

MONTHLY REPORT

KALIMPONG ANIMAL SHELTER



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ANTI-RABIES VACCINATION CAMP

In April, Kalimpong Animal Shelter organised three camps, with the first being an Anti-Rabies Vaccination (ARV) drive at Bhalukhop. This camp was especially significant as it followed up on last year's suspected rabies case in the area. The ARV programme proved to be highly effective, garnering impressive community participation. It was heartening to see not only the elderly but also children actively involved, making this initiative a resounding success.



Dr. Deo updating the vaccination card at Bhalukhop camp

BHALUKHOP ARV CAMP

Helping communities



The Kalimpong Animal Shelter team diligently covered all the villages, vaccinating 163 dogs well into the evening to ensure every dog received protection against rabies. The camp was made even more special by the participation of local children who shared a deep bond with their dogs. A local community member used the microphone to alert residents, which prompted these children to bring their dogs for vaccination.

VACCINATION DRIVE

While the children may not have known much about rabies beforehand, this experience served as a valuable eye-opener, emphasising the importance of prevention and encouraging them to spread the word and assist others. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Help Animals India for their vital support in making this life-saving programme possible.



ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL CAMPS



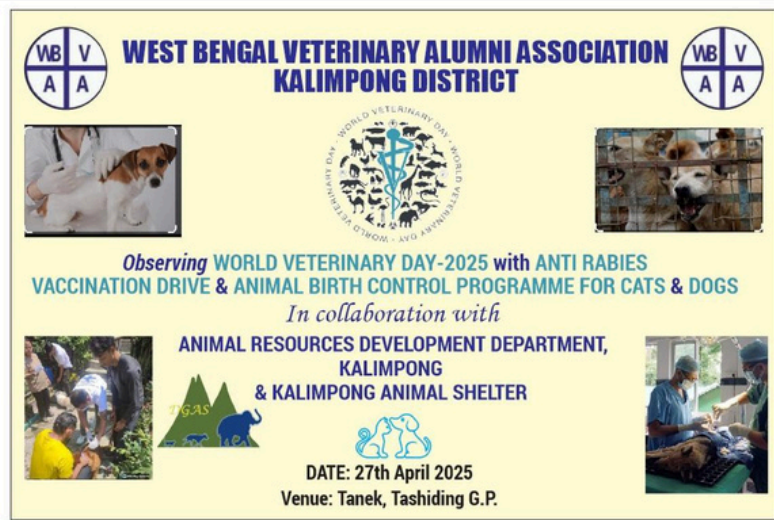
Two additional outreach programmes were carried out in April as part of Kalimpong Animal Shelter's ongoing efforts. The first was held on April 25, 2025, at Bidhyang, where eight dogs were sterilised. On April 27th, to mark World Veterinary Day, the Animal Resources Development Department (ARD), Kalimpong, organised an ABC camp at Tanek, Tashiding. The Kalimpong Animal Shelter team was invited to lead the sterilisation programme in collaboration with the department, following earlier concerns about rabies in the area. A total of eight dogs were sterilised during this camp.





A NEW STANDEE FOR CAMPS

OBSERVING WORLD VETERINARY DAY



OPD CASES



Compared to last month, there has been an increase in OPD cases at the Shelter. More dogs are seeking weekly treatment for diarrhoea, vomiting, and other gastrointestinal issues. In addition, several dogs are experiencing dermatological problems caused by ectoparasites.

OPD CASES

A noticeable rise in tick fever cases has been observed, with some dogs also being diagnosed with hemoprotozoan diseases, as confirmed through blood test reports.

In April, a total of 483 cases were recorded at the clinic.



ADDRESSING RABIES CONCERN AT 7TH MILE, KALIMPONG

In April, the 7th Mile community in Kalimpong was shaken by a series of dog attacks attributed to a jackal. Initially, a fire had broken out in the forest below St. Augustine's school and the jackal went wandering from the area and entered the 7th mile village.

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Following this the jackal was seen attacking dogs in the area that led to uproar in the community. However, the jackal was eventually involved in a hit-and-run incident with a scooter.

The Kalimpong Animal Shelter team, led by Dr. DP Pandey, alongside Dr. Kriti from the Animal Resources Development Department (ARD) and her team, immediately sprang into action. Dr. Pandey conducted an LFA test on the jackal in the presence of forest officials, which came back positive for rabies. The carcass of the jackal was then handed over to forest officials, who safely disposed of it by burning.



Visit to the 7th Mile community by ARD Vet Dr Kriti and the Forest personnel

The dogs bitten by the jackal were rescued by the KAS team and placed under observation at the Kalimpong Animal Shelter. Follow-up actions continued, and a Mass Anti-Rabies Vaccination programme, led by Dr. Kriti and the ARD team, was launched. The Integrated Bite Case Management officers from Darjeeling Animal Shelter were also informed and assisted in the vaccination programme. They were also invited to conduct a post-bite educational programme in Tashiding and 7th Mile, Kalimpong.

Normalcy was restored within a few days, though the teams remained vigilant throughout the process to ensure the safety of both animals and the community.

EDUCATIONAL VISIT BY ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT STUDENTS, KALIMPONG

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Humane education has long been one of our key programmes, designed to instil the values of kindness and compassion towards animals. Through this awareness-based approach, students also gain knowledge about rabies prevention, dog behaviour, and safe, respectful interactions with animals. This outreach continues to help us engage with different sections of the community and nurture a generation that learns to live in harmony with all beings.

On 29th April, our Shelter Veterinary in-charge, Dr. DP Pandey was invited to St. Joseph's Convent, Kalimpong, for a programme in observance of World Veterinary Day. The students participated enthusiastically and expressed a keen interest in learning more about becoming veterinarians and helping animals in need.



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Following the session, the students were welcomed to Kalimpong Animal Shelter for an educational tour. They had the opportunity to meet rescued and surrendered animals, spend time with them, and experience firsthand the impact of simple acts of kindness. The cheerful presence of cats and dogs—some shy, some curious, and many playfully eager—made the visit both heartwarming and memorable. The students also engaged in an interactive Q&A session with Dr. DP Pandey and Ms. Yogita Chettri, further deepening their understanding of animal welfare.



Students petting puppies at Kalimpong
Animal Shleter

MONTHLY RECAP

ADOPTION UPDATE

This month, four kittens found loving homes, and one puppy was adopted. Each of them now begins a new chapter surrounded by care, comfort, and companionship.

MONTHLY STAFF MEETING

The general monthly meeting at Kalimpong Animal Shelter, conducted by the Manager Mr. Arpan was held this month, focusing on work follow-ups and identifying areas that require improvement.

RESCUE

A total of nine rescue cases were attended to this month, with animals brought to safety and provided with the necessary care and treatment at the Shelter.



We sincerely thank you for your ongoing support