

## Monthly report of Kalimpong Animal Shelter (KAS)

The dogs are quite enjoying the rain here. After some time, there is a downpour and the dogs are loving to go out and run past the greeneries in the Shelter. It is an everyday activity for the dogs that are not confined to run free and laze around whereas the confined dogs which are mainly rescues and surrendered animals are not very unfortunate. Because the Shelters have a big runway for them where they could move, play with the other dogs, and have access to their meals at all times.

There are over sixty dogs at the sister Shelter, Kalimpong Animal Shelter (KAS) at present whereas, whereas Darjeeling Animal Shelter has sheltered thirty dogs, and the numbers can rise anytime with ample rescues coming in every other day.

Although the rain is lashing in and the dogs are relieved from the heat stress esp., in Kalimpong as the town experienced sultry afternoons, the monsoon is not all about happiness and relief. Animals are more prone to water-borne diseases this season and they need care and attention. Not only this, there are more cases of dogs with bacterial infections, dermatitis, kennel cough, tick fever, etc.



The Animal Clinic is operating daily. There are animal outpatients coming in every day though the number of cases per animal is a bit less because of the rainy weather. It is always ensured all the sick animals are treated properly and followed up by the Vet until the course of treatment is over.



Needless to say, the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme has been running smoothly. The ABC Prg runs in KAS daily or on alternate days with subject to the daily roles of the Vet and team. Pet owners are given appointments for the ABC. It is absolutely necessary for pet companion animals to also pass through the ABC Programme. On the other hand, a few of the street dogs were caught and brought to KAS for the same this month and thereafter released.



The Animal Shelter team has been successful in finding homes for a few puppies that were surrendered to KAS. All those that were adopted went to a loving family. The adopters were advised on the 'upkeep of those newly adopted puppies and their booster shots to be followed by the Vet and team.



Rescue dogs are coming in to the Shelter. The team has been rescuing the sick ones and the one for the ABC Programme.



Twelve Village camps were organised in the month of August in several far-flung areas of Kalimpong.

The KAS team has travelled to Malda, a neighbouring city for the purpose of the ABC Programme. They had to halt there for two nights for the ABC Prg. which was held till late evening. The camp was organised by the Animal Resources Development Dept. The total no. of dogs spayed /neutered was 35 including the ABC of one feline.

Dr. Deo was requested to attend the Training Programme and give a presentation on Ovariohysterectomy in dogs.





On 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022, Dr Deo and Dr Mihir from Darjeeling Animal Shelter attended the meeting with the Municipality for the welfare of Ponies in Darjeeling. There are ample Ponies in Darjeeling used for rides but their health is always compromised. It was decided in the meeting to check upon Ponies, vaccinate and treat them against diseases. On that very day, the Vets went to Chowrasta for a visit to see the Ponies there which are kept in stables there. The Vets checked their health and talked to the owners, and stakeholders about their upkeep and welfare.



On 8<sup>th</sup> August, Pastor Pom Pom from Tirpai, Kalimpong was invited to Kalimpong Animal Shelter for Counselling and motivational session. It was a group session for the KAS staff. Pastor Pom Pom talked about Tuckman's model of Team development. It was an interesting session and truly motivational.



The KAS team has helped a cow deliver a calf nearby KAS. The cow had been unable to deliver so the team was called to ask for an immediate help. Mr. Lil, Dr. Deo and the rest were present.



Feeding time for the dogs. Lakpa is seen ready to serve them.

