Treatment of Cobra

Snake rescures brought a Cobra Snake which had multiple injuries all over the body. Treatment was given by me and now the snake is entirely active.
Earthmover shifts pile of stone on to creepy crawler

Mutilated cobra rescued

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A cobra, which was battling for life with multiple injuries, was saved after a string of surgeries at the veterinary hospital in Ettimadai in Coimbatore. The two-year-old female cobra had several open wounds and bruises all over the body.

"It got crushed under a huge pile of stones, when works were underway to clear the shrubs with an earthmover at Ukkadam lake bunds. The public who noticed the injured snake had informed volunteers of a snake rescue organisation, who then scooped out the snake in an unconscious state from a mound of debris on Friday," said veterinarian K Ashokan.

The snake, which was dying, was then taken to the veterinary hospital in Ettimadai. The snake had three open wounds on its chest and abdomen and some fluid substance was oozing out it.

The open wounds of the snake were sutured and closed after administering it with a local anaesthetic.

"Its open wounds and bruises were cleaned with antibiotic solution before being sutured. A few hours after the surgery the snake was fed with egg mixed with painkiller and medicines with a tube let into its mouth," Mr. Ashokan said.

The snake may not be able to feed on its regular prey unless its wounds are healed completely.

"The same food of egg mixed with medicine will be given for the snake for another week. After that, the snake will be able to resume its regular course of food. The condition of the snake is slowly improving after treatment," he added.

The snake is kept in an enclosed structure to prevent ants and insects from biting its wound.

"Once its wounds heal completely, it will be released into the wild," Mr. Ashokan said.

The veterinarian carefully stitches the wounds sustained by the cobra.

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Injured cobra rescued

Staff Reporter

COIMBATORE: An injured female cobra, aged about four, was rescued from the Big Tank here on Saturday. It has been taken to the State Government veterinary facility in Ettimadai.

According to K. Asokan, veterinarian, the snake suffered from major wounds of an inch deep in the chest and abdomen regions and minor wounds all over the body as it came under boulders that were removed during the road construction work on the Big Tank bund.

The reptile seems to have lost an eye as there were white patches.

It was rescued and taken to the Ettimadai centre by A.R. Ameen and his friends of the group formed to save snakes.

A surgery was performed on the snake, and was given antibiotics mixed with egg. Ointments were applied on.

It was kept in a box at the veterinary office there as it needed at least five days to recover.

After recovery, it will be released in the wild, he said and added that if left unattended, ants would have finished it off.