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### Introduction

As we begin another year, our commitment to animal welfare remains steadfast, with renewed zeal to improve the lives of vulnerable animals in the region every day. The new year kicked off with routine treatments, surgeries, rescue operations, and Animal Birth Control camps.



### OPD Cases

January saw a decrease in parvovirus cases in Kalimpong. However, the KAS team remained engaged in treating cases of fever, diarrhea, vomiting, kennel cough, and skin infections, along with heart and kidney conditions in dogs. Veterinary care was provided to ensure timely treatment and relief for the affected animals.



## Animal Birth Control (ABC) Camps

The month featured several successful ABC camps:

### Camp at Homes Sherpa Goan

On the 12th of January an ABC camp was organised through the initiative of Ms. Anu Radha in collaboration with Kalimpong Animal Shelter at Sherpa Goan Homes, Kalimpong. The camp not only provided sterilisation services but also served as an awareness initiative, engaging local residents and students from Colby College, USA. The same batch of students later visited Kalimpong Animal Shelter and spent time with the resident animals. A total of 14 dogs and 3 cats underwent sterilisation during this camp.



### Bidhyang Village ABC Camp

On the 21st of January, KAS, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Kalimpong, organised a free ABC camp for the residents of Bidhyang Village. Many pet owners attended and had their dogs sterilised and vaccinated against rabies. A total of 17 dogs underwent successful sterilisation. This is one way we serve our animal beneficiaries for their overall well-being.

These village camps are part of KAS's ongoing efforts to maintain a stable and healthy dog population in Kalimpong's rural communities.



**Moments captured at Bidhyang (ABC) Camp**



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**Siliguri ABC Camp**

A three-day camp in Siliguri was held in Siliguri from January 23rd to 24th in collaboration with Nirbaak Animal Welfare, led by its founder, Mr. Deb. The KAS team was in Siliguri for the duration of the camp, carrying out sterilisation procedures for both dogs and cats.



## Siliguri (ABC) Camps



A total of **49** animals were successfully sterilised during the camp. However, the number of dogs expected was lower than anticipated, due to the drop in temperature in Siliguri.

## In-House ABC (Animal Birth Control Prg.)

The Shelter also conducted sterilisations on street- rescued dogs and owner's dogs. The rescued dogs were returned to their familiar territory after receiving post-operative care at KAS.



## Rescue and Cruelty Case

This month, the team responded to a distressing case of animal cruelty. A dog in Chibbo Busty, Kalimpong, was brutally attacked with a kukri, leaving him with a severe back injury. The KAS team rushed to his aid and found him bleeding profusely, with no immediate help available. Despite efforts to locate the perpetrator, no leads were found. The dog was brought safely to the shelter, where he received emergency treatment and care. However, his condition worsened over time, making movement increasingly difficult. Despite all efforts, he ultimately succumbed to his injuries.





## Students visit to KAS

On the 19th of January, students from Colby USA, visited Kalimpong Animal Shelter. They spent time with the sheltered animals and learned about the shelter's ongoing efforts, making their visit both enjoyable and educational.

Over the past few years, we have had the pleasure of hosting many students from Colby, who have been mentored by Mrs. Anu Radha from Kalimpong.



As the temperatures drop in Kalimpong, it's becoming cold for our furry friends once again. However, as always, the team is committed to ensuring they stay comfortable and safe. We are deeply grateful to all our donors for your invaluable support, which allows us to continue our efforts and provide the care these animals need.

Thank you for being part of this mission and making a difference in their lives.