

THE MONTHLY REPORT

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Introduction

As we step into the heart of summer, our dedication to the well-being of animals remains unwavering at the Kalimpong Animal Shelter. Despite the challenges posed by the season, including an influx of cases related to skin issues, flea dermatitis, and bacterial infections among dogs, our team has stood strong in providing compassionate care and essential medical attention. April brought with it a flurry of activities and successes, from our ongoing Animal Birth Control Programme to heartwarming adoptions and rescue operations.

Highlights

- Rescue Operations
- Emergency cases
- Animal Birth Control Programme
- OPD cases
- Adoptions



OPD cases

Rescue Operations

Upon receiving a distressing phone call regarding a rescue dog with a severe wound, the Shelter team swiftly responded by heading to the location to assist. The condition of the dog's wound was alarming, with a large patch and signs of worsening. Its left eye was completely shut, and there was heavy maggot infestation in its ear. Recognizing the urgency, the team promptly rescued the dog and brought him to the Shelter, where immediate care and comfort were provided.

Roshan and Lakpa skillfully removed the maggots during the initial treatment phase. Dr. Deo recommended regular follow-ups and advised debriding the wound to facilitate the dog's rapid recovery. Currently, the dog remains under the Shelter's attentive care. Encouragingly, it has shown signs of improvement, has started to eat and is on its healing journey.

Intervention by the KAS team post-bite case

The Kalimpong Animal Shelter team rescued a suspected rabid dog in April. Following this, the team comprising Dr. Deo, Roshan, Yogita, and Dr. Mihir from Darjeeling conducted a home visit to meet with the affected family. Their intervention at 6th Mile, Kalimpong, where the dog was found, was marked by engaging discussions with the owner, and interactions with a child and a neighbor who had been bitten.

During this time, the government veterinary team was also on-site, providing essential support. The family was promptly advised to undergo vaccination, a crucial step in preventing further spread. Simultaneously, the government veterinary team diligently administered post-bite doses to the surrounding dogs, mitigating potential risks to the community.

The subsequent follow-up sessions conducted by the Kalimpong Animal Shelter team were instrumental in ensuring the continued well-being of both the family and the local canine population. Now, a month later, it brings relief to report that the situation in the area has returned to normalcy.

Interacting with the community !



Conducting Home-visit



Fractured Puppy care

A tiny puppy was brought to the Shelter, clearly in distress. Following a detailed physical examination and X-Ray, it was revealed that the puppy had a minor fracture in its radial bone.

To support its recovery and enhance mobility, a modified Robert Jones bandaging technique was carefully applied by Dr. Deo Pandey.

The positive update is that the puppy has made significant progress and is now gradually able to walk.



Embracing a new family!



Adoption Initiatives

One of the highlights of the month was the adoption of a loving black kitten, quite rare as black kittens are often overlooked. This heartwarming adoption marked a significant milestone for us, with a caring owner stepping forward to provide a nurturing home filled with love and warmth. Additionally, several other puppies found loving homes, showcasing the impact of our adoption initiatives.

OPD cases

OPD Cases: The Shelter's OPD continues to witness a steady stream of cases, with a notable increase in dogs presenting with skin issues, flea dermatitis, and bacterial infections attributed to the summer season.

In April alone, our dedicated team treated a significant number of outpatient cases, ensuring each animal received the necessary care and treatment.

A total of 405 cases were seen in April

Animal Birth Control Programme

Dr. Deo and the team remain steadfast in their commitment to the ABC programme, dedicating four days each week to the Sterilisation Programme. This comprehensive approach also includes street dog ABC surgeries, emphasizing our focus on population control and animal welfare.



The Monthly Staff Meeting

To foster continuous improvement and efficiency, a monthly meeting was conducted among the staff. This collaborative effort allows us to review our work, implement necessary revisions, and identify areas for improvement, ensuring that we deliver the highest standard of care to our animal residents.



As we reflect on the achievements and challenges of April, we remain committed to our mission of providing a safe haven for animals in need, promoting responsible pet ownership, and advocating for their well-being in every possible way. Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our cause.



Thank you