

MONTHLY REPORT

DARJEELING ANIMAL SHELTER



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DAS BEGINS IN-HOUSE X-RAY FOR ANIMAL PATIENTS

Since the installation of the X-ray machine at Darjeeling Animal Shelter, the team has begun conducting X-rays on patients. So far, 14 X-rays have been performed on both cats and dogs. The machine is proving to be a valuable tool in helping the team reach accurate diagnoses and provide appropriate treatment.

This month, there was a case involving a road traffic accident in which the X-ray machine played an important role. The dog had sustained a fracture in the left tarsal bones and presented with multiple lacerations and significant inflammation. According to Dr. Shivani, the limb had become partially gangrenous, and the team had to proceed with an amputation at the stifle joint.



**DR SHIVANI
SURGICALLY
AMPUTATES THE
AFFECTED LIMB**





RESCUE OPERATION

As always, rescue efforts continued with the team reaching out to injured dogs—silent sufferers in need of care. This month, 28 dogs were rescued and brought in for treatment. After receiving medical attention, a few of them were returned to their familiar streets. In total, 8 dogs completed their recovery and were released back after their healing journey.

A total of 618 OPD cases were attended to at the DAS clinic this month.





ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL PROGRAMME

Both in-house and camp sterilisation programmes were conducted by the Shelter this month. A total of 26 dogs underwent ABC surgeries at the clinic, along with 10 feline sterilisation procedures. Additionally, nine more dogs were sterilised during an outreach camp.

The team also administered 33 anti-rabies vaccinations at the clinic and vaccinated 7 more dogs during the camp.

STAKEHOLDERS' MEET FOR THE GTA HILLS RABIES CONTROL PROJECT

Mr. Ashwin Thapa, Project Manager for the Rabies Programme, from Darjeeling Animal Shelter met with key stakeholders from Darjeeling to discuss the GTA (Gorkhaland Territorial Administration) Hills Rabies Control Project. In April, he presented the proposal for collaboration for a rabies control programme across the GTA region to various dignitaries of the Darjeeling Municipal Board



AT ABC CAMP



MR.ASHWIN MEETS
DR.NAUSHAD



MR.ASHWIN MEETS THE
MUNICIPALITY CHAIRMAN
MR.DIPENDRA

STAKEHOLDERS' MEET FOR THE GTA HILLS RABIES CONTROL PROJECT

Darjeeling Animal Shelter has been working closely with the Darjeeling Municipality, a collaborative partner since 2020, in making Darjeeling a rabies-controlled destination, said Mr. Thapa.

The proposal by Darjeeling Animal Shelter, in collaboration with Mission Rabies India, was positively received by all municipal officials, including the Municipality Medical Officer, Dr. Naushad Siddique, Municipal Councillor Mr. Bishnu Malla and Conservancy Department Councillor Mr. Nitesh Gurung also agreed to allocate a plot of land dedicated for post-mortem procedures and rabies testing in dogs, added Mr. Thapa.

The Darjeeling Municipality continues to show strong support for the vision of a rabies-controlled Darjeeling



MASS RABIES VACCINATION OF DOGS AT 7TH MILE



ADDRESSING RABIES CONCERNS AT 7TH MILE, KALIMPONG

Mr. Flavian, the Integrated Bite Case Management (IBCM) officer, and Mr. Ashwin, the Rabies Project Manager, visited the 7th Mile community in Kalimpong after a jackal, showing symptoms of rabies, was found biting both dogs and humans. The Kalimpong Animal Shelter team, along with the Animal Resources Department (ARD), responded promptly to the situation, initiating a mass vaccination campaign for dogs.

Mr. Ashwin, along with Dr. Kriti, the ARD Veterinarian, assisted in vaccinating the dogs. Additionally, the ARD Department organised an awareness program at Tashiding, 7th Mile, where Mr. Flavian and Mr. Ashwin were invited to conduct a session for bite victims and their families.

Mr. Ashwin noted that the session was highly impactful, with resource persons from various departments attending and sharing important information on bite prevention, dos and don'ts, reaching far beyond the walls of the community hall at Tashiding.



**DECEASED JACKAL.
PIC CREDIT-MR.ASHWIN**



L-R : MR.ARPAN, MRS.FURMIT, DR.SHIVANI, DR.MIHIR, MR.NIRMAL JAIN

MEETING WITH MISSION RABIES/WVS

A meeting was held this month in Darjeeling with Mission Rabies/WVS. The DGAS Trustee- Nirmal Ji, Project Head of Mission Rabies- Dr. Mihir; Manager Mr. Arpan from Kalimpong Animal Shelter; and Mrs. Furmit from Darjeeling Animal Shelter were in attendance.

ROERICH PACT 90TH ANNIVERSARY

The Darjeeling Goodwill Centre, a project of Crookety House, celebrated the 90th anniversary of the Roerich Pact on 15th April 2025. Darjeeling Animal Shelter was invited by Ms. Fiorenza to participate in the event and deliver a small presentation on coexistence and living in harmony with all beings.

Dr. Shivani, one of the attendees and presenters from Darjeeling Animal Shelter, writes: "The event truly embodied the essence of the Roerich Pact, with its three circles symbolizing art, science, and culture. The event was attended by representatives from various government and non-government organizations, including engineers, architects, doctors, veterinarians, teachers, painters, poets, and many others."

Dr. Shivani Pradhan presented on the "One Health Approach," a multidisciplinary method for tackling shared problems collaboratively.



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