

## June update from Kalimpong Animal Shelter

It is that time of year where India receives heavy rainfall. Monsoon has started in India and it has been raining every day. This season will last until late September. During this season, skin infections, maggot wound infestations are very common in dogs along with bacterial infections. Dogs with cold, fever, vomiting and diarrhea are usually seen as outpatients at the Animal Shelter this season. So treatment of sick animals continues.

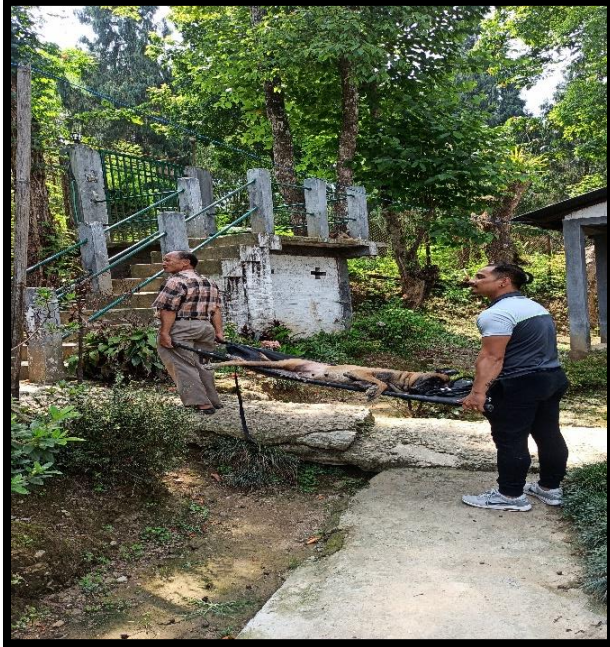


In fact, the clinic is never closed as animal patients continue to visit every day. There are patients coming on odd hours or after evening, but the team somehow manages to attend to such cases.

Cases of animals at the Clinic generally go up to twenty five or more every day. In the last month, several cases have been seen and followed by the Vet and team.

Every week the Animal Birth Control Programme is held in the KAS Operating Theatre where many owned pet and stray animals have passed the ABC Programme. Regular ABCs conducted by the team at KAS or at Village camps give relief to the owners and their pet animals.





A village camp was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June, 2022 at Govt. Kalimpong State Animal Health Dept. in collaboration with Maitri Animal Care. Since the Govt. Vets do not practice ABC on small animals, it is Kalimpong Animal Shelter that has to act upon and conduct sterilisation every year. There were sterilizations' on 21 dogs including strays. The team from Maitri Animal Care was very helpful with giving post-care and for the whole arrangement for this camp.

Dr. Kesang from the Govt. Vet Dept. too was actively involved in helping owners with prescriptions, suggestions, etc. Whereas, Dr. D P. Pandey and team were busy with the ABC Programme. It is because of our Animal Shelter team's hard work and dedication, the Animal Birth Control Programme is mostly successful.





## Dog surrender

We have had to recently accept two street dogs from a neighbouring state, Gangtok. These dogs were later fostered by a kind lady who used to give them food. Seeing them sitting on the street with vehicles passing by every day would make her sad thinking these dogs would meet with an accident. So she fostered them later but since it was a rented apartment where she lives, there were issues keeping two dogs and she could not abandon them fully and let them go back to the street. So she contacted the KAS team and after careful study we took the dogs in and they have been well-adjusted at KAS.



The Sheltered dogs we have at KAS at present are over 50 excluding many cats that are living in the Cattery. Daily food, cleaning of kennels, runways are taken care of properly and their treatment.

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