

## Weekly Report

In both towns, Kalimpong and Darjeeling there is a sense of normalcy now after the Covid lockdown. There has been relaxation on essential services and even micro business, so the town is now fully open more or less. But the Covid cases are rising every day in some parts of town and mainly far flung places. Despite that, people are used to such news and are living by it and all business sectors and markets are functioning back again.

India is expecting the third wave of Covid in a few months, according to the news updates, may be another lockdown can be imposed then. But now with less restrictions, it looks quite normal! People have also been travelling from neighbouring towns and so are the pet owners who want to get their pet animals spayed, checked and treated at Kalimpong Animal Shelter (KAS).

Some days, we are seeing heavy rain due to monsoon here, and other days, a lot of sunshine – it is unbelievable that Kalimpong is experiencing hot and humid weather for the last couple of years. Probably all because of climate change.

Focusing on our work activities at Kalimpong Animal Shelter, we have to say that the week has been quite constructive

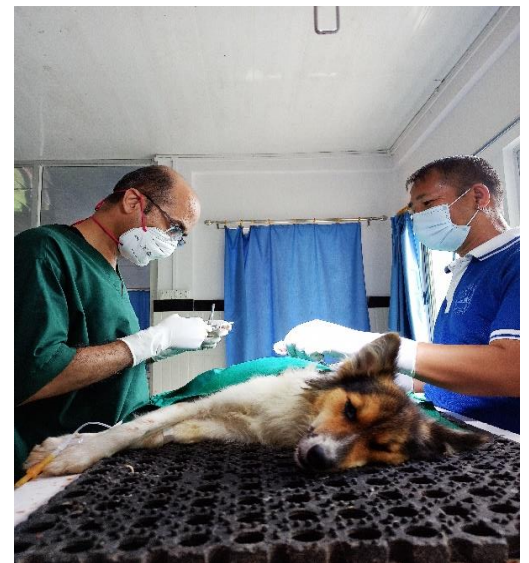
with everyone putting in their hard work. The number of animal cases is so high sometimes that the Vet and team are very busy. Every Sunday, two of the staff members handle the animal cases at KAS when others have their off day. Mostly, there are less cases on Sunday and more to do with the follow-up treatment.



Starting Monday, there were numerous cases and new outpatients coming for treatment, whereas others visited for getting their pet cats and dogs spayed. There were more than twenty dogs that were spayed on that day by Dr. Deo assisted by the Vet. Asst. Mr. Lil.



Owners waiting outside the Operating Theatre at KAS. Other photos show- pre and post-surgery. Dr. Deo and team working on Animal Birth Control Prg. on dogs.



As the lockdown has eased, many owners from far flung places had also come to get their animals spayed.



We saw about eighteen outpatients in the least, on Monday. They were mostly sick and had to put on drips at the KAS clinic and fewer others were there for the blood test.

Members from a new animal Ngo, K9 Group from Kurseong, a neighbouring town, had also brought two rescue dogs with tumour and fractured leg on Monday.



Dr. Deo managed to see all the cases that day after spaying dogs and performed blood tests on a few dogs.



On Tuesday, the team made runway rounds to check upon the sick and treated those dogs besides treating owned pet animals at the Clinic.

Also, a senior dog that had been sheltered in the runway was rehomed. She was spayed at KAS earlier. The adopters were had seen the dog before and were genuinely wanting to adopt. We knew the dog was going to be in safe hands of these young owners who loves dogs so, we gave the dog to them after filling the Adoption form and their details.



On Wednesday, there was a Village Spay and Neuter camp at Dungra Busty in Kalimpong. The camp was organised by the Govt. Veterinary Department. Many community and owned dogs were spayed there.



**Mr.Mahesh preparing the dog for spaying and on the other, Dr. Deo is seen performing sterilisation on a dog assited by Mr. Lil**

While they were on camp, Mr. Sanjeev and Padam were there to handle animal cases and treatment at the Shelter Clinic. Dr. Deo is always available to instruct the Vet Assistants with treatment of animals via phone even when he is out at camp or on leave.

As mentioned earlier, the Distemper outbreak in dogs is on the rise and there are ample cases every day followed by flu, nausea, indigestion, diarrhoea in dogs. Few cats and goats are also coming for treatment.

The change in weather has been affecting these animals.



**Sick kittens and a goat for treatment at KAS**



We met our Darjeeling Shelter Vet, Dr. Mihir in a long time at KAS on Thursday. He had come on his break and he was happy to see the ongoing cattery work at KAS. Mr. Norden from Holumba had come last week to visit the site and discuss about the interior of the cattery. Mr. Alain, our advisor at KAS has been of great help in supervising the Cattery and all the designs. We hope the Cattery project will be complete soon so that the cats can enjoy there and as their sponsors, Dr. Laura and Harry wished for. Thanks to Mr. Alain for his valuable inputs.



**New Cattery – Work in progress**



Our team had to leave for another Village Spay and Neuter Camp on Friday. The camp was held in Nimong Busty and was organised by the Kalimpong PFA family that has newly come up in town. PFA- People for Animals is run by Smt. Maneka Gandhi with branches all over India now.

Kalimpong Animal Shelter has always been conducting such Animal Birth Control (ABC) camps in different parts of Kalimpong and reaching out. Every year, we do the follow up camps in such places including Nimong with the help of a Village coordinator. This time, People for Animals Kalimpong, organised it taking help of KAS for the ABC Prg. A total of 16 community dogs and 8 other pet dogs were sterilised there on 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2021. Thanks to Animal Protection Network, Sweden for supporting our Village camps and Cats' ABC.



Saturday was just another day with more animal cases at the KAS clinic. We, too, have received some rice bags donated by people who we usually give service to. Thanks to them.



Rice bags donated to our furry family at KAS. Mr. Arpan and Sanjeev are hoarding it in the corner. And to the right, Dr. Mihir and Mr. Alain are exchanging words in the newly done Green House at KAS initiated by Alain.