

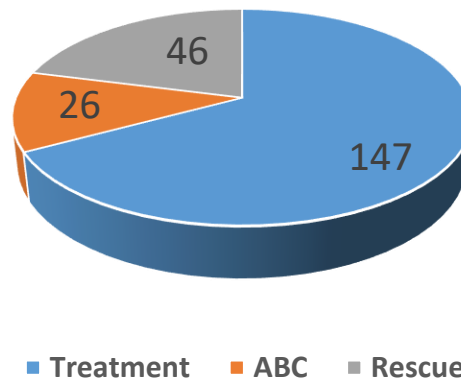
Darjeeling Animal Shelter

The sister Shelter has been carrying out tremendous rescue work as always. Rescue and the Dogs' Trust project of vaccinating and spaying dogs keep them very busy. In the month of December, the team completed Anti-rabies Vaccination in the following wards of Darjeeling respectively – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 13, 23.



The team has been successful in conducting post-surveys for the number of vaccinations done on dogs. The total number of vaccination done is 514.

Total no. of Treatment, ABC, and Rescue carried out in the month of December





Good news! Nine puppies were fortunate to have loving homes in the month of December. The adopters were interviewed briefly and were allowed to spend time with the puppies for some time before adoption.

A complaint was received from the Darjeeling Sadar Thana about the aggressive dog in that area. The team without further ado rescued the dog and brought him to the Shelter. The dog was kept under observation for a few days by the vet – Dr. Mihir and was neutered later.

Date: 13/12/2022

To
 Darjeeling Jangpalli
 Animal Shelter
 Lekang Darjeeling

Application: To pickup a dog.

I owner of the dog Akko Bardewa
 living near SC Quater Sadas Thana Darjeeling
 kindly request my dog Heavy colour
 brown female to be picked up and
 taken to the shelter. Due to complaints
 from the surround area due to
 cause of dog bite.

I have no obligation of the dog being
 taken my the shelter.

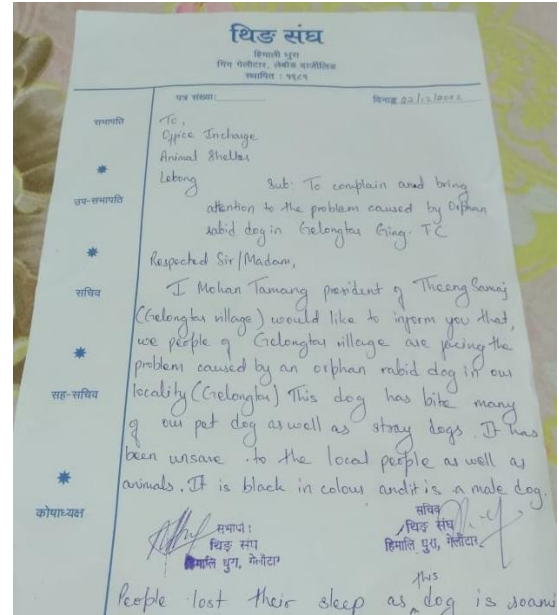
Complained by
 St Ramon Ch. P. B. S.
 of Sadar P.S.
 Dist. Darjeeling

Yours faithfully
 Kabir Bardewa
 9477821243
 Darjeeling

Now with more forest areas in Darjeeling the dogs become easy victims of the attack, and bite easily esp, the dogs living in villages. The villagers are used to seeing wild animals trespassing and the dogs are seen defending their territory where they usually become victims of the attack.

In the recent past, a similar case from Ging Gelongtar Tea Garden was forwarded to the Shelter team at DAS. It was suspected by the locals the dog was bitten by a wild animal and had rabies. Ging Gelongtar Tea Garden is a village settlement area surrounded by forests all around. There is always a great danger of wild animals trespassing.

When this incident was reported that the dog was causing menace and biting animals, the Shelter team made a quick intervention and went for an inspection when it was reported there was a dog that was causing menace and biting animals. But before the team reached the village, the dog was found dead. The DAS team along with Dr. Mihir surveyed and talked to the locals and witnesses there to collect information and evaluate the whole report in order to keep the other animals and community safe. Some said – a few animals were bitten by the dog so the DAS team made several home visits and checked on the animals. Those animals that were bitten by this dog were strictly monitored and were vaccinated post-bite exposure and the team further followed up with the post-bite prophylaxis procedure.



Complaint letter

Also, a complaint from Singmari was forwarded to the DAS team for the immediate rescue of the dog. This time, it was an owner's pet animal from Singmari that was showing symptoms of rabies as Dr. Mihir concluded the test. The dog was rescued by the team at the drop of a hat and brought to DAS but the dog died that night. Dr. Mihir and the team were vigilant and followed a series of tests on the dog which tested positive for rabies.

Lastly, Mrs. Anjana Bhutia from Mary Villa, Darjeeling donated 25 sets of blankets for the Shelter dogs. It is getting extremely cold there and some kind people are always ready to offer help.