Activity report from Darjeeling Animal Shelter

The month of September was dedicated to the Anti-Rabies Vaccination drive in all wards of Darjeeling. The vaccination drive was supported by Darjeeling Municipality and Dogs Trust Worldwide. The Darjeeling Animal Shelter team vaccinated Sixteen hundred and four dogs from all 32 wards. The number of vaccinations is likely to increase as the team winds up with the remaining Ward No -2.







signed by Dr. Mohit at ARV camp

The vaccination drive is led by Dr. Mihir who works alongside the team in making the programme successful. The new Vet Dr Mohit from DAS joined in as well to assist the team.



Dr. Mihir and the team vaccinate dogs in different wards in Darjeeling

Every month, Darjeeling Animal Shelter has the highest number of rescues. Frequent phone calls from dog lovers and dog feeders are common. Back-to-back rescues fill up the space in the Shelter kennels immediately after the old ones are released. This makes the Shelter's rescue project a busy operation for the team but a rewarding task - seeing animals on the road to recovery. In the month of September, a total of thirty-seven rescues were carried out.



The DAS team has been handling a lot of dog bite cases and has been conducting rescues of these dos immediately. Complaints about dog bites are reported by the community from time to time and the Shelter team makes timely interventions in addressing these issues and rendering help to the dogs and the community.



A complaint letter from the community requests the shelter to rescue aggressive dogs

Adoption of six little puppies and two kittens, fully weaned, adorable, and friendly found loving homes in September. They were all dewormed and vaccinated while they lived in the Shelter temporarily. These puppies were happy to explore their new homes.





On World Tourism Day – 27th September, the Darjeeling Animal Shelter team, the Municipality and the Animal Resources Department (ARD) came together to observe 'World Rabies day' one day in advance

Darjeeling is one of the tourist destinations in India. There is a high number of tourists visiting every year. This day September 27 has become a platform in raising awareness about the significance of tourism. On the very same day, the World Rabies Day, which is held on September 28 every year was observed to raise awareness about rabies prevention, and vaccination while promoting the Darjeeling town as a safe and tourist-friendly place.

A free Rabies Vaccination drive was organised by the Darjeeling Goodwill team in collaboration with the Darjeeling Municipality and the ARD Dept. The Shelter team vaccinated the Ponies which are used for joy rides at Chowrasta along with the vaccination of dogs.

The whole team Dr Mihir, Manager Mrs. Furmit, Dr Mohit, and Ms. Pratibha from the Shelter including Dr. Sameer from the ARD Dept. along with members from the Municipality actively participated in this event.

The Shelter team engaged largely not only in advocating for dog vaccination and rabies prevention but also in vaccinating dogs and Ponies on the spot at Chowrasta, where the event was held.



Pic: The Shelter team with the Municipality Board members and the ARD Dept on the occasion of World Rabies Day

Anti-Rabies Drive at Chowrasta



Dr. Mihir and Dr. Mohit vaccinate dogs on World Rabies Day



Dr. Mohit inoculates the Ponies at Chowrasta