

The monthly report from Darjeeling Animal Shelter (DAS)

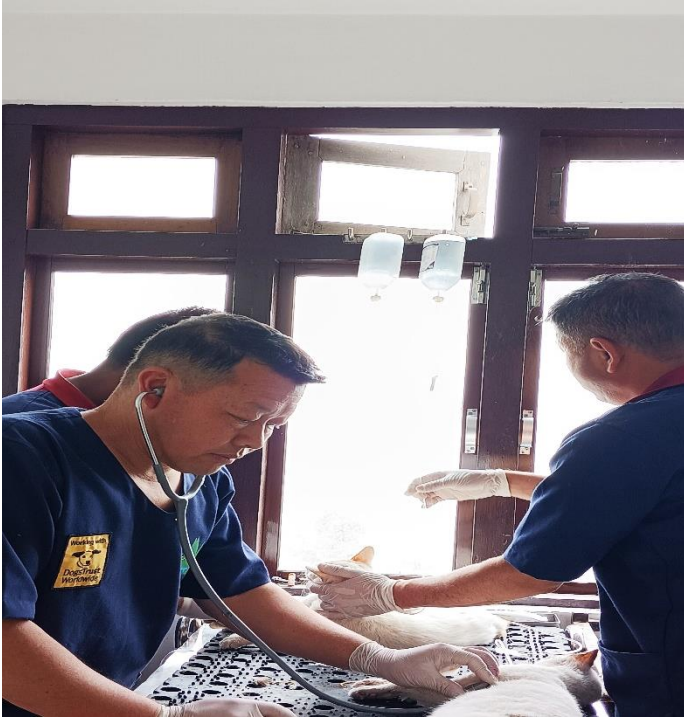
The Darjeeling Animal Shelter team has carried out forty three rescues this month. Several puppies have been rescued including sick and wounded adult dogs. All these puppies that come as rescues are later put up for adoption by the Shelter team.

On the other hand, sick dogs are attended to at the drop of a hat and are given the necessary treatment that many that came sick in April have recovered and a few are still on the road to recovery.

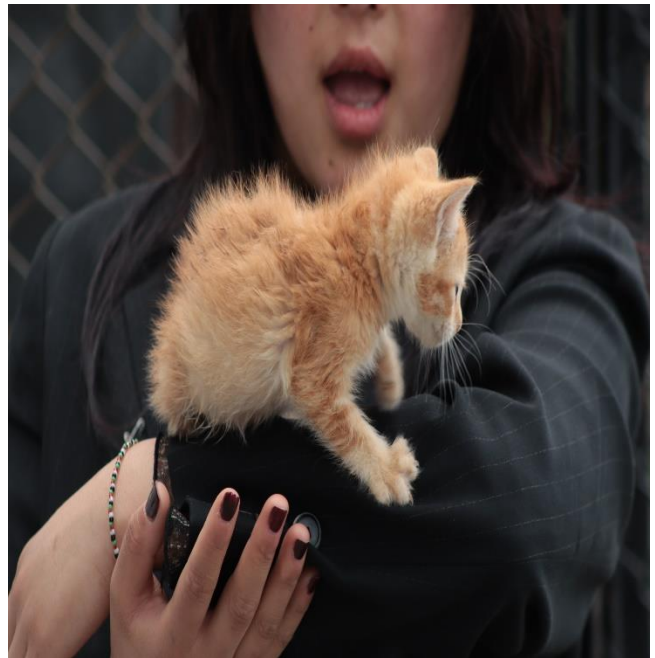
Dr Mihir and the team follow up regularly and currently, they are helping a dog with 99 percent burns in his body.



The ABC Programme of DAS funded by The Dogs Trust is running smoothly. There were seventy-eight ovariohysterectomy performed on dogs in the month of April by Dr. Mihir assisted by the Paravets. All these seventy-eight dogs were street and community dogs that needed immediate attention for their sterilisation. Alongside, seven other cats were spayed.



A few of the puppies and kittens have found their forever home. These puppies were dewormed and given 7 in 1 vaccination against the viral disease. All puppies are given for adoption when they are in a healthy state. It is less common in Darjeeling and Kalimpong to give them for foster care as people do not want to foster so the Shelter has to look into the upkeep of these puppies until adoption and send them to good hands, who would genuinely take care of them for a lifetime.



The DAS vet and team have attended to 203 clinical cases, mainly dogs and fewer cats. These furry patients had some skin issues, mainly mange and others were brought because of the seasonal flu.



Dear Ms Pravita , the IBCM Officer has been conducting excellent School Programmes i.e., Humane Education. She is imparting lessons to students and helping them to be kind and compassionate while informing them about 'rabies', 'Prevention of cruelty', 'dog bites', etc.



A *photoshoot* day of our furry beings at the Shelter was amazing though our dogs are very camera-shy and always run away, Mr Keshab has done his best in getting their beautiful snapshots. Some of them are reels, and clips featuring the Shelter cats and dogs and their usual day-to-day activities.



The Dogs Trust Team in their last visit in March travelled to a few villages with Dr Mihir and team and saw the ABC camp taking place. They decided that a camp held in Villages (Teas estates) would be far better than bringing the dogs to the Shelter. So Dr Mihir has been working on camps in Tea gardens and performing dog surveys, counting, etc.



On the 26th of April, The DGAS Trustee Mr Nirmal Jain visited the Darjeeling Animal Shelter for the official meeting and discusses points concerning proper record keeping, reports, accounts etc. The KAS Manager Mr. Arpan attended the meeting as well.

We thank Sir Nirmal for all his service over the years in helping the DGAS Trust run well. Mr. Nirmal has been there for more than two decades and the DGAS Trust is always very pleased to welcome him.



Left – Trustee –in-charge Mrs Yamima, Mr Nirmal (right end)

Mrs Yamima and the Managerial staff – Mr Arpan, Dr. Deo , Dr, Mihir, Mrs Furmit and Yogita also attended the general meeting presided by Mr Nirmal in Darjeeling Animal Shelter. It was a very healthy discussion with good results.

