



Orgyen Dorje Den is pleased to welcome

Lama Kunzang Dorje **Teaching on the Benefits of Saving Lives**



Date & Time:

Wednesday, August 15th from 7 pm to 9

Requested Donation: \$20

The program will be at:

Orgyen Dorje Den
2244 Santa Clara Ave
Alameda, CA 94501

For more info about Lama Kunzang Dorjee's activities:

<http://animalsavingtrust.org/index.htm>

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Lama Kunzang Dorjee, 32, who heads the oldest Bhutanese monasery Jangsa Gompa in Kalimpong, India, has saved more than 650 bulls and other similarly ill-fated animals from being killed in slaughter houses. Lama says that his compassion was kindled when, in late 2000, five bulls which had escaped from a slaughter house in Kalimpong, forced their way into his monastery and refused to leave. When the five bulls returned to the monastery for the third time the same day, Lama Kunzang gave them water and fresh grass, but they refused to eat. That moment was a turning point: he had started to save these beings. He bought them for RPS 45,000, built a shed and appointed a caretaker to look after them. ***Lama Kunzang Dorjee will tell about his story and teach on the benefits of saving lives, one of the regular compassionate activities we engage in at Orgyen Dorje Den.***

Some biographical background:

Lama Kunzang Dorjee started his education in a modern school, St. Augustine school in Kalimpong. At the age of 14, he joined H.H. Kyabje Dodrupchen Rinpoche's monastery in Gangtok. As both his parents were disciples of HH Dudjom Rinpoche he received the empowerment and transmission of the Great Tertion Dudjom Lingpa and HH Dudjom Rinpoche's Sungbum at a young age.

Lama stayed at the monastery in Gangtok for 13 years receiving many empowerments & teachings from both kama & terma traditions, from HH Kyabje Dodrupchen Rinpoche, Kyabje Nyoshul Khen Rinpoche, Kyabje Dungsé Rinpoche and other lamas. He took the monk ordination and many teachings from Khen Rinpoche Mewa Thukten. He did a three-year retreat at Helembu, Nepal under the guidance of HH Kyabje Chatrel Rinpoche. His root gurus are HH Dudrubchen Rinpoche and HH Chatrel Rinpoche. Lamas says "I consider myself extremely lucky to be able to follow the path set by HH Chatrel Rinpoche in the practice of "tsethar" which is the main "bodhisattva" activities of HH Chatrel Rinpoche."

Lama is now touring the West helping to share the Benefits of Savings Lives with Western students.