

The monthly report from Kalimpong Animal Shelter

Currently, the monsoon mayhem has been a huge concern for the citizens in the northern parts of India. Fortunately, the monsoon hasn't hit worse in West Bengal and mainly, the small towns – Kalimpong and Darjeeling. It is likely, the weather would take its turn and get worse here too in a few weeks.

Monsoon is a pretty bad time for us at the Animal Shelter in carrying out Village Animal Birth Control Programmes or even reaching far for rescues. Because of the monsoon damage and road blockage, the team at KAS and DAS have to halt for a while to restart their work. However, the indoor work at the Shelter will always be endless.

With receding rainfall and a dry day after, the Shelter has been able to travel and conduct camps in the month of June in a few places. One such camp was held in Garibas which comes under Gorubathan Bloc – I.



The team said– It was an arduous journey reaching the camp venue at Gairibas, where a few camps had been conducted by the Shelter in the past, but this time, it was more exhausting due to bad road connectivity. By the time they reached Kalimpong, it was pretty late in the evening about sevenish.

The camp at Gairibas was conducted in conjunction with the Govt. Veterinary Department. The Kalimpong Animal Shelter was requested to organise the camp there. The KAS team despite bad roads and a tiresome journey managed to sterilise **sixteen** female and **four** male dogs.

Despite all the challenges the Animal Shelter team may face whilst travelling to far-flung places, they are always happy to serve animals and are usually back with a big smile on their face because of all the success stories that make these camps worth their effort and time.

Following this, on 5th July 2023, another camp was organised in 12th Mile, Kalimpong by the members of Dansberg club. The ABC camp is conducted there every year without fail and runs in conjunction with the Govt ARD Dept . (Mobile clinic) . This camp always attracts a lot of dog owners who come for their pet animals' follow-up vaccinations and bring many others for spaying and neutering them.

It has been almost fourteen long years that Kalimpong Animal Shelter has provided service to these pet animals and their owners along with a few community dogs at camp there mainly for awareness generation. Dr Deo says – However with changing times, people there at Dansberg now have started to contribute a small donation to the ABC camp run by Kalimpong Animal Shelter.

The KAS team sterilised thirty-one dogs and five cats along with anti-rabies vaccination on one hundred and fifty-six dogs.

Thanks to Help Animals India and Animal Protection Network, Sweden for supporting the Village camp project.



Siliguri Animal Birth Control camp was another massive programme of two days organised by the Siliguri Municipal Corporation where the sterilisation of **sixty dogs** was conducted for two days in a row. Dr Deo and the ABC team have been travelling every month for conducting more sterilisations on street dogs in Siliguri. Even in the sweltering heat of about 40 degrees Dr Deo and the team managed to operate these many and it was a success with 100% recovery of dogs.

The Shelter is happy to have kind supporters and well-wishers who visit KAS to show their support and love towards the furry beings with edibles for the shelter animals. As dogs in India are very used to eating their staple food i.e., rice, KAS mainly receives bagfuls of rice for the Shelter dogs from these regular supporters. Other times, there are visitors coming occasionally with tidbits for the sheltered animals at KAS. The dogs here enjoy it when visitors come to treat them.

KAS takes the privilege of thanking all such supporters and well-wishers for their contribution.



A few dogs have been rescued as well by the KAS team. These dogs were wounded and needed help so the community people mainly feeders contacted KAS for rescuing them.



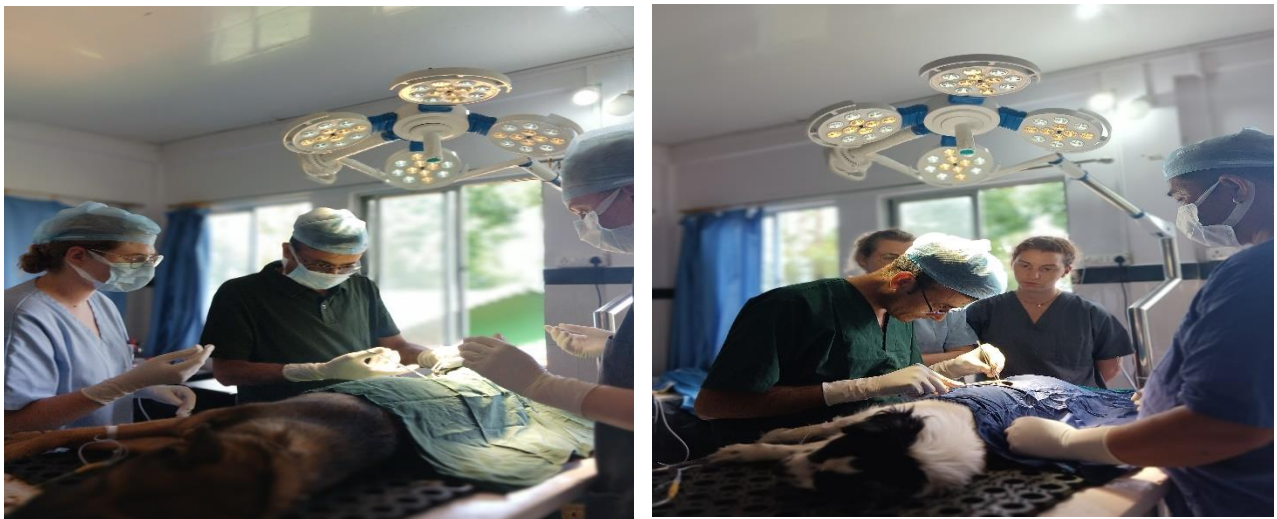
KAS has welcomed two **volunteer vet** students– Noelie and Lea from France who are postgraduating in Veterinary Science from Ecole Nationale Veterinaire D’Alfort . They arrived at Kalimpong Animal Shelter on the 23rd of June and were ushered by Mrs. Yamima and Mr. Alain. Both Noelie and Lea are pursuing their studies at University and they are here at KAS for their internship. They are delighted to receive hands-on training at Kalimpong Animal Shelter under the leadership of Dr. Deo Pandey and the well-experienced Paravets at KAS. The team has been very cordial in helping them learn more about clinical treatment to large animal treatment. Dr. Deo Pandey is training them on the Animal Birth Control Programme as well.



In Pic - They were received by Mr Alain and Mrs Yamima- the Trustee-in-charge at KAS



Mr Lakpa – the Shelter paravet guides Noele and Lea while on a home visit to treat cows suffering from LSD



Dr Deo Pandey gives hands-on training on ABC to Noele and Lea

KAS always welcomes volunteers from all around who are willing to learn and serve animals for their welfare.

On 26th June 2023, the monthly meeting of KAS was conducted where all the staff and Trustee Mrs. Yamima Dupont and Mr. Alain were present. All work-related matters were discussed and work revision was done. The team also gave their thanks to the hard-working ABC team of KAS for having performed ABC on sixty dogs in Siliguri despite the scorching heat.

KAS had 436 OPD cases in June and conducted ABCs on 107 dogs including 17 cats.

The OT room at KAS has now received a new OT light donated by the regular local donor – Mrs Anu Radha Lal and her friends, Ms Bhumi, and a few others. Dr Deo says- It was very essential to have the OT light for carrying out the ABC Programme and now it will be much easier to see clearly and perform the ABC Programme. KAS will soon have the OT table as well from the same donated amount by Ms. Anu Radha.

The KAS team extends heartfelt thanks to Mrs Anu Radha and her friends for supporting KAS.



Our sincere thanks to all our saviours for animals