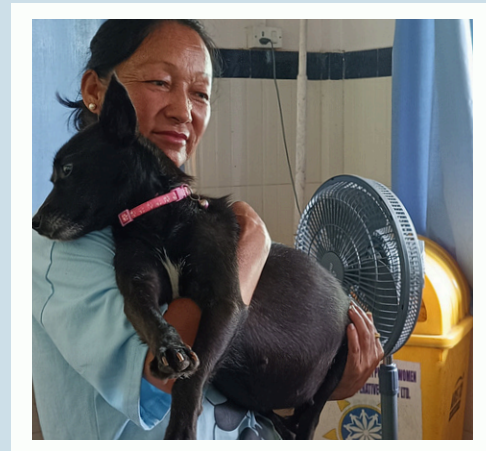




THE MONTHLY REPORT FROM KALIMPONG ANIMAL SHELTER

AUGUST 2024



INTRODUCTION

August at Kalimpong Animal Shelter was filled with routine activities, and despite the week-long Independence Day celebrations in town, the dedicated KAS team remained focused on their duties. They ensured all animals were well-fed and provided with veterinary care when needed.

Between the rain and sunshine, the shelter's dogs enjoyed August, with visitors arriving with bags full of treats. Despite the increased humidity, the team successfully kept the dogs and cats cool and hydrated by setting up large tubs of water. The shelter currently cares for 57 dogs, including a few rescues, and 34 cats.

In addition to their regular care, the team treated dogs suffering from skin issues like mange, a common condition. Thanks to the vet and the team's diligent rounds, the dogs are always in safe hands. The cats, too, received their regular check-ups, weekly skin treatments, and vaccinations, ensuring their continued health and well-being.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Kalpatru Foundation, Mumbai, for their generous CSR support, which greatly contributes to the upkeep of animals at the Kalimpong and Darjeeling Animal Shelters.

Highlights

- ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL PRG.
- OPD
- RESCUES
- ADOPTION
- STAFF MEETING





Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme

The ABC Program at Kalimpong Animal Shelter (KAS) in collaboration with Help Animals India is ongoing, with operations carried out every four days each week. Dr. Deo, assisted by Mr. Lil and two additional staff members—Mr. Lakpa and Mr. Roshan—manage anesthesia and overall program coordination. In August, we successfully sterilized 59 dogs and 27 cats at the shelter, significantly improving their quality of life and contributing to a stable, healthy dog population. Additionally, we organized a village camp in Chibbo Busty in collaboration with Maitri Animal Care. During this camp, 16 dogs and 7 cats were sterilized, extending the benefits of the ABC Program to communities in remote areas.



Village camp





Outpatient Department (OPD)

The OPD was fully operational throughout the month, attending to 332 animals. Mr. Mahesh and Mr. Sanjeev were adept at managing clinical cases, with support from the vet during the ABC Program activities at the shelter. The cases addressed included indigestion, nausea, diarrhea, hyperthermia, and more. Additionally, we extended our treatment services to livestock, including goats, cows, pigs, and chickens, helping to ensure the well-being of various animals in the region.

Rescues

KAS carried out eight rescues in August, most involving dogs suffering from maggot infestations that had gone untreated for days. We also responded to requests from community dog caretakers to sterilize female dogs that had become a local menace. After sterilization and post-operative care, these dogs were returned to their respective communities, healthier and free from suffering.

Rescue Care & Treatment



Adoption

August saw the surrender of 14 puppies to KAS. These puppies required foster care, which we provided by ensuring their needs were met, including proper nutrition and health checkups . Thanks to the shelter's ongoing efforts, 12 puppies were successfully adopted into loving homes in Kalimpong, underscoring our commitment to providing second chances for every animal in need. Additionally, a senior dog also found a new home.



Staff Meeting

In August, the KAS team also gathered for a monthly meeting, sharing experiences and discussing ways to improve operations for the welfare of the animals. The meeting focused on assessing the shelter's ongoing programs, such as the Animal Birth Control initiative, rescue operations, the upkeep of residential animals and handling surrender cases. The team shared insights, addressed challenges, and coordinated efforts to improve animal care.



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