

## The monthly report from Darjeeling Animal Shelter

The Dogs Trust Worldwide project on 'mass vaccination against rabies' in 23 wards has been successful. The DAS team has worked hard going door to door early morning in every ward of Darjeeling and vaccinating dogs. The dogs that were mainly vaccinated were street and community dogs. Fewer-owned pet dogs were also vaccinated by the DAS team for a very minimal fee from the owner.

Dr. Mihir has been brilliant in his effort to do more for the welfare of dogs in Darjeeling.



A freshly baked cake by Prativa's friend to mark the achievement of vaccination in 23 wards

A new Helpline number has been launched to tackle rabies cases. It will help address the issue and reach out to DAS when there is any suspected rabies case. This helpline number will be handled by the IBCM Officer – Ms. Prativa.

A well-known canine cardiologist –Dr. Dipti from Mumbai visited DAS on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January, 2023 for a small training session on CPR and emergency medicine. As canines could get heart attacks it is important to be enlightened about life-saving tips for them. It was very helpful for Dr. Mihir to be trained under her and to know more about CPR for canines.



The Shelter repair and maintenance work is in progress at DAS.

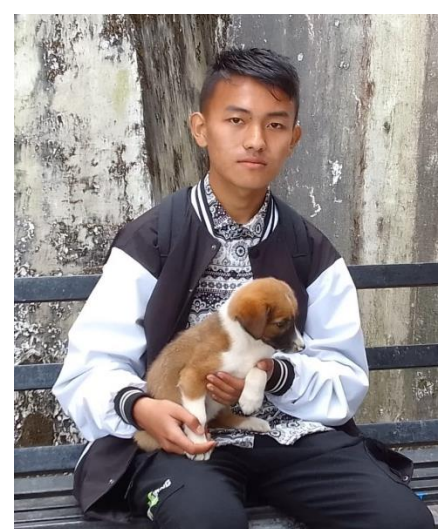


The Shelter is always a phone call away and there are so many rescue calls almost every day. The team never fails to carry out rescues after being informed of the dog. Sometimes the team even has to travel for an hour or more to help a dog in distress. So the DAS kennels are usually full of rescues and dogs for ABC.

The team carried out 32 rescues of dogs in January. Most of them were treated, spayed, neutered, and released back to their territory after recovery.



Good news! Five puppies have got a loving home this month after having waited for some time for a permanent home. The puppies are doing great in their new home and are enjoying it to the fullest.



DAS conducted ABCs on 16 street dogs and handled over 243 clinical cases. The dogs that came for treatment were infected with canine Parvovirus and routine treatment of seven days is carried out on these sick dogs.

Lastly, we are pleased to inform you that DAS has received an Oxygen concentrator donated by Darjeeling Rotary Himalayas. The oxygen concentrator will be of great use for the dogs.

