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Introduction

July witnessed the usual monsoon weather, with heavy rains at the beginning of the month and increasing humidity towards the end. As expected, the monsoon season will continue until early October. Despite these challenging conditions, the team at Kalimpong Animal Shelter (KAS) has been tirelessly working, rain or shine, making a significant impact on the lives of the animals in our care. Animal Birth Control (ABC) Camps

July was an exceptionally busy month with ABC camps held in both Kalimpong at the Animal Resources Department, Dungra and the neighboring town of Siliguri.

Additionally, four days each week are dedicated to the ABC programme at KAS, where both owned pets and rescued dogs undergo sterilization.



Events

Following our local efforts, camps were held in Dungra in collaboration with the Animal Resources Department. Additionally, a five-day camp was conducted in Siliguri from July 25th to 31st, where 100 dogs were sterilized despite the sweltering heat. This camp was organized by the animal organization Nirbaak Aryanak Siliguri, headed by Mr. Deb. The camp was a resounding success. Kalimpong Animal Shelter (KAS) has always supported organizations and the community, prioritizing animal health and public health, and we are glad to have contributed to this initiative.



Dr Deo was felicitated by the Mayor in Siliguri



Dogs were caught from the streets for sterilization procedures and returned to their original locations post-surgery. Deb and his team from Nirbaak, along with the Kalimpong Shelter team, ensured thorough monitoring of these dogs throughout the process.

Daily Operations

In addition to the ABC camps, our daily operations continued with unwavering dedication. The team treated animals, conducted rescues, and performed sterilizations, leaving no stone unturned in their mission to save and improve the lives of these furry beings.



Medical Treatments

common issues such as fever, diarrhea, and vomiting reported due to seasonal changes. Additionally, we treated numerous maggot-infested cases, including several stray dogs rescued by the KAS team.



Rescue and Release

Lakpa and the team rescued a total of ten stray dogs this month. These dogs were brought in for Animal Birth Control (ABC) procedures and necessary treatment. After completing their ABC procedures, the dogs were released back to their familiar territories. Those requiring further treatment, including some with maggot infestations, remain under our care and are receiving the necessary medical attention.

Starting August 2024, the KAS team will focus more on street dog ABCs, which will help reduce the number of puppy litters surrendered to KAS. We are pleased to announce that Help Animals India has sponsored the ABC of 200 dogs this year. We extend our gratitude to all HAI donors for their generous support, including Mr. Steve Nation.



Fundraising Initiatives

Yogita, Arpan, and Trustee Mr. Nirmal have been diligently working on fundraising for the shelter. Their efforts are ongoing, with Yogita contacting several organizations and sending proposals. Even Dr. Deo has been in touch with the magistrate to help with the ABC programme. We are pleased to announce that Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter now has a Benevity account, allowing donors across the US to contribute. We thank Ms. Shipali from the States for her guidance and support. After a month of documentation work and initial setbacks, the account was successfully registered.

Surrendered Cases

We have received numerous phone calls from owners wishing to surrender their dogs to the shelter. Surrendering is not a viable solution, so our team has been working hard to convince owners about the spay and neuter programme and alternative programs for dogs with behavioral issues.

Unfortunately, our dedicated cleaning staff member, Mr. Padam, was bitten by a rescued dog recovering from maggot wounds. The dog, experiencing mood disorders due to confinement, is now better and ready for release after neutering. Thankfully, Mr. Padam is back on his feet after vaccination shots and treatment.

Cats Programme

The ABC cat ratio is higher than before, with more owners getting their cats spayed and neutered. KAS also helps cats and their owners who cannot afford sterilization through support from the Marchig Welfare Trust UK. However, cat surrenders are increasing, with more rescued cats needing our attention. We are working hard to address this issue.



Our commitment to improving animal welfare continues as we remain dedicated to the cause. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our donors and supporters for their invaluable support.