

## The monthly report from Darjeeling Animal Shelter (DAS)

The 24 kennels DAS has are always full. The number of rescue calls that are attended by the DAS team and Vet is more than that of the sister Shelter – Kalimpong Animal Shelter. The team is always at the beck and call to help animals. Also, a lot of meat shops in the main town there make more dogs visible in the vicinity so when people or tourists there see dogs with skin issues or any other ailment, phone calls are made to the DAS team.

There has been forty rescue of dogs in the month of February. Dogs that recovered early were released so that the other new rescues could be sheltered accordingly.



### *Rescues*

The Shelter Vet – Dr Mihir had a meeting with the Municipality Health Representative twice In February to discuss the MIC (Minimum Inhibitory Concentration).

The DAS team – Dr. Mihir and Mrs Furmit have been attending meetings with Ms. Sumedha Pradhan, Executive Director, Animal Resources Department, and Dr. Ashmiraj Rana , Deputy Director from ARD , GTA (Gurkha Territorial Administration ) to discuss the Rabies proposal submission .

Dr Mihir and Mrs Furmit have had a few meetings already with these chairpersons for getting local funds from GTA for the rabies project which the Shelter has been working on.

The Manager of HSI (Humane Society International) – Mr. Arkaparva visited Darjeeling Animal Shelter and met Dr. Mihir and the IBCM Officer – Ms. Prativa .

An awareness Programme was conducted by the IBCM Officer Ms. Prativa at Toonsong Primary School on 27<sup>th</sup> February.

DAS has been quite fortunate to have kind people around. There are people in both towns – Kalimpong and Darjeeling who help the furry ones with food donations or a few articles from time to time. The dogs have received some hot water bags this time from Ms. Aradhana Singh from Chandmari . Thanks to her and many others who help these furry beings.



The repair and maintenance including paint work is going on at DAS





*Ongoing repair work at DAS*

## Adoption of furry ones

Out of 42 rescues the DAS team carried out, some of them were puppies that were sheltered at DAS until their adoption. Twelve rescued puppies and cats found a loving home in February.



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