

Julia Award 2014

Dear Krishnaveni and Sridevi, and the whole field team of the Cattle Respect Programme,

in the name of the Board of Animals' Angels Foundation and with great pleasure I am presenting to you the prestigious Julia Award for Courage 2014 for outstanding bravery in the field of animal rights.

Two years ago, together with Pradeep, we founded the Cattle Respect Programme India. It has been clear from the beginning that all our ambitious plans and ideas could only work if we found the right people who would help us in the field. People that are prepared to take on a very difficult task.

Krishnaveni, you have been part of the Programme from the very beginning. Sridevi, you joined shortly after. And all the others have always been there when a helping hand was needed.

You all are there with the animals when the transport mafia is carrying out their profitable business, loading animals on to illegal slaughter trucks in the cruelest manner and carrying out illegal slaughtering. During these inspections the two of you, KV and SD, are often on your own and the only women present, facing agitated, angry and violent men. I have accompanied you to markets and villages and have always been deeply impressed by how professional and tough you are in the most difficult situations. You are laughed at, insulted, even bodily pushed around, and seriously threatened. You are working in an extremely hostile environment, and it takes a lot of courage to go there and remain coolly professional and focused, while taking photos, reporting violations to the police and informing the relevant authorities.

A great deal of courage is also needed, when you confront your fellow citizens who treat animals with absolutely no consideration for their dignity and wellbeing. When you find pigs lying in the mud with their legs firmly tied together or chickens hanging upside down from motorbikes, you simply take out your knives and cut the ropes, regardless of the owner's threats. When you encounter cattle being mercilessly hit with sticks you step forward and put yourself between the cattle and their tormentors, never backing down where an animal is suffering.

The Board of Animals' Angels Foundation, with great respect for what you have achieved in a very short time through your outstanding courage and sheer persistence in the face of adversity, presents to you the **Julia Award for Courage 2014** in acknowledgment of your dedication and love. You quite literally put your lives and safety at risk in order to help those who are voiceless and helpless. I couldn't be happier and prouder to work with you. Thank you.

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Sophie Greger

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