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The monthly report from Kalimpong Animal Shelter

The clinical cases are increasing at Kalimpong Animal Shelter because of the viral illness. Sick dogs are coming for treatment at the KAS clinic and following the treatment course of seven days. This is keeping the team busy, the ones in charge of the Clinic Department.



Treatment of dogs at the KAS Clinic



The recovery rate of these sick dogs is very good. The owners are also advised by the Vet to vaccinate puppies at a young age so that they build immunity to fight Canine Parvovirus, Distemper, etc.

The Vet and team have also been performing Animal Birth Control Programme at the Shelter every week. Dr. Deo and the Vet Assistant Mr. Lil are taking care of ABC along with Mr. Lakpa, and Roshan who are there for shaving and preparing the dogs for ABC. The street dogs that are caught by the team are spayed in this Programme and owners' dogs are also called for spaying after an appointment. This helps the Shelter to raise donations from owners as well for spaying their dogs.



Animal Birth Control Programme at KAS



Many calls are also answered by the team in between for rescues, treatment, emergencies, etc. The team has rescued some of the dogs this month for the purpose of ABC and a few others for treatment. The dogs that are caught for ABC are released soon post care so this way the kennel has space for new rescues that come in. The new kennels in the Shelter runway are of great use when the KAS team has to manage space for them if required.



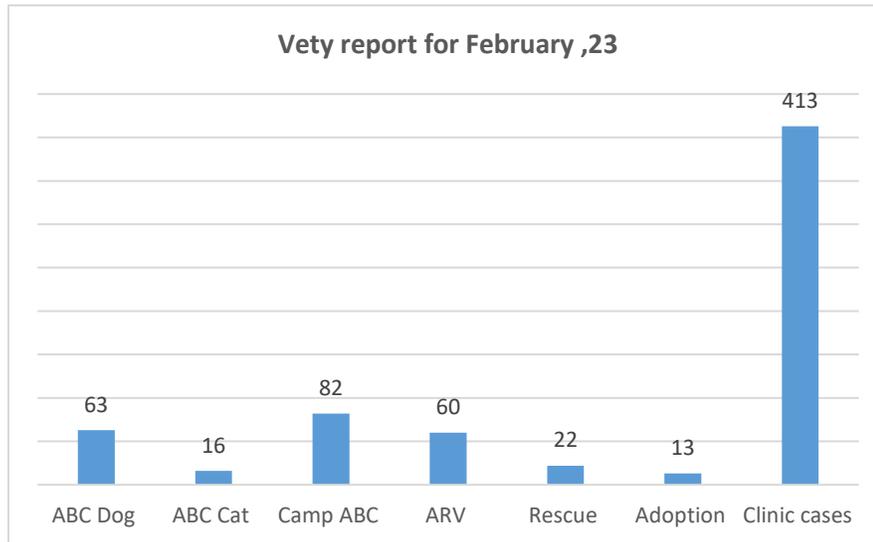
Mr.Sanjeev, Roshan and Lil bringing rescue dogs to KAS

A dog that was rescued by a couple from Siliguri has fully recovered from TVT (Transmissible Venereal Tumour). The dog has been spayed by Dr. Deo and the rescuers are very happy to see her recover and have taken her back. The dog was brought to KAS in January by the couple. Since then the dog was admitted to the KAS kennel for treatment.



A photo of Dr Deo along with the rescuer couple on the last day of the dog's chemo treatment at KAS

Veterinary report for the month of February 2023



A visit to Help In Suffering, Jaipur

Trustee in charge – Mrs. Yamima Dupont visited Help In Suffering, Jaipur, and met Trustee – Nirmal Ji in February and discussed accounts and general activities of Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter.

Mrs. Yamima also met the whole team of HIS including Veterinarians and Dr. Mehta. Her visit to HIS was worthwhile, she says.

Quoting her words “Reaching Maharani farm is a great privilege, seeing how vets and staff are working enthusiastically to make sense in following these 2 words "help in suffering". I greatly thank to Nirmal ji, CEO of HIS, and Dr Mehta, trustee of DGAS and director of Jaipur⁷ foot for their welcoming. So the story initiated by the founders of HIS 40 years ago... still going on!”

Maharani farm was founded by "Mishy" Chrystal Rogers.

in HIS refuge, 40 years ago, around thirty sick and handicapped humans rubbed shoulders with around fifty animals of all species.



Mrs. Yamima with Mr.Nirmal and Dr. Mehta

Back in France Janine vogler decided to find the funds in France, following various conferences, she succeeded in building the refuge so that it could operate for a few years. After meeting Christine Townend 5 years after in Geneva, Switzerland, Janine Vogler asked her to take over Marani Farm.

The team Help In Suffering



Dr Sanjay carrying out the ABC at HIS assisted by the Vet Assistants

PIC : A beautiful portrait of Christine with the horse at HIS



A general staff meeting was held on 23rd February, 23 at KAS. The trustee in charge – Mrs Yamima and Manager Mr Arpan presided over the meeting. Mr. Alain – the Trustee of Animaux Secours and advisor to KAS also attended the meeting. A brief review of shelter activities was conducted in the meeting.



The KAS team – Dr Deo and the team are ready to conduct ABC camps in Siliguri organised by the Municipality Corporation. Dr. Deo performed ABC assisted by Mr Lil on fifty-six dogs in two days there. The Corporation has requested the Shelter Vet Dr Deo to conduct ABC camps every month there. The Corporation will bear the ABC expenses. This was also discussed in the KAS meeting.

A puppy that was surrendered to KAS is gradually regaining health and doing better. He was malnourished and scrawny looking when he first arrived at KAS. He would run away from people and stay secluded. He came for his meals much later when there was no human around. He was shy and scared but now he has gained the trust of the Shelter team and is happy to be there in the Shelter playing with his new puppy friends and dogs there.



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