



## CAMPAIGN TO RAISE \$25,000 FOR LIFE-SAVING X-RAY MACHINE



The team hears the frantic shouts before they see a man running to the shelter carrying a dog limp in his arms.

It has been hit by a car, barely alive. Time is critical. The vet quickly stops the bleeding and does a physical examination. It's bad. Maybe multiple fractures, organ damage. They have to get him to a centre in town with an X-Ray machine, if he can hang on...

This all too common scenario is heart breaking for the Darjeeling Animal Shelter. Working for Animals wants to help them to save countless more lives.

After careful consultation, the team has found the perfect solution. The Konica Minolta Aero DR NS System with Medion 100mA mobile X-Ray Machine and Bucky Table.

Instant X-Rays with the imaging quickly available on a laptop to make the right call for animals fighting against the clock to stay alive.

Please help us to raise the funds to provide this game-changing technology.

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**Animals routinely present at the two shelters we support with a range of injuries and conditions. Dogs, cats, cows, horses, even camels are brought in, often suffering and in great pain.**

Our sister shelter at Kalimpong has an X-ray machine and it is routinely used to scan and diagnose injuries. Kalimpong also has the equipment to test and analyse blood samples.

Both shelters need upgrades to meet the demand for care. The first step is for Darjeeling to obtain an X-Ray machine, which will transform clinical outcomes.

Celebrating 25 years of compassionate service to the animals of Kalimpong's hills, this shelter needs upkeep and improvement. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, plays a crucial role in carrying out this project.

### **Wish List**

1. Puppy Shed Construction Project
2. ABC Kennels – Roof Shed Repair Project
3. Shelter Dog Shed – Fencing Replacement Project
4. Clinic Roof Renovation Work
5. Volunteer House Renovation Project
6. New Land Fencing Project
7. Shrine Room (Meditation Room) Renovation

We welcome visitors to our Shrine Room, a tranquil space within the shelter where individuals seeking solace during animal treatment can meditate or rest. Over time, the room has aged, necessitating maintenance work.



The X-ray machine at Kalimpong shelter has saved countless lives.

## **Working for Animals**

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**Puppy Shelter**

*Puppy Shed: New foundation, frame and roofing.*

*Dog Shed: Demolish old fencing, install new chain link fencing.*

*Clinic Roof: Remove old, wooden rafters, replace with weatherproof, galvanised steel.*

*Land Fencing: Fencing for land acquired for use as a dog run.*



**Dog Shelter Shed**



**New Land Fencing**



**Clinic Roof**

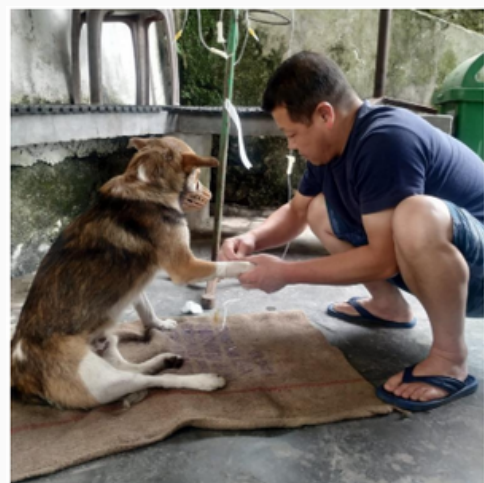


# DARJEELING ANIMAL SHELTER



*The DAS team completed their ABC (Animal Birth Control) training at a 12-day program in Goa.*

*Top: The team at Darjeeling are swamped with an average 440 cases a month, in addition to rescues and adoptions.*



*Left: A dog is marked after being vaccinated during the Antirabies Vaccination drive in Mirik Municipality.*

*Left: The Vet team attended to 203 clinical cases in April, including 78 ovariohysterectomy operations as part of the ABC Programme.*



# KALIMPONG ANIMAL SHELTER

*The team treated 405 cases in April alone!*

*Right: One of 140 dogs vaccinated so far this moth.*

*Bottom left: An X-ray saved this tiny puppy, which had a radial fracture, treated by Dr Deo Pandey. He has already started to walk.*

*Bottom right: Following the rescue of a rabid dog, Dr Deo, Roshan, Yogita and Dr Mihir from Darjeeling found the owners. The dog had bitten a neighbour and the entire family was advised to be vaccinated. The government veterinary team gave dogs in the area post-bite doses.*





# Q&A with Dr Mohit Mitharwal

## Did you grow up with companion animals?

During my childhood days , I did grow up in a village in Rajasthan where we had community dogs specially one who was very close to me named 'Kali' . Other than that we had cattle and goats in our home so life was always surrounded by animals .

## When and why did you decide to become a vet?

During my school days, I leaned towards science and after my secondary education, I opted for a Science Biology stream when I had the opportunity to work with animals - that's the moment when I decided to be a vet. With lots of hard work I cracked the preliminary vet exam and got ranked in the top ten in India and got admission to Asia's oldest vet school, Mumbai Veterinary College, where I completed my Bachelor in Veterinary Science & Animals Husbandry under the Veterinary Council of India.



## When did you come to DAS?

I joined DAS as shelter Veterinarian from in June, 2023 . Before that I volunteered and worked in different animal shelters and NGOs across the country.

## What do you like best about your work there?

I love the work environment of our shelter so much . Every staff member is dedicated to help animals and make a change in their life. I love doing rescues in difficult, challenging and hilly areas of Darjeeling and helping the furry babies.

## What do you see as the major achievements of KAS and DAS?

We are the only Animal NGO located in this vicinity. If anyone sees any dog in distress, they instantly call our helpline number and our team responds quickly to rescue the animal as soon as possible .

Awareness programmes by the shelter are also making a transformative difference in the society regarding animals. If anyone can't afford the basic charge we treat them for free and assure lifetime help for the animals.





## Adoptions!

Just some of the animals who found their forever homes during our latest Adoption appeal...





# India's Stray Dogs

Recent reports claim that India has the highest number of stray dog attacks in the world.

In an article by freelance journalist Monjorika Bose, the terrible practice of illegal breeding for dog fights highlights the concerns around animals bred in cruelty to be aggressive. The article also makes the case for providing love, care and food for community dogs.

"It's only when stray dogs go hungry and are tortured or beaten by local security guards and people with sticks and stones that they turn aggressive and ferocious." said Mansie Kumar, an animal welfare volunteer in Delhi

"Feeding stray dogs is very important, as well-fed dogs will fall sick less and be at peace... feeding one's local stray animals and coming to their medical aid should be recognised as purely an act of kindness."

There are an estimated 70 million stray dogs in India. They often lead short, brutal lives due to disease, malnutrition and injury.

That's why the Kalimpong and Darjeeling shelters are essential in providing primary care for sick and injured animals.



The ongoing ABC program is helping to ensure the dog population is sustainable and the anti rabies vaccination program has greatly improved the health of both canines and humans in the area

The work of our shelters, and many others, is shaping a better future.

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