

Monthly Report: March Activities at Kalimpong Animal Shelter (KAS)

Health Concerns and Treatment Efforts



March witnessed a notable surge in cases of dogs diagnosed with ectoparasitic infections and haemoprotozoa disease. Blood tests were conducted to diagnose the disease, specifically focusing on elevated temperatures above 103 degrees, which are sign of haemoprotozoa disease. Dr. Deo emphasized detecting this disease early aids dogs in recovering well

Haemoprotozoa disease, characterized by high temperatures above 103 degrees, has shown positive responses to early treatment. The Shelter's dedicated team has been tirelessly providing optimal care to all patients, ensuring the swift recovery of affected animals. Owners are being advised comprehensively on preventive measures, especially crucial during India's hot summer, which can contribute to skin issues caused by flea allergies. On average, over fifteen cases were attended to daily, showcasing their commitment to animal welfare. Cases of gastroenteritis were also observed and addressed accordingly.

General Information:

- March marked the end of the financial year 2023-24, with the new financial year (2024-25) starting in April.
- Dr. Deo Prakash Pandey successfully completed a Training Programme on Orthopaedics from Madras Veterinary College in March.
- The Shelter has been actively engaged in rabies interventions and providing community support. Recently, the team rescued a suspected dog from 6th Mile, Kalimpong. Post-bite vaccination follow-ups are conducted accordingly.

Providing support to Animal Organisations



Ms. Snigdha from Nirbaak Ngo at KAS. She's pursuing her Bachelor's in Veterinary Science in Rajasthan

Kalimpong Animal Shelter serves as a haven for animal lovers and dedicated rescuers, extending its support beyond its local reach. The nearby city of Siliguri, being a major gateway but lacking ample animal welfare NGOs, often turns to Kalimpong Animal Shelter for assistance. Among these supporters is Nirbaak Animal Welfare from Siliguri, consistently relying on Dr. Deo Pandey and the Shelter's expertise for services like spaying/neutering and emergency surgeries. Their continued trust in the Shelter underscores its pivotal role in enhancing animal welfare, showcasing a strong partnership committed to caring for animals in the region.

Nirbaak Animal Welfare once more sought Kalimpong Animal Shelter's assistance, this time for sterilising rescued animals under Dr. Pandey's expert care. This ongoing teamwork strengthens their commitment to helping animals in need.

Adoption Initiatives



New kittens, along with their mother, were surrendered to Kalimpong Animal Shelter and are currently under the shelter's care. These tiny felines are thriving under our watchful eyes, growing stronger with each passing day. While they may be too young for adoption at the moment, the team will ensure they find their forever homes once they reach the appropriate age. Our team is committed to preparing them for a bright future filled with love and companionship.

Simultaneously, several puppies also embarked on their adoption journey in March. These puppies found their way into caring and loving families where they can thrive well.

The Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme

Kalimpong Animal Shelter is committed to its Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme, operating four days a week. This essential initiative covers spaying and neutering for both owned pet animals and street dogs, promoting responsible pet ownership and aiding in population control.



Dr. Deo performs spaying assisted by Mr. Lil

Pet dog owners are encouraged to schedule appointments in advance for spaying and neutering procedures. They are also provided with guidance on post-operative care and offered follow-up support as needed.



Owners attend to their Spayed Pet Animals at the Shelter



Additionally, our services extend to emergency surgeries, addressing cases such as dystocia and pyometra promptly and effectively.

Rescue Operations

The team actively conducts rescue operations, responding promptly to animals in distress. Mondays are designated for regular dog catching and rescue, with emergency rescues being carried out whenever needed.





The KAS team is ready to vaccinate a community dog at Dr. Graham's Homes

Several complaints received this month were addressed effectively through immediate rescues and thorough patrolling of areas with dogs in need of assistance. For instance, a dog in Mangal Dara required rescue, and the team adjusted their efforts based on information from a hotel complainant who noticed the dog only in the evenings. This led to multiple evening patrols to ensure the successful rescue of the dog.



Food Providers / Local Donors



The community's generosity shines through as local food donors consistently provide essential supplies such as rice bags, lentils, and other nourishing items for our animals at the Shelter. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all donors and contributors, whose support brings immense joy and comfort to our furry residents. This month, we were grateful to receive contributions from several donors, ensuring our dogs enjoyed happy and fulfilling meals.

We would also like to thank Ms. Bandana, Ms. Isha Pandey, and numerous others for donating blankets to the Sheltered furry friends at KAS.

Conclusion

Overall, March was a month filled with proactive health interventions, successful collaborations, and effective rescue operations, showcasing Kalimpong Animal Shelter's unwavering dedication to animal welfare and community support.