

Injured Newborn

Early in March a very young outpatient calf was brought into CFC for urgent surgery after losing his back left leg.

First reports of how the calf lost his leg were that a dog was responsible for chewing it off, however when the Doctor examined the injury he denied this could actually be the case.

It was suspected someone accidentally hurt the calf's leg which resulted in the tragic loss and tried to cover over his mistake. The calf was born at a dairy at Radha Kund and when news of his condition reached Sudevi she agreed to give him a home and arrange for his medical treatment.

After Dr Lavania examined

the injury he prepared for surgery as the exposed bone needed to be removed. Once the surgery was complete the Doctor dressed the wound and explained that new tissue would cover over the bone and he was hopeful of a relatively smooth recovery as the patient is young, otherwise healthy, and growing fast.



How such a very young calf lost his leg remains a mystery



The protruding bone is cut back with a wire saw

The little calf was a wonderful patient and when Sudevi embraced him he stretched his long neck and licked her chin which won everyone's heart. When Sudevi was asked if the dairy would supply the calf's drinking milk she laughed and said "Of course not, milk is expensive in India and they would be happy that they don't have to give any more milk for his maintenance so they can sell it and make money." Such is the sorry state of go-seva in India today. Sudevi has alternately arranged for the calf to nurse from one of her cows who supplies milk to her own calf and other orphans.

After his brief visit to CFC for medical treatment the calf was carefully bundled up and taken back home with Sudevi who continues his daily wound cleaning and dressing. He is recuperating well and has been named Giriraj.



Sharp bone ends are rounded back so as not to cause injury to the tissue



Dr Lavania dresses Giriraj's wound



Final bandage is wrapped on his stump



Sudevi embraces Giriraj after his surgery