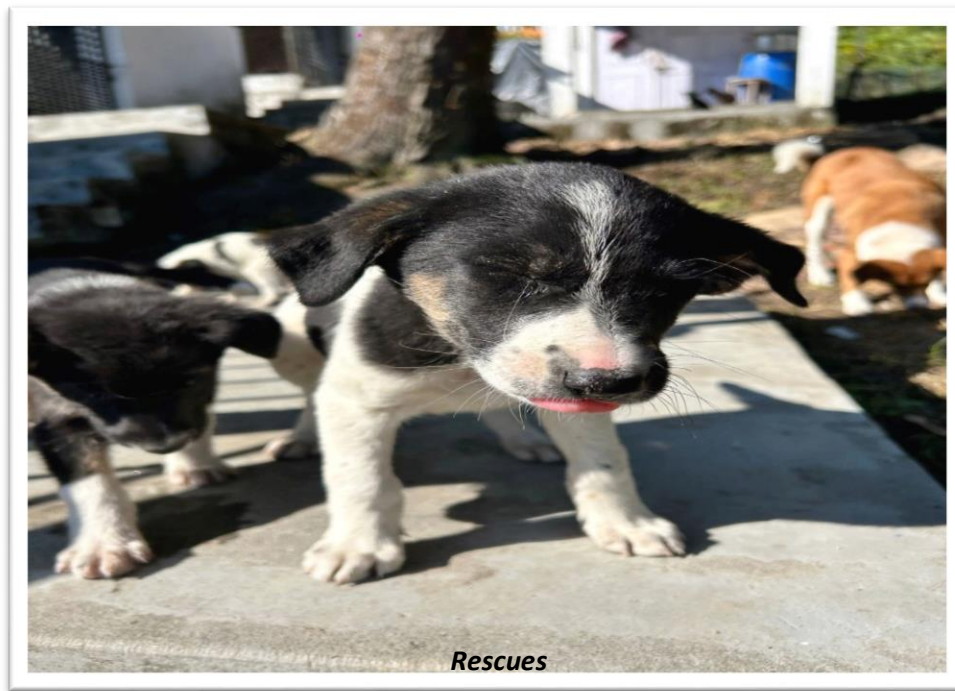


## An overview of the monthly activities of Darjeeling Animal Shelter (DAS)

The winter cold has gripped Darjeeling, prompting the furry ones to seek warmth indoors. Despite this biting cold, the shelter's life-saving activities are ongoing. A total of 48 sterilizations and twenty-eight rescue operations were undertaken in November. Simultaneously, two hundred and thirteen Outpatient Department (OPD) cases were attended to and treated during the same month.



Amid the seasonal surge in cases of Canine Parvovirus and Distemper, Clinic Vet Dr. Mohit dedicatedly addressed these concerns alongside handling other emergencies. On the other hand, Dr. Mihir successfully sterilised forty-eight dogs, releasing them back to their territories post-recovery.



Additionally, Dr. Mihir represented DAS in a meeting with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, chaired by the country director and Programme Officer, Mr. Hari Menon and Mr. Anjal Singh.

The meeting was organized by the Darjeeling Welfare Society. Dr. Mihir emphasized the importance of an Animal Birth Control Programme and Anti-Rabies Vaccination Programme that the Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter has prioritised for years.

**MEETING INVITATION**  
with **BILL & MELINDA GATES foundation**

**24th November 2023**  
**5 PM Onwards**

Sanderling Resort & Spa  
Above Darjeeling Gymkhana Club.

**Mr. Hari Menon** DIRECTOR  
INDIA COUNTRY OFFICE

**Mr. Anjali K Singh** SENIOR PROGRAMME OFFICER

INITIATIVE LED BY  
**DARJEELING WELFARE SOCIETY**  
the meeting will be chaired by  
Shri **HARSH VARDHAN SHRINGLA**  
President  
Darjeeling Welfare Society (DWS)

NGOs from Darjeeling are invited to interact with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation at this meeting.



Dr. Mihir explains the need of ARV & ABC projects in Darjeeling



Pic courtesy – Darjeeling Welfare Society

The appeal for funds to support these projects of Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter for the welfare of animals and the community at large was also highlighted by Dr. Mihir.

Happily adopted!

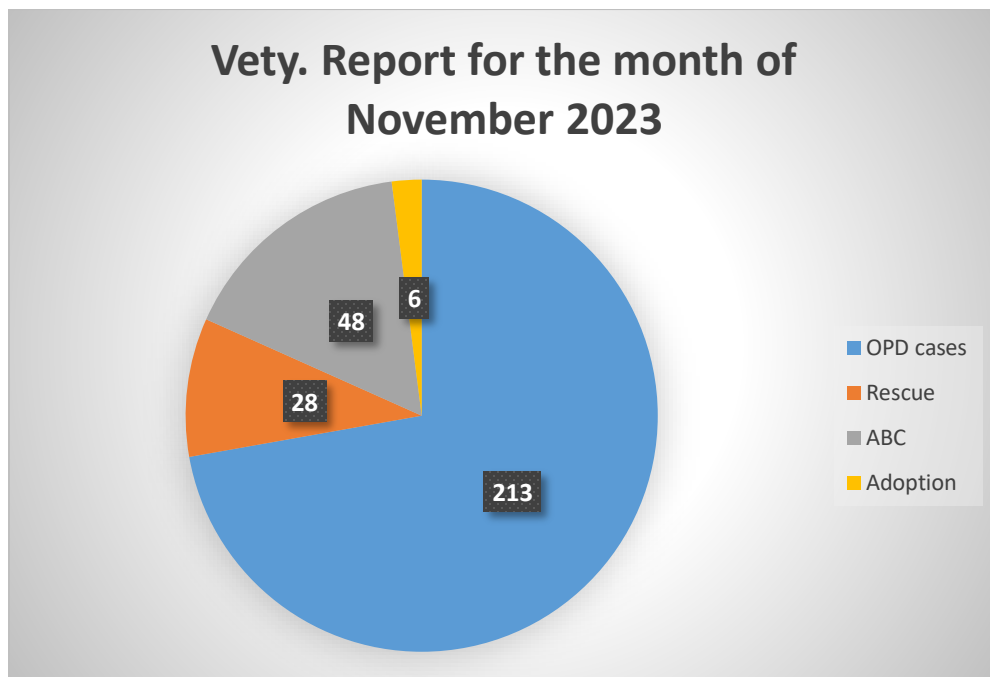


During this month, two kittens and four puppies found loving homes after being dewormed and vaccinated. The adopters pledged full ownership and lifelong care of these animals by signing the adoption form.

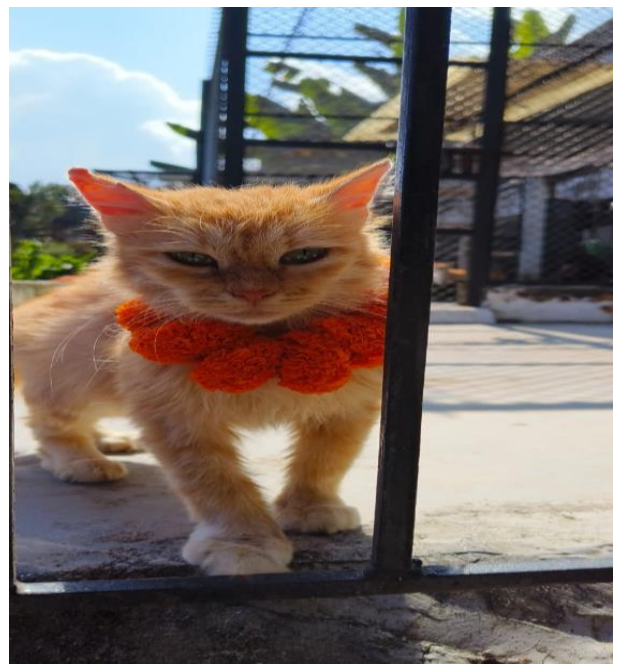
A surrendered dog, Bhai finds a loving home as well.



Fig. below shows the total no. of OPD cases, Adoption, Rescues and ABCs



Kukur Tihar for the furry fam-bam !



Kukur Tihar, a festival honoring dogs for their loyalty and friendship, was joyously celebrated at DAS. Although it's a festival earmarked for dogs, the Shelter team always displays the same gesture to cats as well. Visitors joined in, making the day extra special for the shelter's four-legged friends.



DAS collaborated with the Air Force and Army to conduct an awareness camp for children, focusing on "responsible pet ownership" and "animal welfare." The children and the community were thrilled to be part of this awareness camp.



Furthermore, a senior dog surrendered to DAS due to aggressive behavior and biting incidents and was rehabilitated by the DAS team. The team assisted the dog in returning to his normal behaviour through behavioral therapy. Ms. Pratibha and the team played a vital role in helping the dog overcome his weaknesses. The dog responded positively to the therapy session and he is still residing in the shelter, and evolving into the best version of himself.



A male dog with a traumatic injury in the scrotum region was rescued by the DAS team. The scrotum sac was severely wounded and Dr. Mohit performed scrotal ablation surgery, once the dog was stable. The dog is currently on the path to recovery.



A litter of puppies were found dead at the Baghajatin Park in Siliguri. This alarming incident of puppy killings prompted an immediate response from Siliguri Animal Helpline, with several animal NGOs, including Darjeeling Animal Shelter, the ARD Department and Kurseong K9 , participating in a protest. A formal complaint was lodged by Siliguri Animal Helpline at the police station to address this abuse and find the perpetrator.



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