



Sas and wrangler Sugar riding in the taiga to the Dukha settlement



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Nomadicare supports and preserves traditional Mongolian nomadic culture through healthcare, films, and stories.

Nomadicare 2019

Dear Friends,

We are excited to announce that our latest film *Transition* will be released in early 2020. Every single contribution you have made to Nomadicare has made a difference. All recent donors are credited at the end of this new film because, whether you have donated towards vitamin or hygiene kits or been an executive producer, this movie could not have happened without you.

As a result of taking and distributing healthcare supplies to the taiga for many years, we have built trust with the herders, who generously allow our cameras access to their lives.

We feel blessed to be given the resources to follow our dreams, the privilege of working with Mongolians, and your confidence in us. During nineteen trips in twenty-five years, we have witnessed children and young people grow up and become influential in education, politics, business, and communities. Some have even become shamans.

Our movies are a way to share this experience with you, the public, and the nomadic herders themselves.

Please help us complete the process of getting the film out in the world. See the new trailer on Nomadicare's website, on Vimeo at <https://vimeo.com/369469345> and on Facebook (nomadicare.ORG) and share it widely.

Since the next step is distribution, we ask for your help with gift support, ideas, and any contacts in the area of documentary distribution.

Please continue to be as generous as possible to help Nomadicare.

With great gratitude,



Reindeer antler amulets carved by the Dukha



Ts. Amgalan venerable Dukha reindeer herder in the West Taiga with saddlebags he made of his reindeer skins

Antler Amulets and 2000 Reindeer

The reindeer of the Dukha herders are healthy with expanding herds, but they haven't always been.

When Dan Plumley started visiting the Dukha in the nineties, the herds were small, totaling some 400 - 600 reindeer. Dan discovered that herders were supplementing their food budgets by cutting velvet (live) antlers for Chinese medicine. This made the reindeer susceptible to parasites and other disease. He, and later Nomadicare, began to furnish carving tools so the herders could carve designs on the antlers, which fall off naturally each year.

The herders now sell artistic amulets and carvings to supplement their income. Nomadicare further supports them by buying the artwork from the herders and making it available to support our work. They are available directly from Nomadicare or from Nomadicare Mongolia on Etsy.

And, by the way, this summer the Dukha celebrated with a 2000 Reindeer Festival!

Mongolian Culture Study



Urts (Siberian tipi) erected at the Lincoln Community School while learning about Dukha reindeer herder homes.



Lincoln Community School student Eloise made this doll with a deel, Mongolian costume.

If you happen to be in Lincoln, Vermont, ask any child under twelve about Mongolia and he or she will have something to tell you. Narantsetseg Tseveendulam, Jen Schweppe, and Sas spent many days in January and February (2019) sharing Mongolia with the community. The teachers at Lincoln Community School led "expert" groups on many aspects of Mongolian life: making and eating yogurt and dumplings, sewing dolls and making traditional deel costumes for them, having visiting reindeer (!), seeing their names written in Cyrillic, celebrating holidays, making prayer flags and Tsam masks, singing, dancing, creating music, and even building a ger (yurt) and urts (Siberian tipi) in the school yard. In March, students demonstrated their projects at an all-school festival with parents and community attending.



Dr. Khongoroo, protagonist of Transition, examines a Dukha child in an urts.

Plans for 2020

Stories: Sas will be a resident-in-writing at the Vermont Studio Center in January.

Film Festivals: Nomadicare will apply to and attend film festivals for Transition.

Offering: Mongolian Culture Study for elementary schools and movie screenings for colleges. Movies available are *Migration*, *Ceremony*, and *Gobi Women's Song*.

Archive: Update our 25 - year archive in preparation for possible sharing with Western Washington University, Washington, the Library of Congress in Washington DC, and the University of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

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TRANSITION

Town Hall Theater,

Middlebury

Saturday, **Dec. 7**

Reception **7pm** Screening **8pm**

\$20 donation

Remembering Chimedee Chimedtseren Dorjgotov



Chimedee with her horse in the production of Transition

Nomadicare's interpreter and assistant, Chimedee, 32, died suddenly at her parent's nomadic home in August. Chimedee was the first Mongolian woman to backpack alone around Asia, the US, and Europe for nearly two years and publish two books in Mongolian about the experience. Chimedee traveled to the taiga five times for Nomadicare. She was part of the production team for *Migration* and *Transition*. For two years Chimedee represented Nomadicare delivering vitamins and hygiene kits alone. She managed sales of *Reindeer Herders in My Heart* to Mongolian bookstores for five years, carrying heavy boxes of books effortlessly while walking in the hot, dusty streets of Ulaanbaatar. Chimedee accompanied Naraa and Orkhon to Boston twice as translator and guide while Naraa got burn treatments at Shriners Hospital and danced at the Town Hall Theater in Middlebury on New Year's Eve. She will be greatly missed.

Please check our [English and Mongolian website](#) designed by Jennifer Scheppe