# **CATTLE PROTECTION TRUST**

## - AN APPEAL FOR DONATIONS -

Through the ancient times to the present, it is the cows and bulls who have supported farmers in their agriculture, given us milk to nourish our bodies and supported economic development through the production of milk and milk based products. It is the bull that drew the heavily laden cart, at the mercy of many insensitive humans, with stick in hand, to prod it along rough and burning streets, to its destination for man's benefit and ended up being sold to the slaughterhouse, for the animal in its old age, was no longer of any use to the owner. Mercifully however, there were and still are owners who in gratitude, did and continue to care for the animal until its end.

What better way to pay tribute to an animal that has served mankind in so many ways, so faithfully for centuries, than to give it a second chance to live by providing care and shelter for the rest of its days and when the time finally comes to assure it an honourable death? This was the motivation for the Cattle Protection Trust to establish a Cattle Sanctuary in Rambakanoya in Maha Oya in September 2012.

The sanctuary is managed by the Cattle Protection Trust which is established under the Public Trustee Ordinance The Trust is headed by Mr. C.R. de Silva, President's Counsel and its other Trustees are Mrs. Iranganie de Silva, Mrs. Lalani S. Perera, Mrs. Sharmini Ratnayake and Mr. A.D. de S. Indrasekera, all of whom are deeply committed to the cause of animal rights and animal welfare and are pro-actively engaged in a multitude of activities to prevent cruelty to animals and promote their welfare. The Public Trustee functions as the Custodian Trustee

# The objective of the Trust is to provide protection and care to the following categories of cattle:

- cattle saved from slaughter
- cattle against whom offence are committed, and who require protection either pending trial or upon confiscation by courts
- cattle abandoned, injured or otherwise in need of protection
- cattle whose owners are no longer able to maintain them

By affording such protection, these animals are prevented from being exposed to slaughter by ungrateful or unscrupulous persons.

In the future, the Trust also has plans, where appropriate, to hand over some of the cattle to farmers in the area for their agricultural, dairy and other self employment activities, but under strict supervision to ensure that the animals are cared for and not exposed to slaughter.

Supervision is proposed through an agreement, where the Trust, the head priest of a temple in the area and the person who receives the animal will ensure that the animal will be cared for until its natural demise.

Recently, President Mahinda Rajapaksa too visited the sanctuary and the Trust received financial support from the President's Fund for its infrastructure development.

Infrastructure facilities in the sanctuary need to be further developed and a small work force recruited, for the Trust to realize its objectives more fully and to sustain its activities. The Trust will be grateful to receive donations for these purposes.

Donations are welcome from well wishers and cheques should be drawn in favour of "PUBLIC TRUSTEE FOR THE CATTLE PROTECTION TRUST" and sent to:

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