

MAY 2023

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## Bequest sparks new chapter of love and care

The late WFA Committee Member Susanne Briggs very generously left part of her estate to various animal causes, Working for Animals included. Any generous like-minded supporter can make a bequest in their will and by so doing help WFA set up into the future the animal shelters in India.

We are using part of this generous bequest as a seed donation towards a FUND RAISING objective for a much needed new vet to be shared between DAS and KAS. The shelters are doing such good work in relation to rabies eradication or management, veterinary camps to remote villages, and increased daily admissions of animals for care and Animal Birth Control, that our 2 vets, Dr Pandey and Dr Mihir, need extra help.

**Our aim is to raise \$100,000.**



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*Meet Dr Deo Pandey*

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A suggested form of bequest:

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH to WORKING FOR ANIMALS INCORPORATED (ABN: 13 919 391 377) at present of 45 Sublime Point Road, Leura in the State of New South Wales, for its general purposes, the sum of dollars ( \$ ), free and clear of all duties and other charges AND the receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer of Working for Animals Incorporated shall be sufficient discharge to my Trustee.

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**DR. DEO PANDEY**  
Veterinarian (Kalimpong Animal Shelter)

## Q&A Dr Deo Pandey

**Q: Did you grow up with companion animals?**

A: Yes, I had a pet dog named Sheru

**Q: When and why did you decide to become a vet?**

A: I decided to become a Vet because of my love and passion for animals. After my B.V.Sc & AH and M.V. Sc from the West Bengal University of Animal & Fishery Sciences in the year 2001, I started my private practice in Kalimpong.



**Q: When did you come to KAS?**

A: I started as a volunteer at KAS in the year 2002 and later was appointed as a full-time vet in the year 2008

**Q: What do you like best about your work there?**

A: Surgery, treating animals, and going to outdoor village camps, to help the needy animals.

**Q: What do you see as the major achievements of KAS and DAS?**

A: Control and Containment of canine population and rabies.

**Q: What worries you about the future?**

A: Assured funding for KAS to sustain the ABC & ARV Programme.

**Q: Is the community supportive and appreciative and has their attitude to animals changed over the years?**

A: Yes, definitely.

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# HELP IN SUFFERING ANIMAL SHELTER

*Irene Callahan*

As a new member of the Working for Animals Committee, I would like to share with you my experience at the Help in Suffering Shelter in Jaipur, in 2005/6, which has ultimately led me to serving on these two committees.

I had been given a book called 'Chicken Soup for the Cat & Dog Lovers' Soul', a compilation of short stories dedicated to companion animals. I recognised the name of one of the contributors, Christine Townend, as the founder of Animal Liberation in Australia, so wanted immediately to read her story.

Unknown to me, at that time, it had been under Christine's guidance, over many years, that Help in Suffering had established itself as one of the leading animal shelters in India, and her story took place there. It was entitled Silky's Test. It was a very moving story of Christine's personal experience with a sick, cruelly treated, and close to death, Labrador, who had been dumped at the gates of the Shelter. With help from HIS staff and Christine's own care, love and faith, Silky miraculously recovered, and lived on to become her devoted companion and guard, for some years.



*Irene Callahan, A happy dog resting at HIS in 2005, Suresh with a rescued deer and a busy clinic day.*



I researched the Help in Suffering Shelter and, with the hope that I might be accepted as a volunteer at such a wonderful and inspiring place, I contacted Christine. I had no actual vet nurse experience, but had been a wildlife rescuer and carer for many years, which I hoped would stand me in good stead. To cut a long story short, I arrived at the shelter, for a six months' stay, one day in November 2005.

The shelter is situated on almost two acres of pretty, tree-studded land called Maharani Farm, in a town called Durgapura, about 8 kms from the city of Jaipur.

I was delighted to discover, when I arrived, that there were many permanent companion animals on site, including several dogs, some cats, a few donkeys, a cow, a horse, a buffalo - and a camel, rescued from a circus. There were around 25 staff at that time, many of whom lived on site as, I am happy to say, did I. Within a week I was delighted to have my own rescued kitten, who I called Tiger, and my own orphaned puppy, who I called Winnie, which Christine passed to me to personally care for.

I very soon came to learn the everyday workings of the shelter. A busy clinic for companion animals took place in the mornings. Three mobile clinic teams – equine, camel and elephant – would go out early in the mornings, to various sites in the city, with their own specialist vet and assistants, to treat animals whose owners could not get to the shelter.

Busy Animal Birth Control and rabies vaccination programs were in continual operation, treating the street dogs, which were rounded up daily, mainly in the early mornings, when they were still sleepy!

Since my visit, all those years ago, I have been more than happy to support KAS and DAS to continue with their invaluable and life-saving work and, now, I am honoured to serve on their committee. Any support you may also feel able to contribute would be very much appreciated. Thank you.



# Darjeeling Animal Shelter

This is where all donations to Working for Animals goes - into the incredible work and programs and the Darjeeling Animal Shelter and the Kalimpong Animal Shelter...

March was another busy month at DAS with over 58 rescues of small animals and 78 Animal Birth Control procedures on street dogs, plus 26 Anti Rabies Vaccinations and 278 clinical cases!

ABC - Animal Birth Control

Vaccination of feral dogs

Rabies eradication program

Rescue of injured and sick animals

Public Veterinary clinic

Treatment & Surgery

Public education programs

Community outreach clinics

Re-homing and Adoption

Dog Survey Program



*A rescue dog on the mend. A feral dog is caught & vaccinated by Dr. Mihir from the Darjeeling Animal Shelter.*



*DAS staff with Dogs Trust Worldwide members.*



*A young man meets a resident.*

DGAS-ABC  
ARV PROGRAMME  
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CLINIC HRS. 1 P.M. - 3 P.M.  
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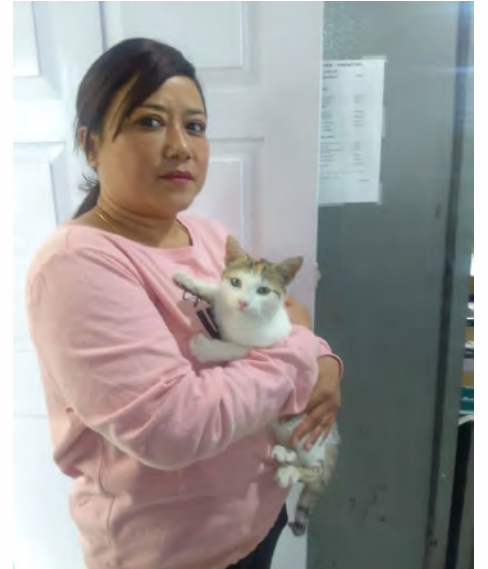
The IBCM (Integrated Bite Case Management) Officer, Ms. Prativa conducted awareness camps in a few schools and clubs in Darjeeling. She talked about rabies, bites, prevention, do's and don't's, etc.

On the 16th of March again she conducted another awareness camp in collaboration with the Kurseong Veterinary Department. The program was featured in the local newspaper 'Himali Darpan' and the local TV channel.



The adoption of six puppies and two cats was a great success.

They are blessed with kind and loving parents. Initially, it was felt these cats would not find a home as they were growing big and mostly, people like to adopt young ones so when these cats got adopted, it brought us a room full of happiness.



*Dogs waiting for their recovery with the DTW members at Badamtam Tea Estate*

# Kalimpong Animal Shelter

Skin issues are common in dogs this summer season. Lots of ticks and fleas swarm these dogs, making life extremely unpleasant! Summer is also the season when there is plenty of maggot cases in dogs. The total number of clinical cases seen in March was 513.



The Animal Birth Control Programme continues every week as usual where both owner's pets and street dogs are spayed and neutered. Many phone calls come in between for spaying and on a priority basis and owners of pet animals book their appointments. Sixty dogs and eight cats passed the ABC Programme in March.

*Dr. Deo treats a cow suffering from milk fever and feeding the dogs at Kalimpong Animal Shelter.*





*An elderly couple waiting for their dog to be spayed & the procedure underway. It was a success!*



We are glad to have met Dogs Trust members who visited Kalimpong Animal Shelter on 30th March 2023.

Officially, DTW was on a tour in Darjeeling to see the work of Darjeeling Animal Shelter.

Dogs Trust Worldwide (DTW) has been funding the sister Shelter – Darjeeling Animal Shelter for its Animal Birth Control Programme and ARV project.

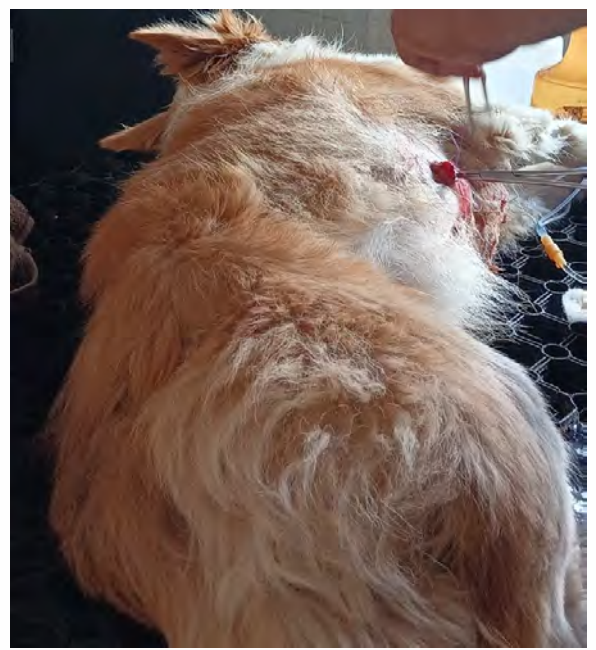


This dog fell from a rooftop and was rushed to the shelter.

A bar gashed his abdomen and he required immediate treatment.

His stitches are healing well.

Recovery rates continue to improve despite the ever-increasing numbers of clinic cases.



# Fight for Life

*Bryan Seymour*

The co-founder of Animals Australia and Animal Liberation is urging the Albanese government to keep its promise to end the live export of sheep.

*Christine Townend felt herself being hoisted in the air, suddenly dizzy, and hauled down the gangplank then landing roughly on the dock.*

She picked herself up and continued the protest. In the 1970's Christine and her fellow animal rights activists initiated Australia's first protests against the export of live sheep in Adelaide.

"My biggest regret is not seeing an end to this cruel trade," said Christine Townend OAM.

While live sheep exports have fallen in recent years to 575,000, from two million in 2017, sheep are still suffering in horrendous conditions, including heat stress and starvation, on long voyages to the middle east.

After promising to end the trade before the election, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has alarmed animal rights groups by ruling out a ban in this term.

"I am concerned that if the government loses the next election the prospects of a live sheep exports ban will recede further into the distance, that the northern summer ban itself may be at risk and all the time the sheep will continue to suffer most dreadfully and inhumanely," Christine said.

Courage will be required to face the onslaught of opposition to the proposed ban.

The Federal Government has appointed an Independent Panel to manage the phase out of live sheep exports. They are due to report in September.



*Christine Townend with Ned. Pic: Bryan Seymour*

## Thanks to the Dog's Trust



The DOGS TRUST WORLDWIDE recently visited DAS and are funding the ongoing ABC and ARV (Animal Birth Control and Anti Rabies Vaccine) Programmes.

They participated in a Dog Survey program and travelled beyond Darjeeling including to KAS in Kalimpong and more remote areas.

They were very helpful and were impressed with the work administered by DAS and we are very grateful for their support