

Activity report from **Darjeeling Animal Shelter** for the month of August 2023

With over twenty-eight rescues, two adoptions, nineteen ABCs, and two hundred and thirty-six clinical treatments, the DAS team is all set to carry on with more of their activities In September.

September usually calls for an 'Anti-Rabies Vaccination' drive which runs in conjunction with the Darjeeling Municipality. This Vaccination drive is further supported by Dogs Trust Worldwide. The team has been gearing up for this project with a mission to vaccinate dogs in every ward, nook, and corner.



**Helping rescues**



A photo of the sick dog stuck in filth. The DAS team went to his immediate rescue



DAS in the monsoon rain this August

*In Pic – the way to the kennels and shed*

## Working with Dogs Trust Worldwide



In Pic - The team is ready to release spayed dogs back into their territory

As per the new Animal Welfare Board of India, all non-governmental Org (s) working for the welfare of animals should adhere to the latest ABC Dog Rules, 2023. Henceforth, the previous ABC Rules 2001 has been superseded by the 2023 ABC Rules. Ms. Pratibha , the IBCM officier visited Kalimpong Animal Shelter in the second week of August to update the following revised Rules, which is madatory. The same follows a set of instructions reg. the role of local bodies and Municipal Corporations in conducting the Sterilisation Programme for the stray dog population management.

On 20 th August , Ms Pratibha and Humane Society International (HIS)team members attended the meeting chaired by the Deputy Director of the Animal Resource Department, Dr. Ashmiraj Rana for the formation of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Darjeeling. It was long overdue for the SPCA to be formed in Darjeeling with an extension in Kalimpong. It is imperative for all states and districts to have an SPCA to address animal issues and concerns and for transparency but Darjeeling did not have one so far.

However, with the persistent effort of the HIS team including Darjeeling Animal Shelter and not to mention, the very supportive, Deputy Director, Dr. Rana, the SPCA has now been formed in Darjeeling.

On the 23rd of August, Darjeeling Animal Shelter in collaboration with Humane Society International and the Animal Resource Department (ARD) conducted an educational Training Programme on First aid for animal lovers, advocates, and working members associated with animals.

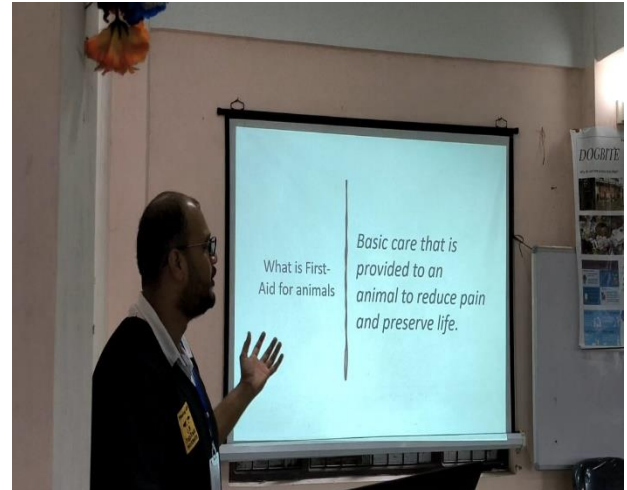


### **Training On First-aid For Animals**

Venue: Prani Sampad Bikash Bhawan, R N Sinha Road, Darjeeling | Date: 23 August, 2023  
Time: 11.30 am-4.30 pm | Contact: +917060732640/+916358913468 | Note: Pre-registration is mandatory



The Programme was held in Prani Sampad Bhavan, the main ARD block in Darjeeling, located below the Railway station. There were more than thirty participants who attended the Programme with a few other dignitaries from the ARD Department – Dr Rana, Dr. Sameer Rai and Dr. Sameer Chhetri including the Municipality officials.



The Programme highlighted the need for first aid in the lives of animals and the role of animal lovers, community caretakers and rescuers. The Programme kicked off with an enlightening speech by Mr. Arka, the campaign Manager of HIS followed by a brief educational insight into Animal Welfare by Dr. Sameer Chhetri and the elaborative speech with demonstrations on 'first aid' by Dr. Mihir Mazaagonkar, the DAS Vet.

The participants were very inquisitive about learning from Dr. Mihir as he integrated this First-aid Programme with examples and fun activities so that the participants would understand clearly. There was an open-house questionnaire session at the end of the first-aid session.

Also, Ms. Pratibha enlightened the participants on rabies, dog bites, dos and don'ts, etc and about the ongoing work of DAS in addressing rabies cases and the newly launched Helpline Number.

In the month of August, there was a successful adoption of two furry friends, a kitten and a puppy



Happily adopted

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