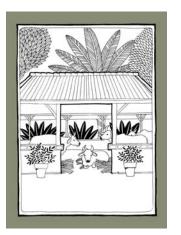






How should you be taking care of your pet dogs?

Your pet dogs should be kept indoors during the night. Leopards find dogs as easy prey, and often come to the villages looking for them.



What should you be doing with cattle once they are no longer productive?

Feral cattle in the village often attract leopards, as they are easy prey for it. Such cattle should either be kept at home and looked after, or sent to a gaushala; not released to wander about in the village. Do you not take care of your grandparents once they become old?

Similarly, aging cattle, too, needs to be looked after.









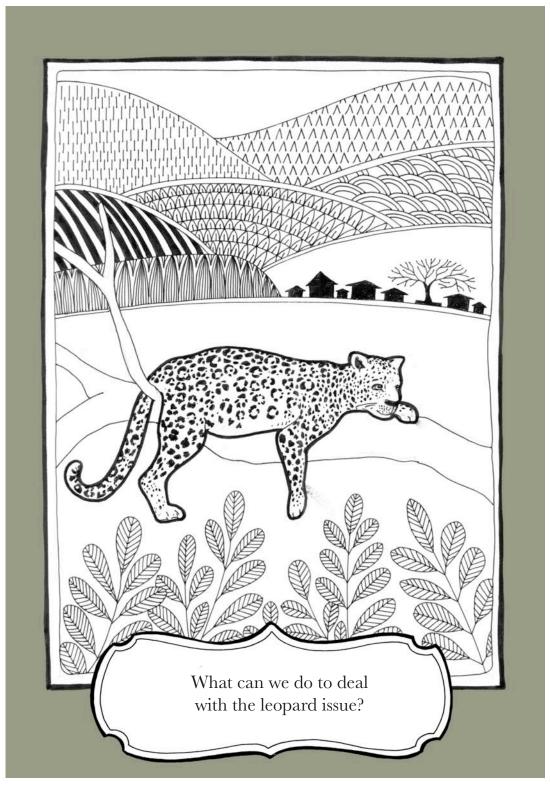














What can we do to deal with the leopard issue?

Can we talk to the leopard and change its habits? We can't, can we? So why don't we, humans, talk amongst ourselves to change our own behaviour and learn to live with leopards? It is up to us humans to find solutions that reduce our own problems so that humans and wildlife can lead our respective lives without causing problems to each other.



Are there people in your area who hunt leopards?

Hunting of leopards only increases conflict by leaving injured animals or leaving broken leopard families. Hence, if you hear of people who have come to your village to hunt leopards, report these people to the gram panchayat.







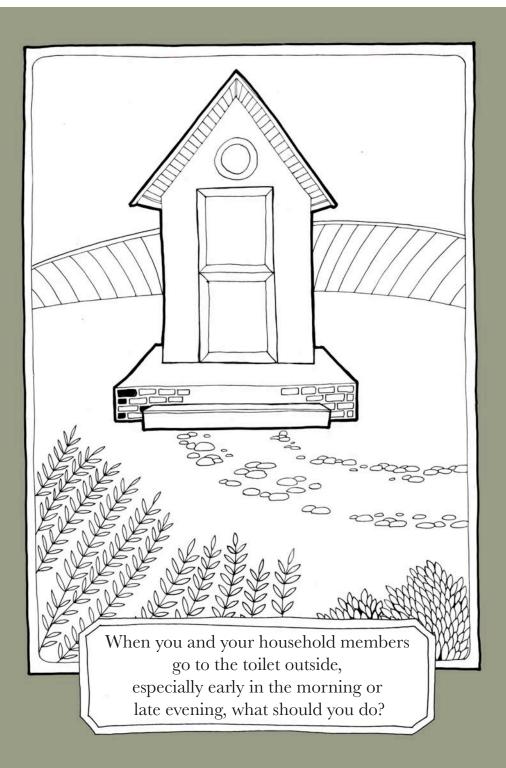


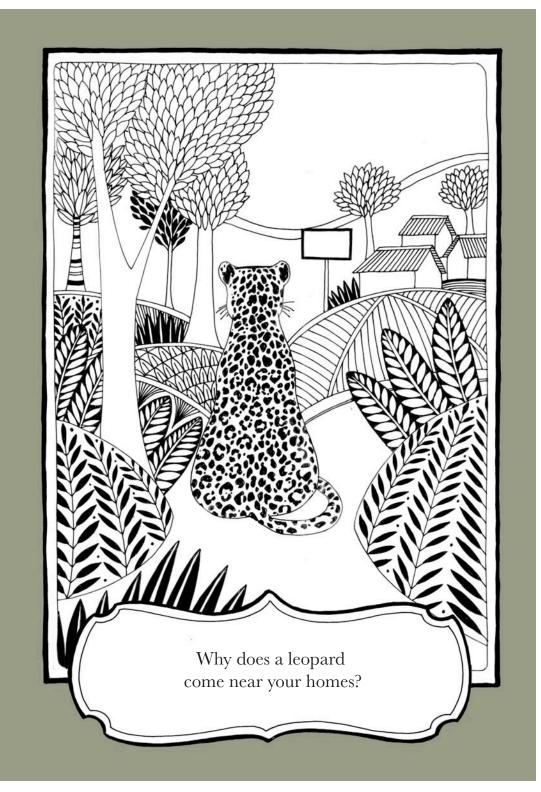










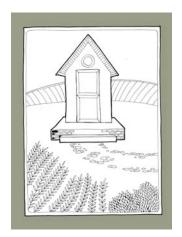




Why does a leopard come near your homes?

Leopards go wherever they find food.

They don't look at the forest or a village differently; for them it's just a place to find food.



When you and your household members go to the toilet outside, especially early in the morning or late evening, what should you do?

Get a toilet constructed in your or near your home so you don't need to go out. There are Government schemes that support this. Haven't you heard of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan? It is more hygienic not to defecate outdoors.

If you have to go outside then always take someone with you who can stand nearby with a torch.







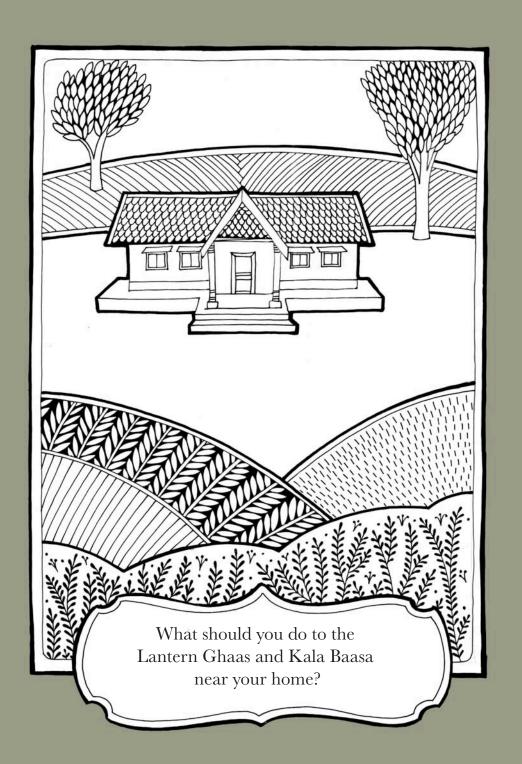


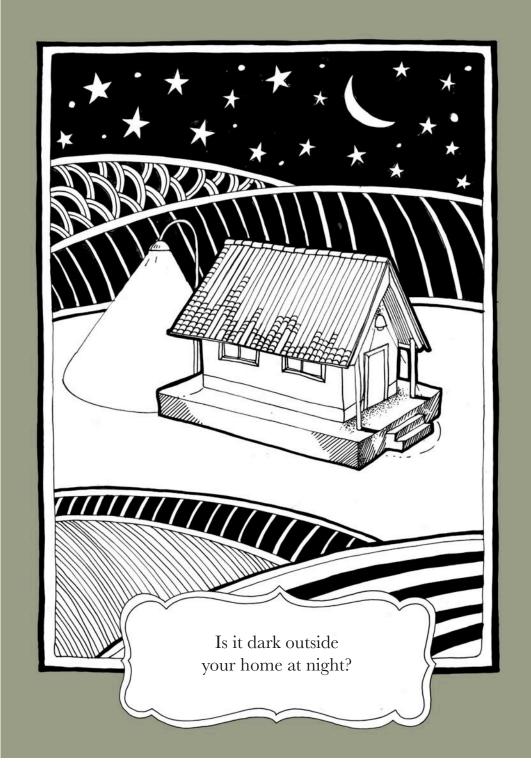








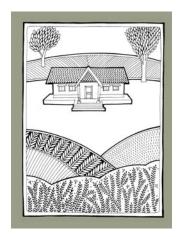






Is it dark outside your home at night?

Ensure the area outside your home is well lit. Keep the light on the whole night, so that wild animals, such as leopards, don't remain hidden from your sight.



What should you do to the Lantern Ghaas and Kala Baasa near your home?

Shrubs and bushes near your home and on frequently used tracks provide place for the leopard to hide. These should be cleared. Don't wait for the Forest Department or other agencies to help you. Why can't we get together in the village to do this together?







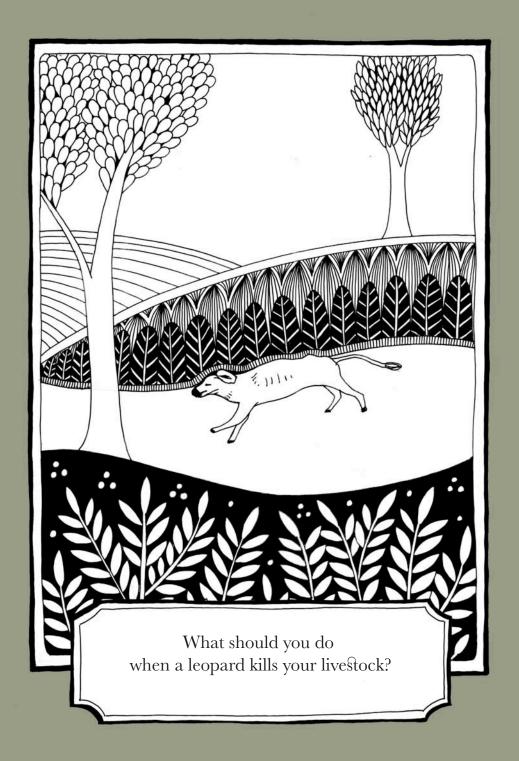


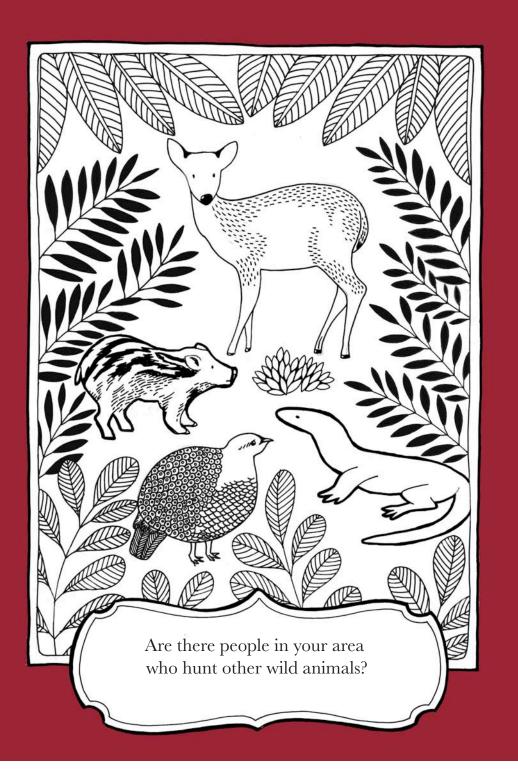








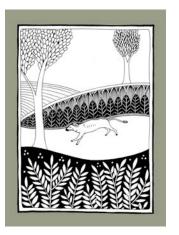






Are there people in your area who hunt other wild animals?

Other wild animals, like Barking deer, are food for the leopard. If wild prey is killed in the adjoining forests, then the only food for the leopard is your domestic animals.



What should you do when a leopard kills your livestock??

After following the necessary procedure for claiming compensation, you should leave the livestock where it is. If you remove it, the leopard will have to kill another animal to satisfy its hunger, creating a loss for some other farmer.















