

Weekly report of Kalimpong Animal Shelter

The number of clinical cases has increased at Kalimpong Animal Shelter as the viral disease – canine Parvovirus and Distemper is active. Although the viral disease was active all year round this time, which is pretty weird, it looks like the cases will double up in these cold winter months.

Dogs if vaccinated against this disease have a better chance to fight the virus as they build immunity. But they too sometimes catch the virus. Recovery rates in those inoculated dogs are better than those that are not.

The KAS team has been treating the sick animals and doing their best to help those that have chances of recovery. Dogs with acute problems are handled by the Vet, Dr. Deo.



There were many pet cats and dogs brought to KAS this week for spaying. Owners take prior appointment with the vet for spaying and are called accordingly. As winter is around the corner, the dogs after their spaying are placed near the room heater to keep them warm and help them wake up back to their consciousness.





A few dogs have been surrendered to KAS as the caretakers had to leave for another city on job transfer. These dogs are now sheltered at KAS. We take less surrenders these days due to less space, but sometimes, it is unavoidable depending on statements given by the owners.



An admitted cat with multiple fractures got her leg amputated by Dr. Deo on Wednesday. The cat was later handed over to the owner.



Intestinal obstruction in a dog after swallowing a nipple

A dog that had ingested a nipple was brought to KAS seeking help this week. The owner mentioned Dr. Deo that the dog had not been able to retain food. Dr. Deo saw the case, examined the dog and suggested the owner of an X-ray. Upon the X-ray report, it was found out the dog had swallowed a nipple which had obstructed the dog from eating for days. As the nipple had been lodged in the intestine, exploratory surgery was conducted by Dr. Deo on Wednesday to remove this foreign body. It was a long procedure, but Dr. Deo and Vet Asst. Mr. Lil were successful in removing this object. The dog after regaining consciousness was handed over to the owner. Dr. Deo advised the owner to bring the dog for the follow-up and to keep the dog on drips for a few days. The dog is recovering gradually.



A surrendered puppy found a loving home this week.



A village camp was conducted at Takdah Cantonment, Darjeeling by the KAS team on Friday. The camp was organised by the team members from Maitri Animal Care at Tiny Angels' School. The KAS vet. Dr. Deo and team spayed 34 dogs including pet dogs and strays there. The camp was a successful with good recovery on dogs post spaying. To spay 34 dogs in one day was a big task taken by Dr. Deo and Mr. Lil and of course, the whole KAS team – Mr. Lakpa, Padam, Roshan, etc.

While they were at camp, the Animal Shelter Clinic had other team members, Mr. Sanjeev and Mahesh to look after and treat the animal patients at KAS.





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