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# Junk is the cause

**RESQ CHARITABLE TRUST** had recently organised a sale of used items to raise funds for animal welfare

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**YOU MIGHT** have donated a good chunk of wealth for humane causes. Nevertheless, there were times when you felt your funds depleting, going down the unfathomable abyss of economic slowdown. But the altruist spark remained. For this, the ResQ Charitable Trust (RCT), an animal welfare organisation that rescues, immunises and facilitates adoption of stray dogs, organised a garage sale recently—which asked you to clear the junk in your house, and donate things that you never used anymore. “We sold the same at a much reduced cost, the money from which will now be used for our rescue and adoption work,” explains Neha Jangle, co-founder of the trust.

The garage sale also created awareness about the trust’s work along with highlighting the problems that exist in our city. “Things that you do not use/have not been used for years, may just be what someone else wants. The garage sale also proved to be an important step towards being nature friendly. Environmentalists may prefer buying second-hand goods, as doing so uses fewer resources and may be less damaging to the environment as compared to buying new products. In addition, reusing these items is another form of recycling, and thus reduces the amount of waste.”

The things put up for sale weren’t trash items. “They were in good condition. People were sim-



Items put up on sale at the garage sale last week

Rs500 or a Benetton belt for Rs50. “Also, people donating for the sale knew that

ply not using them anymore. The CDs, DVDs, musical instruments, kitchen products, electronics, designer clothes, jewellery, crockery, laptops, cell-phones and over a hundred Barbies on sale were a hit! Here, you got all of this at a 'throw away' price. People



felt they were doing double charity, because they were not only donating things for the welfare of animals but the products they had put for sale actu-

ally went to those who earlier could not afford to buy them," Jangle adds.

The sale could therefore give you a Scarface poster for Rs10 or a guitar for

their things would not only be used by someone but also, the money raised through the sale would save several lives. People who bought from the sale got a steal deal and their money would now be used for helping several injured animals. It was like doing charity and returning home with some things too!"

Since the response was extraordinary, the trust hopes to continue having similar garage sales at regular intervals. "Besides this sale, we are planning other fund-raising drives to keep our work going. We have heard of organisations in other cities and countries do the same, and so thought why not try the garage sale here."