

THE MONTHLY REPORT

- KALIMPONG ANIMAL SHELTER



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Introduction

The monthly report for May highlights the various activities and accomplishments of the Kalimpong Animal Shelter (KAS). From camps and rescues to treatment and the sterilisation program, it was a successful month marked by significant outcomes in dog recoveries, sterilisation efforts, and finding homes for animals.

OPD Cases

Our Outpatient Department (OPD) encountered a range of health issues among the animals we care for. Dogs came in with viral illnesses, maggot infestations, and bacterial infections, while we also treated cats for diseases like hemoprotozoan disease. Our team is dedicated to diagnosing and treating these issues to ensure the well-being of all our furry friends.

Highlights

- Before & After Treatment
- Educational Visit
- Annual General Trustee Meet
- Workshop on Brain sample collection & Rabies testing'



Rescue Update: Maggot Infestation Case

We rescued a dog from Dr. Graham's Homes in Kalimpong with a severe maggot infestation. After receiving treatment, the dog has healed and is now waiting for his fur to grow back. His previously shut eye has also healed, and he can now see with both eyes. He'll stay at the shelter for a while longer and will be released after his neutering procedure..



Treatment Update: Dog from Siliguri with TVT

A street dog from Siliguri, suffering from a transmissible venereal tumor (TVT), was brought to DAS for treatment. Following three chemotherapy sessions, the tumor has significantly subsided, and the dog is now in good spirits, demonstrating the dedication and expertise of the DAS team. Once she has fully recovered, she will be sterilized before being returned to her community caretaker in Siliguri. This comprehensive care ensures her well-being and contributes to the overall health of her community.



Educational Visit

On May 11th, a group of children from Kamal Jyoti School in Kalimpong visited Kalimpong Animal Shelter. During their tour, the children received guidance from the KAS team on how to approach dogs, including the do's and don'ts, and were educated on compassion towards animals. The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by the children, who eagerly shared stories about their pet dogs at home. The session was highly interactive and playful, featuring engaging discussions and activities led by the Shelter team members - Yogita, Dr. Deo, and Mr. Arpan.



Adoption Initiatives

Several rescued puppies found their forever homes after being in foster care.

A senior cat was lovingly adopted by footballer, Mr. Nadong Bhutia. All adopted animals were placed in caring families where they can thrive. We are thrilled to see these animals embark on new, happy chapters in their lives!



Annual General Trustee Meet

On May 4th, an annual general meeting was held at Kalimpong Animal Shelter among the Trustees - Dr. Ringee, Mr. Nirmal Jain, and Mr. Donald Karthak. Additional members from Crookety House also attended the meeting.



Workshop on Brain Sample Collection and Rabies Testing

On May 30th, a pivotal workshop focusing on brain sample collection and rabies testing was conducted by Dr. Mihir from Mission Rabies India, in collaboration with the Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter. This event took place at the Kalimpong Animal Shelter and aimed at equipping veterinarians with essential skills to combat rabies and work towards a rabies-free Darjeeling Hills. The workshop was attended by notable participants including Dr. Deo Prakash, the Shelter Veterinarian, and Dr. Deven, Deputy Director of the Animal Resources Department (ARD). Additionally, 14 other veterinarians from the ARD were present, demonstrating a strong commitment from the veterinary community to address the rabies threat in the region.

