

WORKING FOR ANIMALS



HELPING ANIMALS IN INDIA

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YOUR HELP IS ENABLING US TO HELP THE ANIMALS OF INDIA

We will never stop fighting: and you're the reason we're able to rescue suffering dogs from the street and to help people who bring their beloved animals to us, seeking our advice. There is no other shelter in Kalimpong or Darjeeling which have the facilities available at either KAS or DAS. If the person is well-off, we ask for a donation, but if the person is struggling financially, we give free treatment.

You are helping us to protect animals in India, so we wish to thank you greatly. Only because of you, one can read about the animals we have saved and re-homed.

NEW OPERATING THEATRE AT KAS

Kalimpong Animal Shelter now has a state-of-the-art Operating Theatre (thanks to Animaux Secours). This is of great welfare benefit because it means that animals can undergo blood tests and x-ray examinations. For example, one dog's blood was analysed and Dr. Deo Pandey was able to determine the dog had an infection, and therefore he should not operate for a couple of days until the dog had been given antibiotics to get rid of the infection.

Now street dogs and owner dogs can be treated for fractured legs, urinary calculi, pyometra, kidney, liver and pancreatic issues. There is also an x-ray machine and we are fortunate that Alain DuPont, a French Builder, has volunteered his time freely to construct this resource.

Yogita Chettri, Publicity Officer.



Situated in the hill stations of West Bengal in India are the two beautiful sister towns, Darjeeling and Kalimpong - only two and a half hours' drive from each other. And in these hill stations are two sister organisations: Kalimpong Animal Shelter and Darjeeling Animal Shelter. They were founded in the year, 1998 by an Australian animal activist, Dr. Christine Townend, assisted by her husband, Jeremy. The main purpose for starting the Shelters was to help the dogs that were dying in great agony due to strychnine poisoning. India then had a great many dogs living in poor conditions, and when Christine and Jeremy visited Darjeeling, in their summer break, they were horrified to see so many crippled, wounded and dying dogs. And the dog population was escalating. Fortunately Christine and Jeremy had been working on an ABC (Animal Birth Control) programme in Jaipur, and persuaded the municipality of Jaipur to stop all killing of dogs. This is because a neutered and vaccinated dog guards her biological space from intruding dogs, which might carry rabies. We are grateful to the Municipalities of Darjeeling and Kalimpong, who have not killed a dog since then.

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CATCHING DOGS: Usually the street dogs are very shy and cautious. When this is the case a net is used to capture the dog carefully, without damaging her at all.



PLACEMENT IN THE VEHICLE: The dog is then carefully placed in the shelter vehicle so that she is not injured in any way. Up to 10 dogs can be collected at a time.



WEAK DOG: This dog was collected during normal Animal Birth Control collection. Thin and weak, she was treated and when healthy, vaccinated, sterilised and placed back on the street.



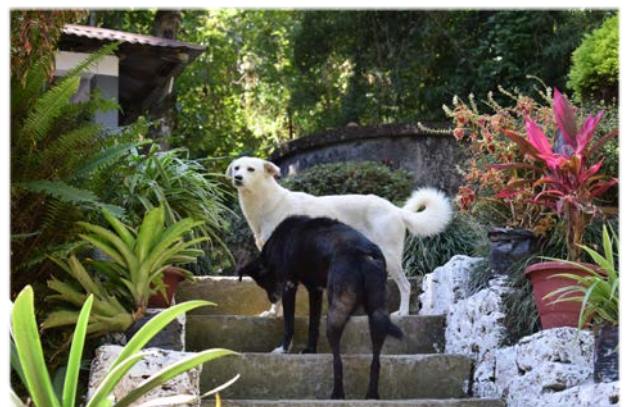
Many dogs (see above) have either boiling water thrown at them or are hit with a kukuri (big Nepalese knife) in order to frighten them away as they hang round houses trying to obtain food. The photos above show three dogs who have been rescued, either because boiling water was thrown at them, or because they were attacked by a kukuri or other knife.



Furmit Lepcha, manager at DAS, inspects a street dog who has been rescued, spayed and vaccinated.



The new facilities in the Operating Theatre save the lives of so many cats and dogs. Above is the blood reading machine and below the x-ray machine. Thank you Animaux Secours



AT KAS & DAS HEALTHY DOGS ARE FREE TO WANDER ROUND THE SHELTER

Staff from KAS and DAS, & volunteers and helpers

Vaccinating a puppy at Dara Gaon Camp



Healthy animals are adopted from DAS



CAMPS

In 2018 KAS organised:

CAMPS 362

DOGS OPERATED 2199

CATS SPAYED 157

In camps, 14,214 dogs were vaccinated despite Kalimpong being closed for three months

NUMBERS

KAS VACCINATED 2024 dogs and 88 cats against rabies. This was apart from animals operated at KAS

913

Number of dogs spayed at KAS.

50

Number of cats sterilised at KAS

OAM FOR CHRISTINE TOWNEND

I feel very proud to announce that our wonderful Christine Townend, co-founder with her husband Jeremy of Working For Animals, received an Order Of Australia medal in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Christine received the award for her service to animal welfare. We who work with and are friends of Christine know of her exceptional devotion to animals and to their care and for her strength to speak out for them in many difficult and varied situations over many years.

The actual citation from the Governor General read:

MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION:

Dr Christine Elizabeth TOWNEND, Leura NSW 2780

For service to animal welfare.

- **Animals Australia.** Director, since 2017. Co-founder 1980
- **.Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter:** Founder, 1980. Trustee, since 1993.
- **Working for Animals INC Formerly known as Help in Suffering (NSW)** Committee Member, current. Volunteer, current. Involved in the establishment, 1995.
- **Help in Suffering** Patron, current. Joint Managing Trustee, 1990-2007.
- **Animal Liberation:** Volunteer, current. Founder, 1976.
- **NSW Animal Societies Federation** Former Volunteer.
- Involved in the formation of the Animal Welfare Advisory Council.
- Committee Member, Australian Animal Studies Association, current.
- Assistant Editor, Australian Animal Protection Law Journal, current.
- Former Member, CSIRO Advisory Committee, Ethics of Animals in Research, CSIRO.

It is therefore very pleasing to us on the committee of Working For Animals that the government has awarded her this honour.

Jeannette Lloyd Jones,
President,
Working For Animals.



Christine Townend, founder of DAS and KAS.



The dogs (above) had a bad time when people threw boiling water over them, tired of them lurking around their houses. The shelter, upon receiving a phone call from a member of the public, collected these dogs and was able to treat them.. Both KAS and DAS are able to treat these dogs and, after a full recovery, they can be spayed, vaccinated and returned to the street.



Another case of scalding, rescued by KAS, healed, spayed, and vaccinated, then released again in the spot where she was caught.