

The Monthly report from Kalimpong Animal Shelter

It is that time of year again when clinical cases double than usual. Here it is to December!



The cold has started to grip the animals in the Hills – Kalimpong, and Darjeeling and the dogs generally become victims of this cold winter weather. Dogs suffer from viral illness – Canine Parvovirus and Distemper which is a fatal disease. Many even lose their lives if they are not vaccinated at an early age.

This viral disease spreads rapidly from one infected animal to another. Puppies are more susceptible to the disease. So Vaccination is a must – 7 in 1.

Every year during this time, many cases flood the Shelter Clinic, mostly it is because of this viral

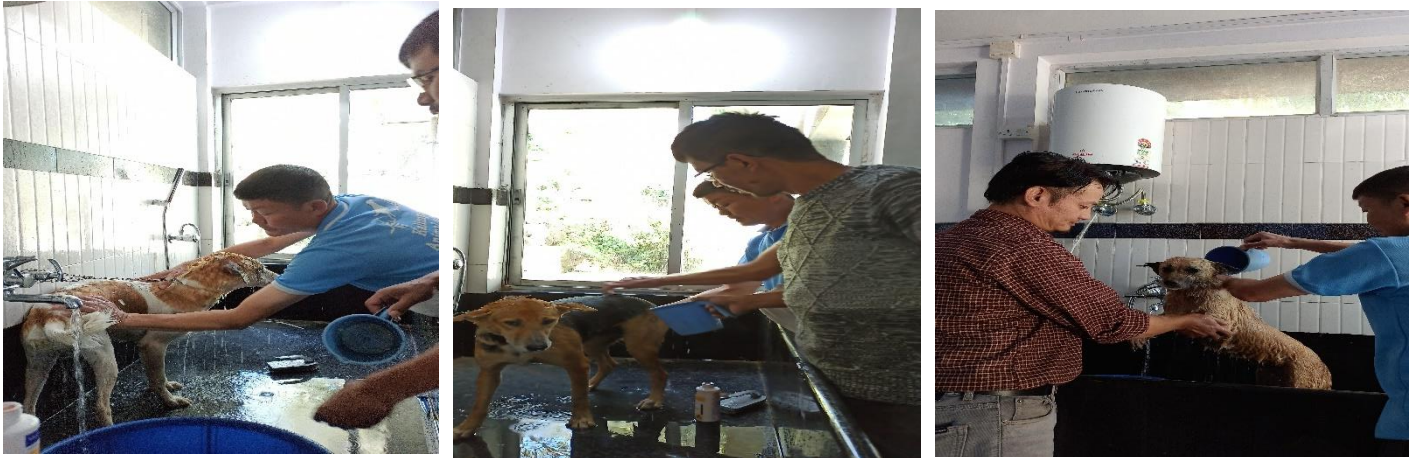
disease the animals are brought to the Clinic for treatment. The Shelter team has already been attending to such cases and remains very busy. The morning hours are usually rush hours for the Shelter team during this period as there are many cases to follow up on by the Vet and team.

All those sick ones are kept on drips and monitored by the team as their owners wait along with the animal patients. And the recovery rate depends upon the weight of the disease.



A few of the rescues have also been carried out this month. The team was informed of dogs around that were being a menace in the community so the team was requested to rescue them. The dogs were then brought and given shelter at KAS.

The KAS team called it a bath day for all the Shelter dogs in the first week of November as the weather was warm and good enough for the dogs to dry easily. There were also a few cases so the dogs got a chance. The dogs were happy to have a bath in hot water and bask in the sun. Since it is getting cold now, the dogs will not be given any baths in the upcoming winter months so that they are safe.

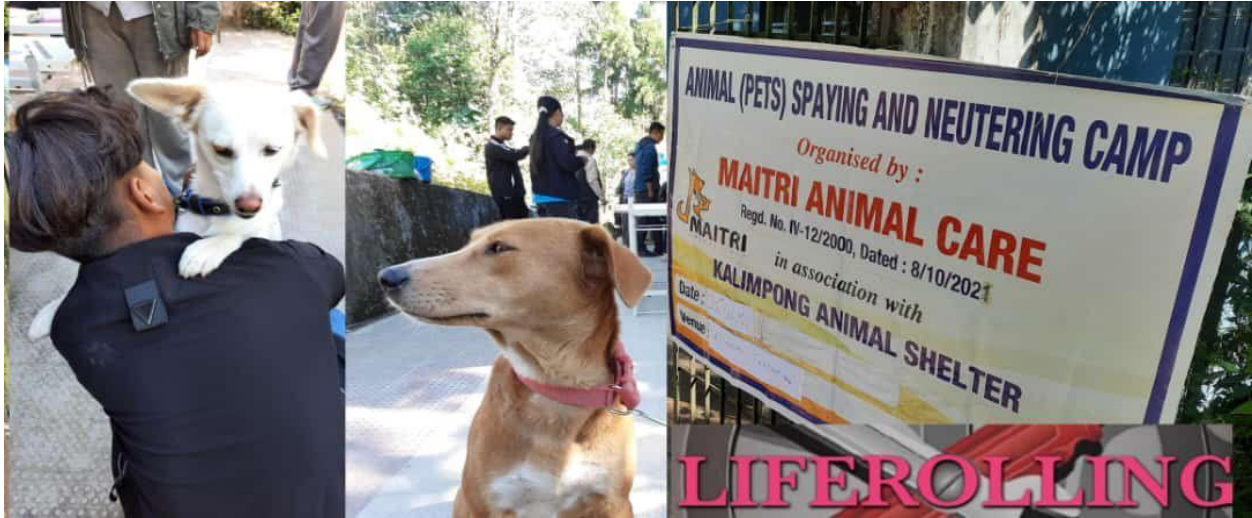


KAS continues to receive puppies that come as a surrender from owners and animal lovers. These puppies are later put up for adoption by the KAS team. Some get adopted early and some stay at KAS.

The ABC Programme goes on. It is conducted every week and owners are called based on their appointments. In November, a two-day camp was conducted in Siliguri.

The KAS team – Dr. Deo, Mr. Lil, Sanjeev, and Roshan had attended the camp and were successful in spaying dogs. The camp was organised by Priya Rudra from Siliguri Animal Helpline.

Subsequently, a Village camp was held in November at Takdah, Darjeeling. The camp was organised by Maitri Animal Care where the KAS team spayed 21 dogs and one cat at camp.



A litter of kittens was surrendered to KAS last week. All four got adopted at the soonest as they were healthy and very adoptable. The main owner of these kittens was advised to get the mother cat spayed so that she is safe and healthy.



Kids' day out!

The Animal Shelter is a happy place for animals and kids. The Shelter is very welcoming to people of all age groups. Having kids at the Shelter makes it more interesting as they learn so much from the animals and these two little kids have thoroughly enjoyed their day out at the Shelter feeding animals and petting puppies and kittens.



The team of KAS & DAS were glad to meet Trustee Sir Nirmal Jain who visited KAS earlier this month for settling accounts and other miscellaneous projects of DGAS. He visited both Shelters – Kalimpong and Darjeeling and met everyone there. He along with Trustee Mrs. Yamima also held meetings with the staff and management of DGAS.

On November 27 the KAS monthly meeting was held. The meeting was presided over by Manager Mr. Arpan Karthak. Points of discussion were laid out in the minutes and circulated to the Trustees. Revision of work from the previous months was also done. The team of KAS has now been assigned new responsibilities for their own departments. The team also welcomed Mr Alain who has returned from France.



The Indian Red Cross Society has donated emergency tool kits to Kalimpong Animal Shelter. The kits would be helpful for KAS. Dr. Deven from the Veterinary Dept with other Vet officers visited KAS to present the kit and also met Dr. DP Pandey from KAS. . Dr. Deven has been a member of the Red Cross Society. The KAS team is thankful to Dr. Deven and Mr. Sandip from the Red Cross Society Kalimpong for sending the kits.



A visit to Animaux Secours, France



Mrs. Yamima Dupont and Mr. Alain Dupont , the representative of KAS and Trustee of Animaux Secours have had a beautiful experience visiting Animaux Secours this time again.

They are pleased to have met Mr. Maxime – the President of Animaux Secours and Mme. Janine Vogler – the Patron of Animaux Secours, Help in Suffering, India, and Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter.

We the whole team of Kalimpong Animal Shelter are very grateful to Animaux Secours for funding KAS.

Pictures below from France



To left – Mrs. Yamima and Mr. Alain with Mme. Janine. To right – Mr. Maxime and the whole team of Animaux Secours with Mrs. Yamima and Mr. Alain



Retirement home for old dogs under renovation at Animaux Secours – shared by Mrs. Yamima



Site visit

In Pic – Mr. Maxime , Mr. Alain and the team of Animaux Secours

Long story short



The self-made tunnel is very naturally done by their doggy mother at the Shelter. All her hard work and days of labour have gone into shaping that tunnel only to keep her puppies safe. Hats off to the mother!

The mother was brought to the Shelter for her spaying a month ago. As she was heavily pregnant, we allowed her to have her first baby. She was already gearing up for her journey. She was a bit scared to be in a new environment at first but within a short period, she got adapted to the place and found a nice open space for herself where she could go into labour. She explored a few spots and finally found an appropriate space so that she could build a natural tunnel. It took her days to finish it all but the outcome was definitely a happy one for her.



Then she gave birth to her pups and raised them there in the tunnel. The Shelter provided her meals three times a day as she regained her strength gradually. Being a lactating mother is quite tough for animals as well.

She was so comfortable in that tunnel that she wasn't willing to shift to the dog runway anytime sooner where she could also have proper bedding. We gave her some time on her own and gradually shifted her and the puppies to the kennel. The sooner we had shifted them, a loving family visited the Shelter to adopt one of her puppies.



The puppies looked very healthy and adoptable. The puppies had started to wiggle when they saw humans and their mother would allow them to receive love and attention from people who stopped by to see them.

Many dogs come to the Shelter this way, enjoy, create memories and leave their footprints forever. This dog will be spayed soon as her puppies have weaned. Thereafter we'll release her to her original location as it is the Animal Birth Control Rules for street dogs.

Thank you for your ongoing support