

## Combined report of KALIMPONG ANIMAL SHELTER from the last three weeks (23<sup>rd</sup> of April– 7<sup>th</sup> of May)

The Covid-19 spike in India is alarming, as the nation continues to battle against the second wave of the Virus, the populous cities of India, Delhi NCR and Mumbai are facing the worst horrible situation. The Covid crisis has hit other states as well including West Bengal, where the Govt. has imposed strict lockdown from the last few days. Only essential services are open that too, with strict rules and Covid protocol and stipulated timings for grocery departmental stores, etc.

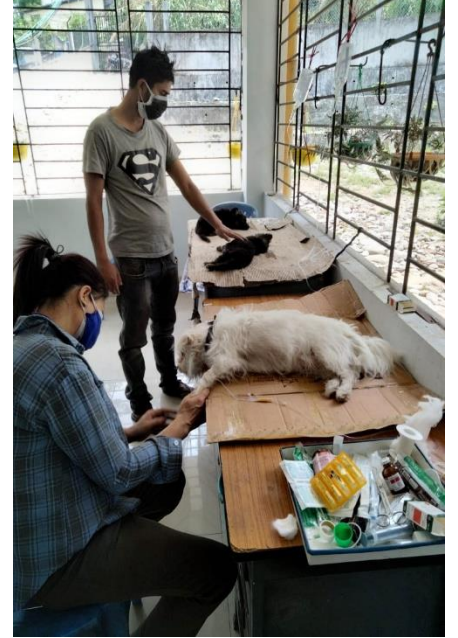
Being an Animal Healthy facility Centre, Kalimpong Animal Shelter (KAS) and its sister org. Darjeeling Animal Shelter (DAS) will remain open now in and in days ahead even in this state-wide-lockdown, but with a few changes such as, staff working on rotation and specific days for conducting the Animal Birth Control Programme at KAS. With effect from the next week, April 10, 2021, both KAS & DAS will maintain the same.

It has been over a week, Kalimpong Animal Shelter is fully open now after the two week of partial shutdown of the Animal Shelter when one of the KAS members was tested Covid positive. Now that the incubation period is over and all are safe and sound so far, the management decided to open KAS fully. However, work timings of the staff members may vary. Even in these two hill towns, Kalimpong & Darjeeling as per the media reports, many cases of Covid are rising every week. But we are a little relieved to say, all of the staff members have been vaccinated against Covid-19, which by chance may build the defense mechanism in us to fight the disease. Thanks to Vet, Dr. Deo who took the initiative earlier to avail the Covid jab to all our team.

If you might wonder where all the sick animals were treated when KAS was closed down for owners' pet animals for more than two weeks then, We must say, all the sick animals were sent to a Govt. Animal Health Clinic at Children's Park, Kalimpong as the KAS Vet, Dr. Deo had requested the Govt. Vets to arrange a room for the sick dogs and treat them. But since many of the Govt. Vets mainly focus on treatment of large animals and not small animals, Dr. Deo had to attend the Govt. Clinic there and treat the small animals properly. Vet assistant, Mr. Lil was also present there every day along with Dr. Deo to treat the outpatients. Because of this small arrangement for the animals, the sick animals were not left stranded. On the other hand, we at KAS also during such a crisis managed to work on rotation with three staff every day to feed the sheltered animals and treat some of the admitted dogs to the KAS kennel.



Few pictures of Animal Treatment at the Govt. Clinic by Dr. Deo and Lil from KAS



Dr. Deo working on a dystocia case in a cow at evening

During the partial shutdown at Kalimpong Animal Shelter, the staff who were present on rotation, were helping some of the animals living close by the Shelter by making home visits. They were requested to treat sick goats.



Sheltered animals were fed on time and some treated as well.





DOG KITCHEN AT KAS

No animal was kept hungry.

After two and a half weeks of the incubation period, normalcy was restored at KAS and it was fully open so the owners could bring their sick pet animals for treatment to the KAS clinic. There were animal patients who came in for vaccination| health check-up and treatment. We were glad to be back again to meet everybody and work together as a team.



One puppy and a senior dog from KAS have found a loving and forever Home this week.

