

## **The Marwar Trust's Jodhpur Project reaches 10,000 dogs**

**12<sup>th</sup> August 2005 – The Marwar Trust has announced today that it has spayed and neutered and rabies vaccinated 10,000 dogs since its launch of the Jodhpur Project in 2004.**

"The 10,000 spay and neutered dogs represent an important step towards our goal of spaying and neutering 40,000 dogs by 2009," says Federico Spinola, Chairman of the Marwar Trust UK.

Based on our dog population counts, Jodhpur is home to approximately 46,000 dogs. The spay and neuter programme is part of an intensive rabies and dog population control programme being carried out by the Marwar Trust in Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

### **History of the Programme**

In a few Asian countries, in the past, canine rabies elimination has been achieved by mass vaccination campaigns. However, in recent years, there have been no victories achieved on this continent. Two reasons are believed to be behind this failure - insufficient vaccination coverage, and/or too rapid dilution of the 'herd immunity' by a rapid population turnover.

The Jodhpur Project will undertake a large-scale dog sterilization programme with the intention to slow down dog population turnover in conjunction with dog anti-rabies vaccination. Alongside the Trust will undertake a rabies prevention public education campaign.

With the technical support of the World Health Organization, the project hopes to validate and publish new scientific knowledge regarding approaches to canine rabies control and dog population management.

### **About The Marwar Trust**

Founded in 2003, The Marwar Trust is a UK and Indian registered non-profit, dedicated to the control of canine rabies in India. The Trust accomplishes its mission through a program that combines canine sterilization and immunization with public education, professional training and the collection and analysis of data.