

Kalimpong Animal Shelter Monthly Report - January 2024

The month of January 2024 was marked by the Kalimpong Animal Shelter's dedicated efforts to ensure the health and well-being of animals in the region. Despite the challenges posed by winter conditions, the Shelter actively engaged in various activities, including vaccination drives, medical treatments, adoption initiatives, and rescue operations.

Rabies Vaccination Drive



The primary focus of the month was the post-bite vaccination campaign against rabies. The team covered a vast area, extending from Mahakal Dara to Daje, Bhalukhop, and Elaichikhop. Prompt action was taken in response to a suspected rabies case involving a free-roaming dog. Despite intensive search operations, the dog could not be located. Subsequently, a Mass post-bite and routine Anti-Rabies Vaccination drive was initiated, ensuring diligent adherence to schedules. No untoward incidents have been reported thus far.

As part of a compassionate initiative by Mission Rabies, we are pleased to share that 500 vaccines will be generously provided by Mission Rabies to Kalimpong Animal Shelter. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mission Rabies for their contribution to making a positive impact on animal welfare, and we look forward to the continued collaboration in creating a healthier and safer environment for our furry friends.



Anti-rabies drive at Bhalukhop and adjacent areas in Kalimpong

Rise in OPD Cases



The winter season witnessed a surge in Outpatient Department (OPD) cases at the Shelter's clinic. Dogs presented with Parvovirus symptoms, and a few felines exhibited signs of Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV).

The veterinary team provided consistent and thorough treatment, addressing the specific needs of each patient. Despite challenges, the clinic has successfully managed the increased caseload.

The OPD cases seen in the month of January totaled a high of 592 .



Successful Adoptions



The month brought heartening news of successful adoptions, with eighteen puppies finding loving homes. This positive trend reflects the growing dog-friendly and compassionate attitude of the community. Notably, these adoptions were not breed-specific, countering the prevailing trend of pedigree dog purchases. The Shelter actively promoted adoption through social media and other channels, facilitating connections between potential adopters and the rescued animals.

Rescue Operations



The rescue team executed thirty operations during the month, encompassing various initiatives such as the Animal Birth Control Programme (ABC) and finding homes for puppies in need. Dogs rescued for spaying were released post-care, contributing to the ongoing success of the ABC Programme at Kalimpong Animal Shelter. The commitment to rescue operations remains unwavering, ensuring the well-being of animals in the region.

Colby Students' Meaningful Visit to Kalimpong Animal Shelter (KAS)

Every year, Mrs. Anu Radha, a dedicated animal lover, hosts Colby students from the United States for an enriching experience at the Kalimpong Animal Shelter. In January, a new group of students joined Mrs. Anu in exploring the shelter, learning about compassion and kindness, and spending quality time with the sheltered animals.



During their visit, the students engaged with the Kalimpong Animal Shelter (KAS) community, fostering a connection with both the team and the animals. Mrs. Anu ensured that the students had an insider's view of the shelter's operations, emphasizing the values of compassion and kindness.



Students spend quality time at KAS with some of the rescued little beings

A notable aspect of this year's visit was the collaboration between KAS and Mrs. Anu in organizing an Animal Birth Control camp at Sherpa Goan. The students had the opportunity to witness the camp, learn about the Animal Birth Control Programme, and draw inspiration from the experience.



This visit not only provided the Colby students with a unique cultural exchange but also instilled in them a deeper understanding of responsible animal care. Mrs. Anu Radha's commitment to nurturing empathy and kindness left a lasting impact on the students, making their annual visit to Kalimpong Animal Shelter a truly worthwhile and inspiring endeavor.

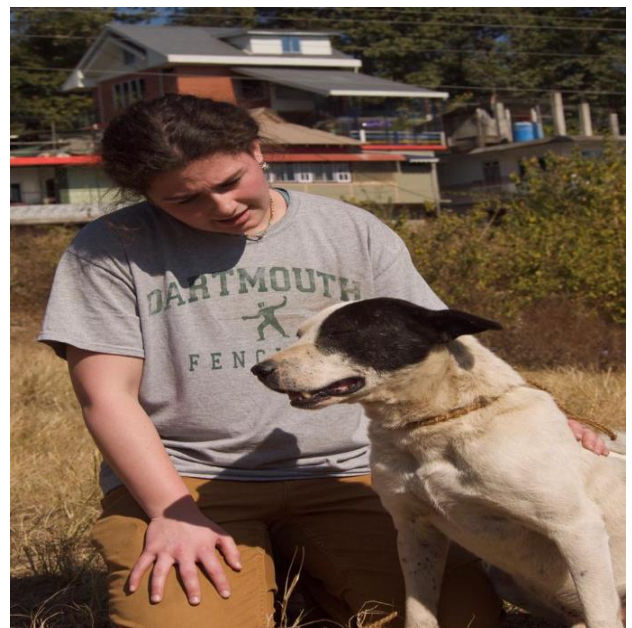
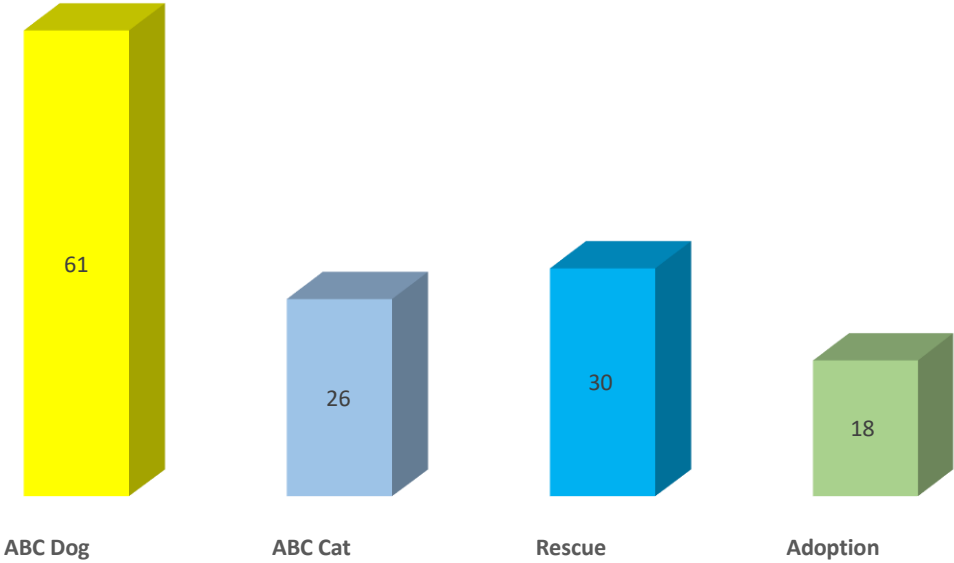


Fig shows the KAS Activity Report for the month of January 2024

KAS Activity report for January 2024



Conclusion:

The Kalimpong Animal Shelter's monthly report for January 2024 reflects a holistic approach encompassing vaccination, medical care, adoption promotion, and rescue operations. The team's dedication and proactive measures continue to make a positive impact on animal welfare in the region. The Shelter remains resolute in its commitment to the mission of safeguarding and enhancing the lives of animals.