

Weekly Report from Darjeeling Animal Shelter (DAS)

Daily rescue calls, emergencies and catching of dogs' ward vaccinations keep the Darjeeling Animal Shelter team engaged. The DGAS team has been performing the Animal Birth Control Prg. on dogs funded by Dogs Trust Worldwide. Early in the morning, the team leaves for catching new street dogs that have been located by them. They have been fully focused on spaying and neutering street dogs from Darjeeling thus, reaching the monthly target of ABC on 80 dogs.

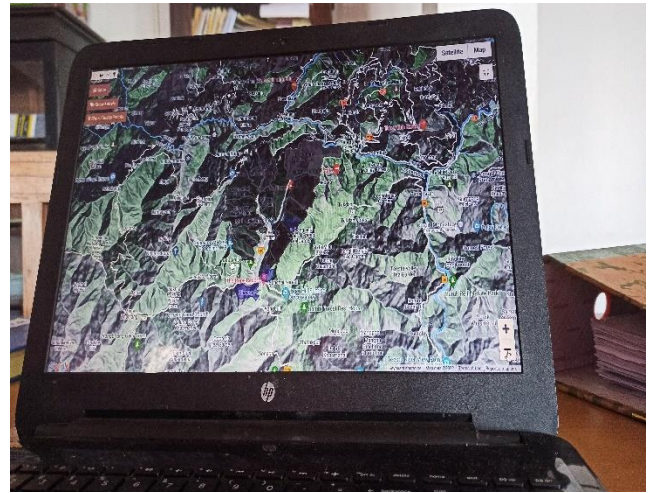


The DAS team releasing a dog after getting her spayed

Alongside, ward wise Anti-rabies Vaccination in dogs in different wards is continuing. The DAS team led by Dr. Mihir started the Ward wise Anti-rabies Vaccination camp in the year 2019 and they covered 26 Wards from Darjeeling. Since the pandemic started, the DAS team had a little difficulty in completing the follow up vaccination in all other wards, but gradually, they completed the anti-rabies vaccination follow up on new and old dogs, both community and street dogs in 2021.

Dr. Mihir has the count of the number of dogs that have been vaccinated so far. The census he is working on will be complete soon, he says and then, Darjeeling town can be declared a 'rabies free zone' officially.

Vet, Mihir has mapped all the wards where vaccination against rabies is complete. Listing the names of wards and mapping takes a little extra time but it clearly shows the area that's vaccinated and makes it all systematic, Dr. Mihir says.



Dr. Mihir illustrating the maps of all the wards in Darjeeling that have been vaccinated

Secondly, the DGAS team has been attending to clinical cases of animals, usually small animals, cats and dogs though the number of cases is less than the sister shelter, Kalimpong Animal Shelter. Every day, there are a few cases to attend to because of the canine parvovirus and Distemper. Sometimes, farmed animals like goats come for treatment like this one there, with a broken horn.





Cases at the Shelter Clinic

Besides, Darjeeling Animal Shelter also has been attending to calls for rescues. Almost every day, there is a rescue call from Teas estates or nearby town areas. The Shelter's kennels are full of rescues and admit dogs for their ABC. Dogs coming for their ABC after they are spayed are kept for a day and checked before releasing to their original place.



Dr.Mihir carrying out ABC on a street dog



New dog with the blue colour patch on her forehead admitted at the Shelter for a day after she's spayed, the blue mark shows that she's vaccinated.

Some of the admitted dogs for their ABC



Rescue & on spot treatment by the team



Mr. Rudra and Robert carrying a rescue dog to the kennel



The DAS team providing on spot treatment on a street dog suffering with mange

Some of the old sheltered dogs, Cricket and Digvy have died recently because of geriatric issues. The Shelter has fewer other dogs now that are doing fine and enjoying their days. These dogs are so friendly and love greeting people at the door. All are healthy looking, both cats and dogs.

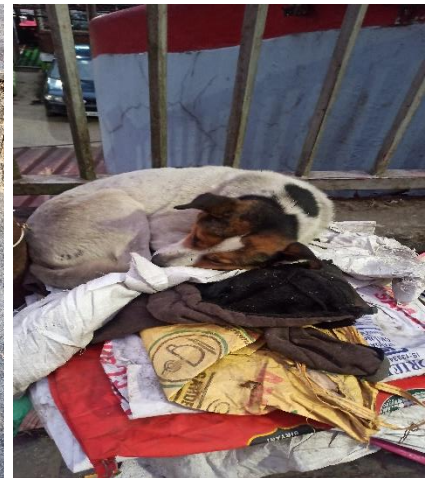
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The remaining furry ones at the Shelter , lucky enough and are happily enjoying their days. Pics below :



Below are - the street dogs from Chowrasta, Darjeeling , seen last week . These dogs are vaccinated, spayed and neutered by DAS. These dogs sleep on the pavilion there and some on the pavements or anywhere. Chowrasta has tourists coming in and our DAS team has ensured that all the street dogs there are properly vaccinated against rabies, thus making it a safe zone for tourists and passers by.



Also,we spotted an old pony there . A few ponies are always seen around as they are used for rides there. The DAS team in the past would sometimes help these ponies with tretamnet of their wounds and hooves,etc.



Surrendered puppies for adoption at the Animal Shelter. The DAS team has been searching for a loving home for these puppies via posts on social media. Although it is a bad time for these puppies due to cold and harsh winter and not forgetting, Parvovirus and Canine Distemper, we are hoping they get adopted. The sooner, the better for them.



Dr. Mihir working on rabies kit at the Shelter. On the other hand, Manager, Mr. Arpan and Ms. Furmit at the Darjeeling Animal Shelter office exchanging words on Accounts.



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Thank you