. Thus the establishment of a sound ecological lifestyle in which vegetarianism is an integral part of an ethical cow, man, land relationship is begun in this country.

To perform this mission our members helped through their donations to purchase our traveling bus and the calves who will be ISCOWP's new ox team. But in order to operate more efficiently we need to purchase a light weight trailer capable of carrying the calves comfortably now and in the future when they become larger. The advantage of a light weight trailer is the decrease in weight pulled by the bus. This would give us more efficient gas mileage in our travels.

You and I both want the best for the calves. We want them to have enough space to stand, sit and move around. After all we don't like being cramped in a car on any length journey. I bet we all have some bad memories of being in such a situation. Let's provide the calves a comfortable, airy trailer.

In response to the first letter I wrote most of you gave \$30 and received a T-shirt. I figure if everyone once again gave \$30 we would have enough funds to secure the trailer.

Let's do it! We saved the calves and now let's get them the trailer!

I'm offering you a choice of two T-shirts in reciprocation of any \$30 donation. The designs for these T-shirts are shown in the enclosed reply form.

Remember, if you give a \$100 donation your name will be placed on the side of the bus for thousands to see.



We now have members who are giving \$100 donations several times. If you are such a member we would like to offer you the special distinction of your name being placed again in larger more prominent letters on a special area of the bus when your \$100 donations add up to \$1000. You also have the option of giving \$1000 donation and receive the same result but sooner and in time for this summer's travels. Take advantage of this offer now.

That special area on the bus where your name will be placed with special distinction

So let's get together and give now! There isn't much time left. Our first engagement will be May 25,26,27 in Dallas. So, please get your donations in immediately! The minute you read this letter fill out the enclosed form, use the enclosed envelope and mail to ISCOWP, Box 4607,Tmberwood Trail, Efland, N.C.27243.

Thank you once again for your support.

Sincerely,

William E. Dove

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Managing Director of ISCOWP

P.S. Time is of the essence. Gita + VRAJA would like to meet you this summer. Help get them on the Road. THANK You so much. W.D.

ISCOWP

The International Society For Cow Protection

The International Society for Cow Protection (ISCOWP) is primarily concerned with presenting alternatives to present agricultural practices that support and depend upon the meat industry. A lacto-vegetarian diet, cruelty-free, lifetime protection of the cow, ox training, alternative energies offered by the cow and ox, and a sound ecological, agrarian lifestyle are the practices that ISCOWP would like to make available to everyone. Through educational literature, seminars, and hands-on educational experiences in living classroom settings, children and adults can be offered a look through the window of an alternative way of life.

Our Goals:

1. To educate human society in the practicality of cow protection by training bull calves as working teams of oxen, thus providing a natural and permanent alternative to petroleum-dependent tractors as farm machinery.
2. To utilize such training programs and educational seminars to provide hands-on experience in living classroom settings.
3. To demonstrate the usefulness of the natural by-products of the cow by encouraging the production of methane bio-gas from cow manure as a valuable alternative energy source.
4. To present the benefits of a lacto-vegetarian diet through educational literature, nutritional cooking classes, organic gardening instruction, and the production of cruelty-free dairy products from lifetime protected cows.
5. To manifest worldwide a simple agrarian lifestyle based on a sound ecological relationship between man, cow and earth. And to establish small farm sanctuaries of land steward-

ship modeled after the historic Vedic example of agrarian harmony centered around cow protection.

Our Cow Protection Outreach Program:

Our ox traveling program has been a tremendous tool in awakening the hearts of everyone who eats meat to the connection between the gentle cow and the hamburger, veal, or steak on their plate. We have found the presence of the oxen as the extremely potent catalyst in achieving this goal. Our oxen, who are fully trained and accustomed to people, show a sense of security and confidence in their friendliness. These qualities combined with their natural gentleness are a source of amazement to everyone.

The last three summers we traveled throughout the country with two oxen weighing a ton each. Last summer we traveled coast to coast. This summer we will be traveling with two young calves recently saved from the slaughterhouse. Our purpose is to show how U.S. farming practices can be altered so the ox is not the soup-bone of the American farm but the backbone.

At every event we attend we distribute educational literature presenting our precepts and goals.

The International Society for Cow Protection was incorporated in the state of Pennsylvania, March 1990, as a non-profit, charitable organization. Its first chapter was begun in Efland, North Carolina, February 1991. William and Irene Dove are its managing directors. They are disciples of Srila Prabhupada the founder acharya of the International Society of Krsna Consciousness. It is through their spiritual master's teachings they have imbibed the practices and benefits, both spiritual and material, of lifetime cow protection.

The tenets of cow protection and ox power are universal and non-sectarian, available to all regardless of race, creed, or nationality.

All donations are tax deductible. ISCOWP's tax # is 23-2604082. For more information write to ISCOWP Box 4607 Timberwood Trail, Efland, North Carolina, 27243.

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