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The monthly report from **Darjeeling Animal Shelter (DAS)**

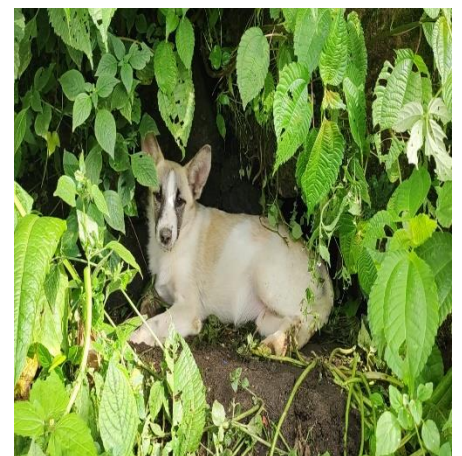
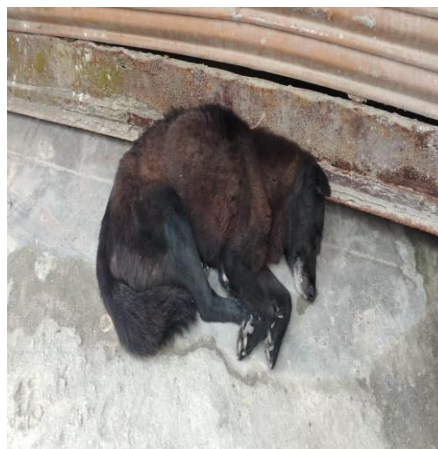
Two puppies have been adopted by the same family from Darjeeling. The puppies were dewormed and vaccinated against viral disease while they were living in the Shelter. They were checked and found healthy for adoption. The adopter was fully committed to adopting them.

Two kittens have found a happy and loving home as well.



In Picture – Many puppies still in search of home whereas a few got adopted

The Darjeeling Animal Shelter team is prompt in rescuing animals, every day they set out on rescues. Many were also rescued this month, treated, spayed, and released and a few are on the road to recovery.



Rescue dogs found in faraway lanes of Chowrasta

The team has also been treating sick animals that have been visiting the Shelter for treatment. Most of the cases comprise – Fever, diarrhea, vomiting, etc. Such cases are examined by the Vet and kept on intravenous fluids for a period of five to seven days.



Clinical treatment of animals at DAS

As October marked the month for the Diwali celebration in India, there were a few holidays and so much spirit of enjoyment all over. But the Shelter remained open throughout and helped ample animals.

Kukur Tihar for the Shelter dogs

The Kukur Tihar celebration that is always part of the Diwali festival was observed by the DGAS family as they do every year. The grandeur of this celebration is captivating and the dogs know when it is time for it as they feel extra special and loved with all the marigold garlands and praise.

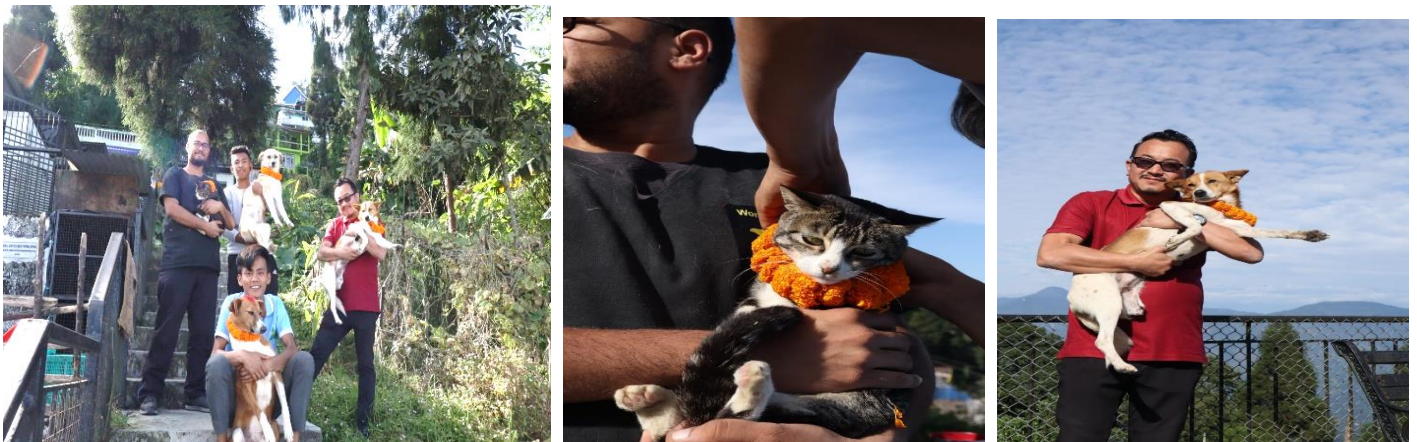
Diwali, the festival of lights and is one of the most celebrated and popular festivals of India. It is observed by all the Hindu diaspora for a period of five days for the victory of good over evil. The first three days of the festival are dedicated to particular animals such as crows, cows, and dogs followed by deities. So the people worship these animals and thank them for their services towards mankind.



Kukur Tihar meaning 'dog festival' usually falls on the second day of Diwali. It mainly originated from the country Nepal. The significance of Kukur Tihar dates back to ancient Hindu mythology where Yama – the god of death had two dogs, who were kept at the door of hell for protection. It was also believed that by worshipping dogs, the people would see death positively as the dogs would follow them on their final journey and protect them from hell. The dogs were seen to be very loyal, trustworthy, and protective then while they performed this duty at the gate of hell. In conclusion, the people started to believe and observe a day for the dogs and worshipped them for their loyalty, dedication, trust, and companionship.

On this day, the dogs are worshipped with Tika- a red coloured mark on their foreheads and with marigold flowers. They are given special treats and are thanked for their dedication to mankind.

Both sister shelters – Kalimpong and Darjeeling have been celebrating this auspicious day for the Shelter dogs for years now.



The DAS animals enjoyed their celebration as always and were happy to receive a lot of goodies and attention from visitors. Sure some of our animals are attention seekers.

We the whole team thank you for your tremendous support