
❖ THE ISCOWP NEWS ❖

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In this issue, friends from various parts of the world have contributed reports of their efforts to protect cows and show a simple lifestyle based on Srila Prabhupada's teachings. By no means, are these reports representative of all such efforts, but in fact they are only a small sampling of the efforts of ISCOWP's friends to establish cow protection. In this age of high technology and complex living surely such efforts are applaudable.

ISCOWP was founded in March, 1990 and therefore our fiscal year begins in February and ends in March of the following year. As many of our members know, every year at this time we present an annual financial report and donor listing as contained in this issue. Vraja and Gita were born in February of 1991 and saved from the slaughterhouse in April 1991. Therefore ISCOWP is now entering its seventh year, and Vraja and Gita are now 6 years old.

We truly feel that the time has passed very quickly and that without your continued support we could have never been able to report 7 years of service to the cows and bulls. Thank you!

Vraja and Gita are 6 Years Old!



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Annual Report for Fiscal Year March, 1996 - February, 1997

Letters

India

I'm enclosing a small donation as a token of appreciation, as I don't have many \$. I'm on my way back to my farm in India (picture of some of our cows and bulls enclosed). I would be very grateful if you could answer a couple of questions for me. I very much need the address of both Laxmi Narain Modi, so I can contact him as we are having a Goshalla for cow protection and I want to be in touch with him and his organization, and also of B.R. Thakur in Indore M.P. India.

In Maharastra, the breed of bulls there are not castrated till 3 or 4 years old, or taught to work. We have 2 bulls of that type still under 3 years. They do not grow up till 3 or 4. I have a Jersey bull, already big at one year old, and we are keeping him for breeding from his mother. He is 60/40 Jersey. So we'll have a mixed herd certainly. I suppose

for them, as much as possible, ayurvedic and homeopathic. And if you don't have it already, I do recommend a wonderful book, "The Herbal Handbook for the Farm and Stable" by Juliette de Bairacli Levy. It has a very good chapter on cows and tells you all you need to know. She is first class.

We are keeping all the cows and bulls born on our farm.

Labangalatika dasi
Raigad, India

ISCOWP REPLIES:

The first consideration is safety. Bulls become very big and the saying goes that you should never touch a bull. The simple reason is that they are big and very, very powerful. So, if you are going to keep them as a bull you might need to put a nose ring. The way we kept the bulls at Gita Nagari, because we did not have a very strong bull pen, was to put a chain round the base of his horns, kind of like a halo, and then chain him to that instead of the nose

Also a lot of handling is helpful so that he is accustomed to being around people. In this way he doesn't become wild.

California, U.S.A

Your service with the cow program is most commendable. It is an all auspicious endeavor which can only lead to an all auspicious result.

I have been meaning to write to you for quite sometime, to tell you we did end up getting that Jersey cow. Her name is Krishna Priya. She had a heifer calf last October. We named her Madana-mohini. We have been milking her and shall continue to milk her for another 6 months or so. She gives us 2-2 1/2 gallons a day. Earlier on she gave 3-3 1/2.

The calf, now almost one year old, goes on walks with me and grazes. It is the highlight of my day to walk with her. Since I am not an experienced cowherd, it took me 6 months to win her faith. But it was well worth it. I realize one is supposed to stick with 2 syllable names preferably when naming cows, however the calf almost left her body twice within the first 2 weeks. Once with dehydration and the next with salmonella. She miraculously recovered both times and is the picture of health. I decided to give her the name Madana-mohini due to her special qualities. She still nurses off her mother to let down the milk and finish her off!

We treat the cows with natural remedies as far as possible. I correspond with Labangalatika in India. She is a treasure of knowledge and experience. If you ever come back to California, please come and visit.

Jayanti dasi
Redwood Valley, CA



In the foreground is Hari Priya and her eldest daughter Jaya Radhe. In the background is Gaura, a 1 year old Jersey bull, and Lalita, his mother.

we should have a local farmer train the oxen in the traditional way - to plough and pull carts. I spend as much time as possible with all of them.

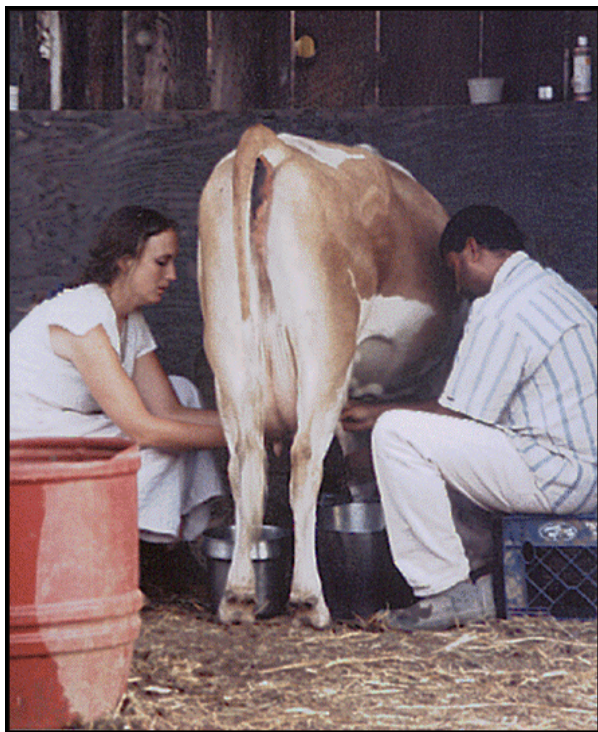
Do you have any recommendations for bulls? I feel totally unqualified and unprepared to handle them. I don't want to keep him (Gaura) tied. Are nose rings recommended by you?

I am trying to use natural medicine

ring. This is how the Amish secured their bulls. When we had him chained by his nose ring he was quite unhappy because of the weight on his tender nose and was always moaning. The other alternative to keeping a bull separate from the herd is to have a very strongly built bull pen of pipe or timber. But above all safety is a first consideration. So, do what you have to do in your situation.

Vermont, U.S.A.

Thank you for your wonderful service of training oxen and your efforts towards expanded awareness of cow protection. Yamuna and I have very much enjoyed your newsletter. We are presently on our way to Vermont to develop a program for women based on "green" architecture and design principles and I would like very much at some point to come to New Vrindavana to learn from you techniques of training the oxen. many years ago in



Left- Jayanti and Haripada milking their Jersey cow Krsna-priya in Redwood, California.

Bottom - Surabhi and her son Mukunda, (Holando Argentina breed) on Nueva Vrindavan Farm in Rio Negro, Argentina



Jayanti walking Madana - mohini.

Oregon, when our cow Bimala had her first calf (Bala), I fashioned a harness from some old horse tack I found, and at three months he was taking the schoolchildren for rides pulling a wagon. I never knew the proper system and techniques for continuing his development, and I'm afraid he lived out his days as a fat and pampered but under used ox. So, I am an enthusiastic student. Please keep

sending the newsletter and accept the enclosed donation for your program.

Dinatarine devi dasi
Vermont, USA

Florida, U.S.A.

I guess I fell off your mailing list. I saw your latest newsletter. Congratulations, you achieved your Centennial Goal and now are well on your way to establishing a permanent training facility. This is ideal. This is how it must and will work - to create ox power and real self-sufficiency. Now that the Centennial is over I can resume a slightly more normal lifestyle. Enclosed is a small donation-my token of appreciation of your great work and dedication.

Ramiya d & Ananta dd
Alachua, Florida, USA

Argentina

As a subscriber of BTG, I've read about your project (Nov./Dec. 91) since we have just received some back issues.

We own a small farm since 1991 (8 acres) and in 1992 we bought a cow with her male calf who is 4 now. A heifer (Bhumi) was born in December

1994. Surabhi is an HOLANDO-ARGENTINA (see photo) and so is Mukunda, her son, who is a very strong and affectionate ox. Unfortunately we haven't trained Mukunda because we know nothing about it. That's why we're writing to you. We'd like to subscribe to ISCOWP NEWS and we need your help and instructions, please. We are sending \$15 right now.

As you probably know, there aren't many devotees in Argentina and the nearest Temple is 1200 km from our farm. Anyway some devotees visit us just now and then and we visit the temple in Buenos Aires twice a year at least. It's very important to preach about cow protection here because our country is, as a matter of fact, full of meat-eaters. We knew the devotees in 1985 and that year we became vegetarians.

I was initiated in September 1996. My spiritual master is Bhaktibusana Swami. My husband is also a devotee and we'd like to attain the six goals you mention in your Project (in the BTG) if it is possible.

We'll be looking forward to your answer. Within one month, Surabhi will have her next calf and if it were a bull, we'd like to train him.

By the way, is there any devotee there



Mother Syamala and her son Nandi, protected by GOPALA

who understands Spanish? My husband doesn't know English but he'd gladly write to you if it were possible.

Please, excuse my mistakes (I'm not practicing my English very much lately).

Annapurna dasi
Rio Negro, Argentina

Yugoslavia

We thank you very much for your letter of December 14, 1996. Many very nice things happened from then in our lives and we would like to share that with you and to thank you again for all your help and blessings.

We have ended the year of our work, written the second letter to our friends and donors, made the annual report for fiscal year. There were totally 21 persons on the list of donors. In the newsletter of one society for healthy diet and environment our Society GOPALA was presented. In one serious weekly magazine an article was published about our attempt to protect cows. We were then invited to be a guest in one radio broadcast.

We would like to thank you for allowance to print your leaflets in Serbian language and for your care and practical suggestions we will need, in order to avoid mistakes and problems. We thank you also very much for offering us the possibility that Balabhadra Prabhu comes here to train and help organize a plan for development when the time comes. We

are very grateful to you for that, as we are aware we cannot do anything alone and independently, since we have neither qualification nor experience.

We are sending you enclosed the first printing of our leaflets which have many mistakes. We have to prepare them again in the computer for printing in greater number,

which is not an easy task since we haven't our computer. Milan run from one friend to another, so that it could be done correctly, but then somehow or other new mistakes in typing occurred, we have seen our omissions, etc. We hope that one day we will become experts in this service, especially when we will be able to buy computer and do that alone. Now there is no possibility for it, although every day we can see the indispensability to have one, also because of communications, as you have suggested on the very beginning of our contact. It became a burden for my husband to send so much letters through his official fax, so that we shall continue to communicate by letters. We ask you to send us your answers by fax because it is not a problem for him.

Milan, my son, has been appointed by the co. GBC here, Sri Rohini Suta Prabhu, to be the representative of GOPALA in National Council. This is to dispel all doubts someone could have about

the status of GOPALA. We have been informed that all present devotees support our project and that they agree that we include the members of the congregation to help in it. Milan is about to receive initiation form H.H. Harikesa Maharaja.

A few days ago we have obtained the donation from our youngest donor. My little daughter Radhika received from her grandfather and grandmother some Lakshmi for her 7th birthday. Next day she came spontaneously to Milan and me and asked us very humbly whether she could also give donation for GOPALA and gave fifty-dinar note. When we accepted her donation, she was very happy. She also wanted her name and donation to be recorded in the book of donations. Thanks to the mercy of Akrura Prabhu, who visits us every month and is present on our meetings, all members of GOPALA understood that we start to enter in one more serious phase of our work. We are now in the preparation stage where we have to define clearly our mission, vision, our relation to ISKCON,



Mother Syamala, the first cow protected by GOPALA

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An Offering for Srila Prabhupada

by Ekesvari Gauri dasi - one of the teamsters trained by ISCOWP's Sponsor a Teamster Campaign

For Prabhupada's Centennial I wanted to make an offering that would continue for the rest of my life, but I wasn't quite sure what that would be. Then I heard the following statement: "Srila Prabhupada wanted all his farms around the world to be worked with oxen, and not by any artificial means."

What better offering to Prabhupada, I thought, than to help make this come about for Murari Sevaka Farm, where I had just moved with my husband.

To make this offering a reality, I needed to learn how to work the oxen and how to train them. Fortunately, by Krsna's mercy, I was able to meet Balabhadra prabhu from ISCOWP (International Society for Cow Protection), who was training a number of young devotees in how to work the oxen as part of ISCOWP's Adopt-a-Teamster program. When my husband spoke to Balabhadra about my hopes of being trained up to work the oxen, Balabhadra encouraged me to take up the service. For one week he would train me on how to work with the oxen.

That very day I was introduced to Agni and Shyam, the team I was going to work with. Although they were a young team, Agni and Shyam already knew all the commands and were being worked with a yoke. I felt apprehensive in trying to work with them because I wasn't sure what to do, but Balabhadra gave me clear instructions. As I put the instructions into practice I soon became more confident. I worked every morning and evening for a week.

I found that every moment was a learning experience. Balabhadra taught me to treat the oxen as I would treat a devotee. The oxen are working for Krsna and should be treated with respect, love and compassion. The key to developing a great working ox is to see him as spirit soul and not just an animal. You have to be understanding and very patient. You have to be firm with them, but at the

them as friends. You never beat your friends, call them bad names or neglect them - if you did, your friendship wouldn't evolve into an enjoyable, trusting and lasting relationship.

As the days passed, I grew more and more attached to Agni and Shyam - especially Shyam, because he was always sucking my hand, face, arms, T-shirt - anything he could find. One of the greatest days was the day Agni and



Ekesvari Gauri and two of the calves she is training.

Shyam first pulled a log. It's such a wonderful experience to see animals you are working with progress to an important point of learning and skill - your heart just jumps like crazy - like watching your child walk for the first time.

Agni and Shyam became quite popular with the guests that visited the temple. Nearly every day someone would pass with their car and get out and want their picture taken with the oxen. We would get donations and encouragement from the guests. Many were Indian families remembering the old Vedic tradition from home.

During the week I learned a number

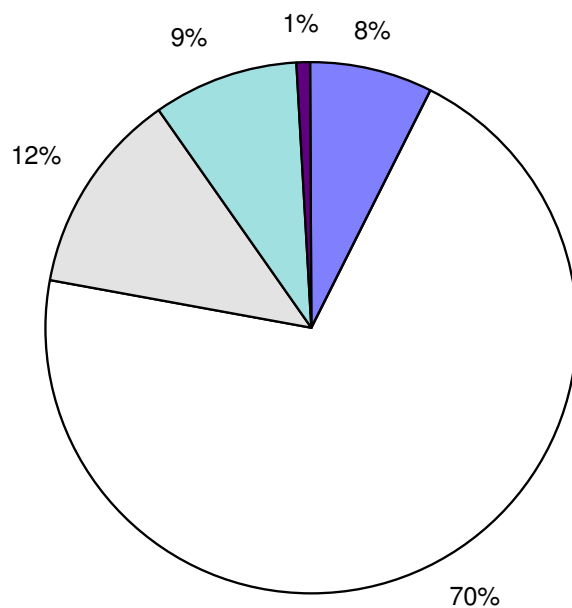
of useful techniques. It's important to take a few minutes every so often to encourage your team, pat them, and tell them how good they are - even give them a cookie. That builds the relationship. You should always work your team by standing at the shoulder. Don't walk in front of them and tempt them to butt you because you're blocking their view. Avoid hitting an ox in the face. To get him to back up, say "Back, Shyam" (or

your ox's name) and tap him on the legs with the lash. If necessary, push his chest. If you hit him in the face, he'll become skittish when he hears a "back" command.

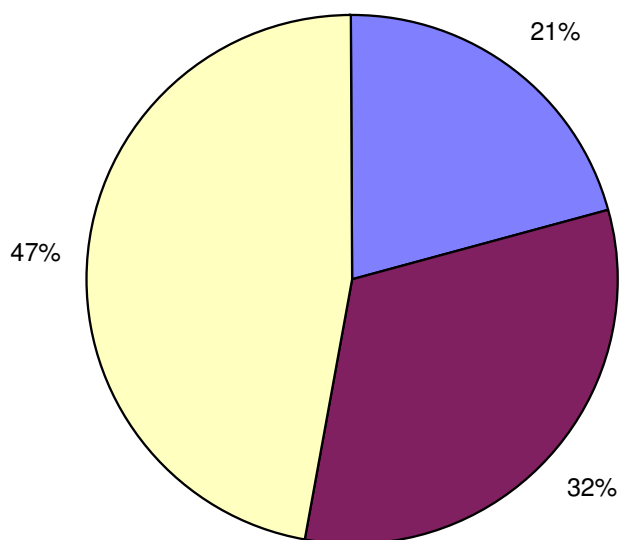
Finally the week was at the end, and my training period was over. I really learned a lot from Balabhadra prabhu - on one hand practical techniques, and on the other hand the whole philosophy of ox power and why it was so important to Srila Prabhupada as part of our mission to spread Krsna consciousness. Cow protection doesn't mean only protecting Mother Cow, because the bulls are 50% of the herd, so cow protection also includes the necessity of working with Father Bull, and living off the land by working with him. So I'm really inspired to keep this service going.

Now I'm back at Murari Sevaka, and with other devotees I am now training up four baby oxen. I still keep in contact with Balabhadra prabhu for advice on different problems I run into, and also let him know how our training program is going. Since we still have another eight oxen to train; I guess you could say I have my hands full for awhile. I'm just thankful to Balabhadra prabhu for helping make my offering to Srila Prabhupada a reality, and I pray that I can keep this service strong and alive. Ox Power - Ki Jaya!

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ISCOWP: AN ETHICAL INVESTMENT***INCOME***

- Services Rendered
- Gifts Received
- ISCOWP Barn Sale
- ISCOWP Land Sale
- Investment Income

***EXPENSE***

- Administration
- Membership Development
- Seed to Sustenance

INCOME = \$56,359.60

EXPENSE = \$38,771.70

INCOME LESS EXPENSE = \$17,587.90

Evaluation of Fiscal Year 96

INCOME

CONTRIBUTIONS.....	\$39,584.44
ISCOWP BARN SALE.....	\$ 7,000.00
ISCOWP LAND SALE.....	\$ 5,109.19
SERVICES RENDERED.....	\$ 4,265.00
INVESTMENT INCOME.....	\$ 400.97
TOTAL.....	\$56,359.60

The ISCOWP barn in Sandy Ridge, North Carolina was built with your donations. The funds from its sale are presently in a CD for this spring's and summer's refurbishing of Vrajapura Farm's two barns and their water system. The investment income represents the CD's interest income. At present there is \$18,421.13 in the CD. Balabhadra and Chayadevi contributed about \$1,000.00 to this amount, and the rest represents funds from the Building Vrajapura Farm Campaign.

The down payment on the purchase of ISCOWP's property in Efland, North Carolina provided the down payment for Vrajapura Farm. The monthly payments for ISCOWP's Efland property provided the next 5 year's monthly payments for Vrajapura Farm. Services rendered represents ISCOWP's services to the Madhuvan farm project. And, as you can see, the bulk of ISCOWP's income comes from your contributions for which we are eternally thankful.

EXPENSES

Seed To Sustenance Land Project

ANIMAL.....	\$ 6,436.62
AUTOMOBILE MAINTENANCE.....	\$ 1,250.38
BOOKS.....	\$ 113.04
CONSTRUCTION.....	\$ 265.27
EQUIPMENT.....	\$ 1,003.16
FIREWOOD MAINTENANCE.....	\$ 382.13
GARDEN.....	\$ 658.18
VRAJAPURA FARM PURCHASE.....	\$ 5,527.96
PHONE.....	\$ 735.69
TRAVEL.....	\$ 1,599.98
JOB EXPENSE.....	\$ 348.33
TOTAL.....	\$18,321.47

We now have 11 oxen and cows. We just recently added 3 heifers who were staying at the New Vrindavana barn. They, Jamuna, Saraswati, and Ganga, are getting along fine with the nine oxen. With increased numbers we have increased feeding and veterinarian bills.

At Madhuvan we constructed a shed, mostly from recycled materials, that has served nicely as a shelter for the 11 animals during the cold winter months. The Vrajapura Farm purchase includes 2 barns which will help tremendously to shelter not only the 11 animals we have now but more.

Most of the other expenses include operating expenses in the Seed to Sustenance project which this year meant training 20 oxen and 10 teamsters, providing for and working with 11

animals and cultivating vegetable and herb gardens. Next year's expenses in this category will reflect development at Vrajapura Farm.

Membership Development

AUTOMOBILE MAINTENANCE.....	\$1,250.38
CHARITABLE DONATION.....	\$ 176.00
GUEST HOSTING.....	\$ 124.77
LITERATURE.....	\$1,238.57
OFFICE, TAX PREP, BANK CHARGES.....	\$2,701.68
OX INSURANCE.....	\$ 640.00
PHONE, FAX, INTERNET.....	\$2,135.16
PHOTOS, TAPES.....	\$ 349.78
POSTAGE & SHIPPING.....	\$1,980.81
SUPPLIES.....	\$ 238.21
TRAVEL.....	\$1,494.63
TOTAL.....	\$12329.99

The quarterly ISCOWP News has been published since 1990. The newsletter has been our main way of relating to others the message of cow protection. The other means of communication that have developed are e-mail and fax. Besides our cow conference on the ISKCON COM internet bulletin board we now have a WEB page. Our WEB page address is: <http://www.ovnet.com/~iscowp>. We can be reached at iscowp@ovnet.com or iscowp@com.bbt.se. However many of our members cannot be reached by e-mail but by fax and phone.

We are now employing an accountant to prepare ISCOWP's tax report and to clarify all past reports. In the office we have upgraded the computer with increased memory and some software making it easier to operate.

ISCOWP brought Vraja and Gita to the Rainbow Festival held in Missouri. While there they were a magnetic preaching tool but Balabhadra felt the conditions, not being what was expected, were unsuitable to presenting cow protection and he brought them back after a few days. Travel expenses were incurred. Ox insurance was necessary but this is an expense we incur every year if we are expecting visitors to see Vraja and Gita.

Postage and shipping reflects the quarterly newsletter, fund raising gifts, items sold and items given for educational purposes. Along with the newsletter, videos and photos are a large part of presenting ISCOWP's activities.

Administration

AUTOMOBILE MAINTENANCE.....	\$1,250.38
CLOTHING.....	\$ 371.72
FOOD.....	\$2,977.28
Health	
Care.....	\$1,083.94
HOUSING, UTILITIES.....	\$1,328.82
SUPPLY.....	\$ 570.61
TRAVEL.....	\$ 538.24
TOTAL.....	\$8,120.99

The administration costs reflect what it costs to maintain our family and staff while operating ISCOWP. This income was

Thank you for Contributing During the Fiscal Year 1996 (3/96 - 2/97)

Patrons (\$8,000.00 – \$2,500.00)

Gour Govinda d & Sita dd (The Davidson Family)
.....\$6,000.00
Vanamali Pandit d (The Mody Family) ...\$5,000.00
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Dan Duer.....\$4,246.00
Anonymous donor.....\$2,500.00

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Anuttama d & Rukmini dd (The Walker Family)
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Henry Schoellkopf.....\$1,500.00
Shastra d (Scott From).....\$1,000.00

Associates (\$999.00 – \$500.00)

Saraswati dd (Betty Woodhouse).....\$650.00
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Jitarati d (John Hanton).....\$591.00
Dharma Vidya d & Nama Priya dd.(The Grant Family)
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Stephen Sorra.....\$480.00
Maha Mantra d (David Fuller).....\$432.00
Doug Carlton.....\$330.00
Jack Baldwin & Kanti DePoo.....\$319.00
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Jane Alexander.....	\$50.00
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Pramila dd.....	\$31.00
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Kirk Cornwell.....	\$27.00
Badriynarayan d & Rukmini dd (The Weinberg Family).....	\$25.00
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Bhadranga d & Hladini Sakti dd (The Sherman Family).....	\$21.00
Christine St. Onge.....	\$21.00
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Peggy Peattie.....	\$21.00
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Rene Waisvisz.....	\$20.00
Shila & Vijay Shroff.....	\$20.00

Friends (\$14.00 - \$10.00)

Annapurna dd.....	\$15.00
Hita dd (Karina Petak).....	\$15.00
Labangalatika dd (D. Bothwick).....	\$15.00
Jaya Krsna d (Joe Gennaro).....	\$13.00
Seth Rosenbilt.....	\$13.00
Helen Wells.....	\$10.00
Hiran Kara.....	\$10.00
Philip James.....	\$10.00

Building Vrajapura Farm*\$30,000.00 campaign goal for 8/96 - 8/97***AMOUNT PLEDGED AS OF MARCH 1ST**

Gour Govinda d & Sita dd.....	\$6,000.00
Vanamali Pandit d(Dr. Mody).....	\$4,000.00
Dan Duer.....	\$3,499.00
Anuttama d & Rukmini dd.....	\$1,500.00
Henry Schoellkopf.....	\$1,500.00
Kanina d & Arjuna d.....	\$1,000.00
Shastra d.....	\$1,000.00
Stephen Sorra.....	\$720.00
Saraswati dd.....	\$600.00
David Thiessen.....	\$500.00
Doug Carlton.....	\$500.00
Dharma Vidya d & Nama Priya dd.....	\$500.00
Parampadam d.....	\$500.00
Parampara	\$500.00
Pavamana d & Sampada dd.....	\$300.00
Advaita d & Madri dd.....	\$200.00
Giriraj d.....	\$200.00
Hemalata dd.....	\$200.00
Madhukanta d & Ann.....	\$200.00
Stacy Charlton.....	\$200.00
Vrajabhadhu dd.....	\$200.00
Isabelle Hass.....	\$144.00
Haridas d & Nandapatni dd.....	\$112.00
Bhadranga d & Hladini Sakti dd.....	\$108.00
Haribolananda d & Garudi dd.....	\$108.00
Jack Baldwin & Kanti dd	\$108.00
Jitari d & Rangavati dd.....	\$108.00
Isvari dasi.....	\$100.00
Lorraine Dove.....	\$100.00
Suryaram Joshi.....	\$100.00
Dayavira d.....	\$50.00
Kirk Cornwell.....	\$27.00
Gayle Janzen.....	\$10.00
Total Pledged.....	\$24,699.00
Total Given as of 2/28/97.....	\$21,707.00

We have just started the last leg of our campaign, and we are now in the process of sending out fund raising letters to all of our members who have not yet heard from us. As you can see we need to collect \$5,301.00 to complete the campaign. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your support in the past which has enabled ISCOWP to achieve its goals in the last 7 years and your support in the future which will enable Vrajapura Farm develop to Srila Prabhupada's satisfaction. Thank you again!

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our plans, personal wishes and place in our Society, and the strategy how shall we present our work in public, raise funds, etc.

Also by the mercy of Akrura Prabhu, one

you and all your members and readers who have been feeling sympathy towards us and prayed to the Lord for GOPALA, and supported on this way our efforts and gave us more strength to continue with our attempts to protect the lives of Syamala, Nandi and Madhu.

As a gift we would like to quote Srila Prabhupada's words on the importance of

steps of Maharaja Pariksit. By protecting the cow and brahminical culture, the Lord, who is very kind to the cow and the brahmanas (go-brahmana-hitaya), will be pleased with us and will bestow upon us real peace." (S.B. 1.17.9p)

And for one quote from H.H. Harikesa Swami:

"Take care of the cows and bulls. This must be done. Otherwise there can be no success in our endeavors." (Questions and Answers Conference, January 23, 1993)

Magdalena & Milan
Yugoslavia



Protesting the British government killing cows in response to the BSE problem

aspirant phoned us explaining the possibility to transport our cow and bulls in one village where his uncle lives, and where he would train Nandi and Madhu for work on the field. His uncle is an old man with very much experience with cows and very much love for these nice animals. We have sent him our letters to our friends in order to inform him about our work, wishes and plans, and some data and pictures of Syamala, Nandi and Madhu. We asked him to inform us about his price for their maintenance and we are eagerly waiting for his answer. We hope that it is not only a nice dream and pray to Lord Krsna and His beloved Srimate Radhika to help us and make the best arrangement for Syamala, Nandi and Madhu, so that they could be properly protected.

We would like to wish you, your children and readers all the best in the new calendar year. We would also like to thank

cow protection:

"Therefore if people are to be educated to the path of Godhead, they must be taught first and foremost to stop the process of animal-killing as above mentioned." (S.B. 1.3.24p)

"Human civilization means to advance the cause of brahminical culture, and to maintain it, cow protection is essential." (S.B. 1.16.p4)

"Cow protection and brahminical culture are 'the two pillars of spiritual advancement.'" (1.17.20p)

"Cow protection is the business of the vaisyas and along with our preaching, this is most important work." (SPL to Hasyakari, 26th May 1975)

"The human society should recognize the importance of the cow and the bull and thus give all protection to these important animals, following in the foot-

Great Britain

BHAKTIVEDANTA MANOR COW PROTECTION PROJECT

1991 saw the transformation of Bhaktivedanta Goshalla when the padayatra oxen replaced the tractor. It was a financial consideration as there was no money for the tractor repair job. Soon the oxen became part of the Manor's make up, working here and there ploughing the small fields, moving the rubbish, dragging logs. Then construction of a visitor friendly goshalla, based on vedic farming was built. Adopt a Cow project was introduced with great success. More land was purchased. Teams of up to six oxen could be seen working the land. Cows were giving plenty of milk and a successful breeding program introduced. Daily school groups experience an ox cart ride and a chance to feed the cows and calves, and hear the vedic version. Sheep, pigs, goats, and deer followed, we could show by practical example the harmony between man and animal. An ox draft unit was donated. This is a machine powered by oxen which enables us to power all types of farm machinery including grain crushers, trashing machines, wood saws, etc. Now developed the opportunity to show a practical example of vedic farming that is financially feasible and environmentally sound. Within the next few weeks we will install a windmill to pump water for our cows and irrigation of the fields which will make us self-sufficient.

Parasurama Das
Bhaktivedanta Manor
Great Britain

ISCOWP Outreach *by Balabhadra das*



Bhakta Chris and Bhima

ISCOWP went to Murari Sevaka Farm, located in Tennessee, to see the progress of ISCOWP teamster Ekesvari Gauri, Bhaktin Debbie and their two teams (Dharma and Gopal, Bhima and Bala) of Jersey yearlings. Each of the girls showed me what their teams had learned. As they went through their routines, I was able to see what corrections needed to be made and the progress the oxen had achieved. They had been trained to the basic commands of Get Up, Whoa, Gee, and Haw. They seemed to know their commands nicely. They also showed me what each team could do in a yoke, and this is where they really needed to practice and receive instructions.

During our 2 1/2 day visit we worked with each team a minimum of twice a day for an hour to an hour and a half. The first day was a little tough as the teams had only been yoked up 3 or 4 times previously. The second day we switched yokes and gave them a bigger yoke. The first yoke was too tight and was irritating them causing them to be inattentive to the training process. After we switched the yokes their attention immediately focused on what we were doing; they responded very well to walking as a team, going through the different turns, and stopping nicely as a team. I also showed them different techniques of how to back a team up.

On the second day we introduced

them to the chain. Each item of paraphernalia must be introduced first by sight, next by smell and last by sound. Three of the four oxen were undisturbed by the chain, but Bhima was agitated by the sound of the chain. Therefore at this point, Bhima and Bala did not go beyond being introduced to their chain. With patience and gentle training Bhima will accept the chain without too much delay.

Ekesvari's team, Dharma and Gopal, pulled a small log to get them accustomed to the sound of something being pulled on gravel behind them. When a team is in a yoke they can't turn around to see what noises are being made behind them. So, the first time they drag something behind them they are a little afraid because they can't identify the noise.

As soon as they start to panic you stop them, unhook the chain and log, turn them around, bring them up to the log and let them smell it. The unknown becomes known. Then once again you hook them up to the chain and log and start to walk them. Again the noise begins and they might show fear again (which they did). You stop them again and repeat your previous actions. This is to be repeated until they have no fear of the noise caused by the log bumping along on the gravel road.

There was one other little ox, being trained by Ekesvari, whose name was Balaram. He was half Angus and half Holstein and as sweet as can be although somewhat shy. He was younger than the Jerseys by about 6 months. Because of his shyness, Ekesvari had to be very patient and slow moving with him. The first

day we got to know each other just by sitting with him, feeding him, and brushing him. The second day we did the same in the morning and in the afternoon. Mother Ekesvari put a halter and lead rope on him and started to walk him around. He was a bit reluctant but did go with her several times around his compound and coral. After this he was brushed and given his evening grain and hay.

The third day we were only able to give one session to him because of the weather. We introduced a small stick, which was used to reinforce the command of Get Up, with a tap on his rear end. I was thinking that he might not like the use of the stick even though it was only a tap, and he would become disturbed. But he accepted it very nicely because of the gentleness with which Ekesvari was handling him and walked much nicer with her on this day.

On the same trip ISCOWP stopped at Prabhupada Village, Sandy Ridge, North Carolina, to meet with Bhakta



Balabhadra instructing Ekesvari and team Dharma and Gopal

Chris and his ox Bhima. Bhima is a thirteen month old Jersey who knows the four basic commands and has done some log hauling and some pulling of a small sled. He is quite well behaved and knows his commands nicely. We showed Bhakta Chris some subtle changes which he needed to introduce into his handling of Bhima. All in all Bhima and Bhakta Chris are doing very well.

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 and industrialized, petroleum powered machinery.

Our Goals:

1. To provide natural alternative energy by training bull calves as working teams of oxen.
2. To utilize ISCOWP's alternative agricultural practices as 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 biogas 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 exhibit a sound ecological relationship between man, cow, and the land by establishing small family farms modeled after the historic Vedic example of agrarian harmony based on lifetime cow protection.
6. To educate society about the practical benefits of lifetime cow protection by distribution of the quarterly *ISCOWP NEWS*, related books, literature, and educational videos.
7. To convince society of the living entity within the cow by direct contact with the oxen through our Cow Protection Outreach Program.

ISCOWP was incorporated in March, 1990 as a non profit organization. William and Irene Dove (Balabhadra das & Chayadevi dasi) are its managing directors. They are disciples of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, the Founder Acharya of the International Society for 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 nonsectarian, available to all regardless of race, creed, or nationality. All donations are tax deductible. ISCOWP's tax# is 23-2604082. For more information: ISCOWP, RD 1, NBU #28, Moundsville, WV, 26041, USA, TEL: 304-843-1270, FAX: (call first) 304-845-5742, e-mail: iscowp@ovnet.com, iscowp@com.bbt.se

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