

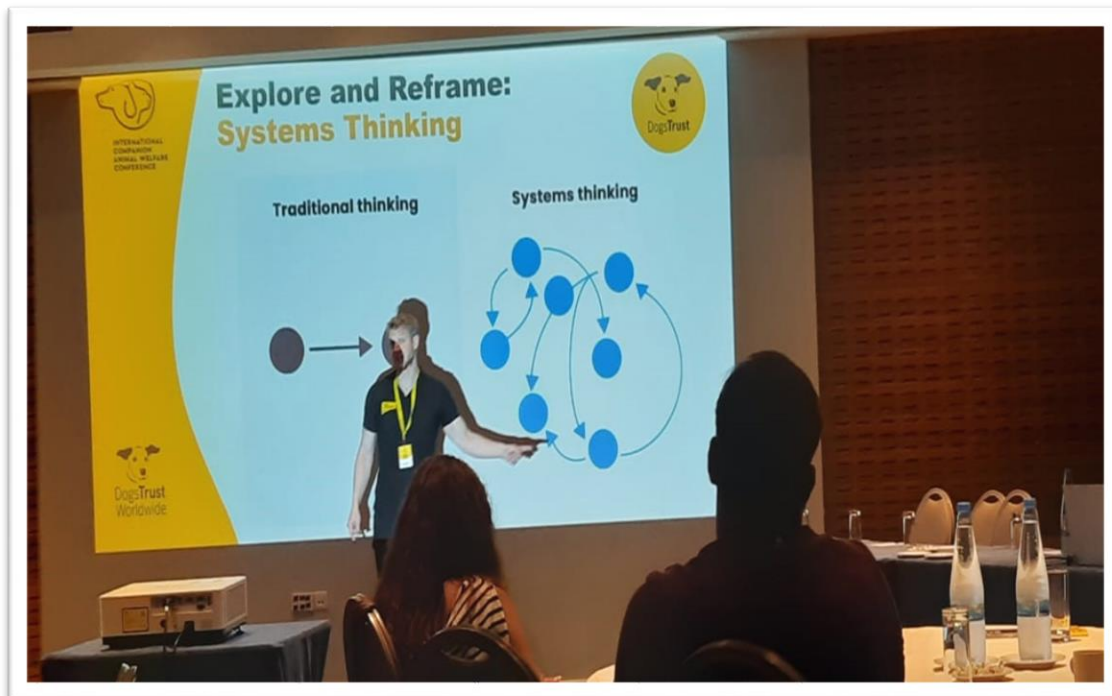
### **A brief overview of the Darjeeling Animal Shelter activities in the month of October**

The month of October commenced with the customary Shelter activities and the rescue of a dog suspected of having rabies. Ms. Pratibha received numerous calls on the Shelter's Helpline regarding concerns related to dog menace, dog bite cases, and rescue operations. Following his return from the International Companion Animal Welfare Conference (ICWAC) of Dogs Trust Worldwide in Nicosia, Dr. Mihir successfully performed Animal Birth Control on seventeen street dogs while Dr. Mohit managed the treatment of one hundred and fifty-two cases of animals at the Clinic.

It was a three day conference starting from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October to 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2023. Dr. Mihir said, 'Attending the ICWAC 2023 at Nicosia was an amazing experience getting the chance to attend many interesting seminars and panel discussions. Topics such as Effective Animal Birth Control and Rehoming of dogs were vastly covered. The conference also included a visit to the spectacular second chance 'dogs shelter home' - a well-planned open-space housing sixty five dogs with a pool, walk ways and play pens.

On the whole, the conference created a platform for network-building and meeting several Animal Organisations and charities. I was glad to introduce about the Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter and its vision and mission".





*The Conference at Nicosia*



*Dogs play zone and a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance dog's Shelter*



*With the representatives from various Animal Organisations*



At the ICWAC

The Darjeeling Animal Shelter team, in collaboration with the Darjeeling Municipality and Dogs Trust Worldwide, achieved significant success in the Annual Anti-Rabies Vaccination drive, covering all thirty-two Municipality wards. The team diligently identified dogs for vaccination, both old and new, reaching every nook and cranny

The Anti-rabies Vaccination drive, spanning from September to October, successfully immunized 2259 dogs from **all 32 wards in Darjeeling**. The active involvement of Dr. Mihir, Dr. Mohit, and the team played a crucial role in the success of this drive.



Anti- Rabies Vaccination Drive

In Kurseong, a suspected rabies-infected dog was rescued by the Darjeeling Animal Shelter team, alleviating distress within the local community. Given the absence of a shelter home in Kurseong, the Darjeeling Animal Shelter has consistently reached out to community dogs in emergencies over the years. The prompt rescue not only saved the community from harm but also led to the discovery of the dog's positive rabies status through a test conducted at the Shelter.

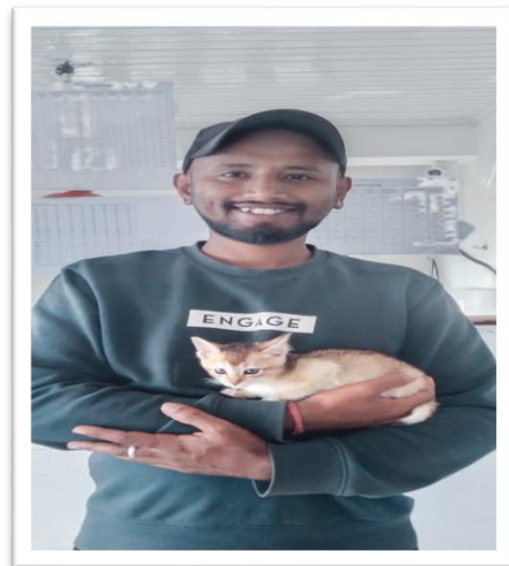
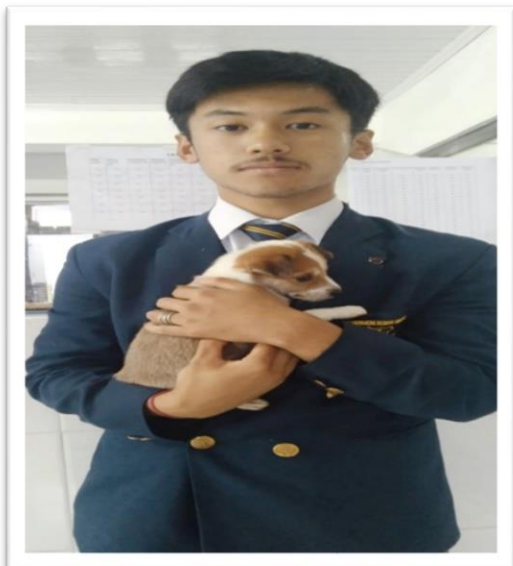
*Rescue of a suspected dog in Kurseong*



The team conducted a total of thirty-four dog rescues, including puppies, with a focus on those requiring immediate treatment for injuries. Fourteen dogs, having fully recovered, were released back into their old territories.



Nine fortunate puppies found loving homes, a testament to the team's dedication in providing a forever home to needy puppies. With these successful adoptions, the Shelter can now extend its support to other puppies in need, offering them a second chance at life.



A special acknowledgment goes to SNIP International for their generous donation of cages and gloves to the Darjeeling Shelter. SNIP International, a UK-based animal welfare charity, is dedicated to enhancing standards of animal welfare globally.



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