



Monthly Report

Kalimpong Animal Shelter

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Strengthening Animal Birth Control and Awareness



The Animal Birth Control (ABC) programme conducted regularly by Kalimpong Animal Shelter, including occasional camps, continues to change lives for dogs and the community. Each week, the Shelter welcomes a mix of street dogs and owned pets for sterilisation, a sign that awareness around the ABC programme is steadily growing.

However, gaps in understanding still persist in some rural areas. A female dog from a village was given Sangini, an oral contraceptive pill still used in some areas to control reproduction in dogs. Despite the pill, the dog conceived and later suffered from dystocia—a serious condition caused by difficult or obstructed labour. Oral contraceptives like Sangini are known to cause various gynaecological complications in animals.



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The dog was in severe pain and needed urgent help. That was when the owner was advised to take her to the Shelter, where she would receive the necessary treatment.



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After careful examination, the attending veterinarian, Dr. Pandey, recommended an ovario-hysterectomy to stabilise her condition and save her life. The surgery was successful, and the owner was counselled about the risks associated with such oral medications and the importance of proper sterilisation through the ABC programme.

Humane Education Programme - A Visit from Army Public School Students

On May 6th, Kalimpong Animal Shelter hosted 10 students from the Rotary Interact Club of Army Public School, Kalimpong. Accompanied by their teacher, Ms. Janvi Dahal, the students brought along treats for the resident animals. The visit was part of a broader effort to help young people understand the value of animal welfare, compassion, and coexistence.





Humane Education Programme - A Visit from Army Public School Students

The students were given a guided tour of the Shelter by Yogita, Dr. Deo, and Arpan. During the visit, they were introduced to key issues such as rabies prevention, dog population control, the risks of dog bites, and the role of animal shelters in protecting both animals and public health. Discussions also touched upon the broader theme of reducing human-animal conflict and promoting harmony with the environment.



The Humane Education Programme continues to serve as a valuable tool in bridging the gap between young minds and animal welfare.

Our experience shows that children who visit the Shelter and spend time around animals quickly begin to empathise with them. Witnessing animals in need firsthand helps nurture kindness and a deeper sense of responsibility. The students thoroughly enjoyed their time at the Shelter-socialising with the animals, feeding them, and learning about their needs. They left with a renewed understanding of animal care and their part in fostering a more compassionate community.





Dogs Reunite with their Community Feeder - 7th Mile (Previous Month)

Following last month's rabies concern at 7th Mile, the Kalimpong Animal Shelter team responded promptly and rescued several dogs involved in a reported fight with a jackal. Among the rescues were two community dogs from the area who were brought in for observation and care.



These dogs, while not owned, are regularly fed and cared for by local residents, including a retired colonel. As a precaution, both were given post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) vaccinations and kept under observation at the Shelter for a month.

Well-regarded by those in their neighbourhood, the dogs had been missed. After their recovery and monitoring at KAS, their feeder arrived to take them back. The reunion was heartwarming.





Evening Rescue: Hit-and-Run Case

One evening this month, Yogita responded to a distress call about a dog involved in a hit-and-run incident. Although several bystanders witnessed the accident, no one initially came forward to help. The injured dog was left on the roadside until Yogita stepped in and requested two young boys nearby to help her. Together, they brought the dog to the Shelter.

At Kalimpong Animal Shelter, the dog was immediately given pain medication and treatment for injuries to her hind legs. Sadly, such hit-and-run cases are becoming increasingly common in the Hills.



Siliguri ABC Camp Continues

The ABC camp in Siliguri, conducted in collaboration with the Municipal Corporation and Animal Helpline, Siliguri, is ongoing. Kalimpong Animal Shelter's team-Dr. Deo, Lil, Lakpa and Roshan-continue their visits to assist with the increasing stray dog population in the city.



Siliguri ABC Camp Continues

With each camp, the demand grows, and Dr. Deo's consistent commitment is making a strong impact. This month, 108 dogs and 22 cats underwent sterilisation under the ABC programme.

Following the Siliguri camp, similar ABC efforts were carried out in the nearby rural areas of Kalimpong, further extending the reach of this essential work.



Dogs Attacked by Deer in Algarah



In a rare and concerning incident from Algarah, a small town in Kalimpong surrounded by dense forest, two owned dogs were attacked by a deer.



Algarah, located about 15 km from the main town, is home to many villages and hamlets nestled amidst rich forest cover.

Dog Attacked by Deer in Algarah

Both dogs sustained deep lacerations, particularly around the neck and back. The owner shared that he had witnessed the deer fleeing while his dogs yelped in distress. They were immediately brought to Kalimpong Animal Shelter, where their wounds were treated, stitched, and managed with pain medication under careful observation.



The dogs showed remarkable resilience in recovering from such severe injuries. The Shelter has been following up with the owners by phone, and both dogs are now healing well at home.

Anti-Rabies Vaccination Drive in Gorubathan

The Kalimpong Animal Shelter (KAS) team, in collaboration with the Animal Resources Development (ARD) Department led by Dr. Deven and Dr. Deo Pandey, visited Gorubathan to address rising concerns related to dog bites and street dog population. Both teams worked tirelessly, continuing their efforts late into the night.





ARV camp at Gorubathan

Visit from WVS Team



Pic- The KAS team-Mr.Arpan,Dr.Deo,Yogita,Mahesh along with Dr.Ilona,Nigel,Dr.Mihir & Dr.Shivani

On 22nd May, Dr. Ilona Otter – Clinical Director of Worldwide Veterinary Service (WVS) – along with Nigel, visited Kalimpong Animal Shelter. They were joined by Dr. Mihir, Project Lead for Mission Rabies, and Dr. Shivani, Vet-in-Charge at Darjeeling Animal Shelter, for a tour of the premises.

Over lunch, the KAS team- Dr.Deo,Arpan and Yogita had a meaningful discussion on animal welfare concerns and shared the vision and long-standing work of Dr. Christine, founder of Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter.





Monthly Recap

Ongoing Rescue Operations

Kalimpong Animal Shelter continued its regular rescue efforts this month, bringing in 11 street dogs in need of medical attention and sterilisation under the ABC programme. These ongoing rescues ensure timely care and help manage the street dog population humanely.

Animal Care Day

Mondays at the Shelter are set aside for dedicated animal care. Many resident dogs, especially those with skin conditions like mange, are receiving regular treatment. Cats at the Shelter are also being looked after, with ongoing flea treatments and routine vaccinations to keep them healthy and comfortable.



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