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THE NEWS LETTER

Summer report

It is the working team spirit that keeps the Kalimpong Animal Shelter team going. They are always ready to adapt to changes and work for the greater good. Animals are now part of their everyday life and their daily actions reflect upon the work they carry out for these voiceless beings.

From being an animal feeder to a nurse or a dog handler, the team has done it all, come rain or shine. These are the animal heroes who have fearlessly worked hard in helping animals not only at the Animal Shelter, which is their place of work but also in different locations, where the animals needed help with rescues and treatment.



Both these sister Shelters – Kalimpong and Darjeeling Animal Shelters have undoubtedly carried out tremendous welfare work for the betterment of stray and community animals in these hill towns-Kalimpong and Darjeeling over the last years.

On the other hand, there have been countless recoveries of animals that sometimes even included wild animals like Civets, Pangolins, etc., which were brought to the Shelter by the forest officials.

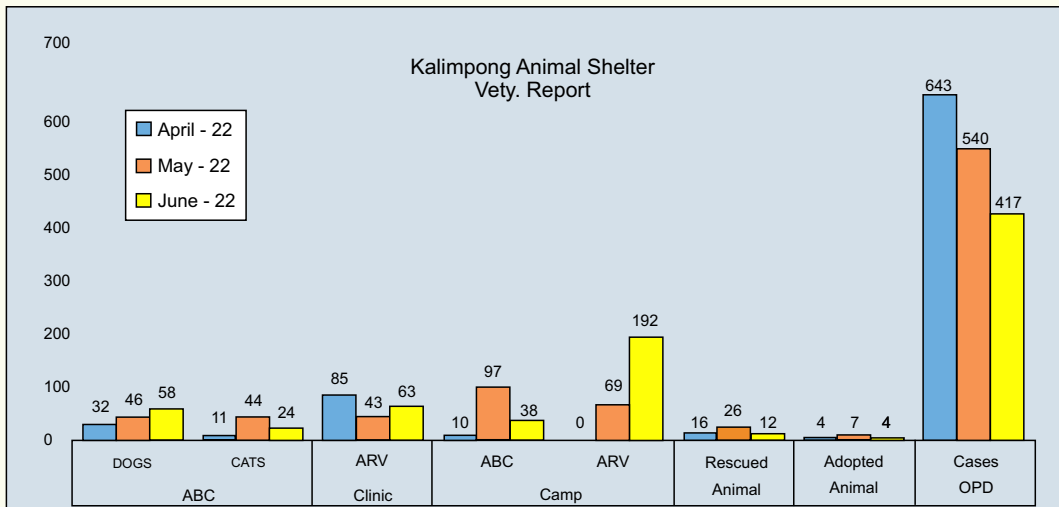
Also, a large part of the community is still dependent on these sister animal Shelters for the Spaying and Neutering Programme, or in other words- Sterilisation Prg. on community dogs. The Animal Shelter helps these community animals by conducting a Village makeshift camp.



Sterilisation/Ligation or Spay & Neuter Programme is one of the most crucial Programmes to save the life of small animals and help reduce the dog population.

The Animal Clinic

The Animal Clinic depicts the everyday struggle of the sick and injured animals, who come with the hope to recover. Their owners are always seen with them waiting patiently as their pet animals gradually recuperate. It is never a happy sight witnessing the sick ones, but bringing them back to life matters. So with 100 % care and commitment, the Vet and team focus on saving a life.



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Month	ABC		Clinic	Camp		Animal	Animal	OPD
	DOGS	CAT	ARV	ABC	ARV	Rescued	Adopted	Cases
April - 22	32	11	85	10	0	16	4	643
May - 22	46	44	43	97	69	26	7	540
June -22	58	24	63	38	192	12	4	417
Total	136	79	191	145	261	54	15	1,600

The Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme

Headed by Dr. Deo Pandey in Kalimpong Animal Shelter and Dr. Mihir Mazagonkar in Darjeeling Animal Shelter, a sister organisation, there have been very good results of ABC on both streets and owned pet animals all these years.

Dr. Mihir has also completed the Animal Birth Control Project funded by Dog Trust Worldwide (DTW) for one year. Reaching the target of 600 dogs for ABC was not a cakewalk at all for Dr. Mihir and the team, but they were fully committed to the cause and because of

this, they were very close to their target of 600 dogs. In total, 521 dogs were sterilised as part of the DTW project since those were the only number of street dogs that were traced in the Darjeeling town area. But in general, the team has sterilised over 700 dogs in the last year including 60 cats and above.

We thank DTW for such massive support in helping change the lives of these vulnerable street dogs.



Another milestone soon to be achieved

Dr. Mihir's initiative on 'Making Darjeeling rabies' free zone by 2023' has been approved by the Municipality. Darjeeling town is more of a human and dog-friendly place which the Animal Shelter has created over the years. Having fought such fatal rabies cases both in Kalimpong and Darjeeling, the Shelter has made it this far despite facing many hurdles and challenges, fear and bites from dogs, etc.

The effort of the team has never gone in vain as we see the outcome with hardly any rabies deaths today in dogs and humans alike. However, it is still important to keep a watch over the dogs and ensure that all the old dogs are vaccinated against rabies every year and that the new dogs which come in are safe for the community, says Dr. Mihir- the Project head. And for this, the vet- Dr. Mihir, and a team from DAS are studying the dogs in every ward and collecting the census which will officially prove that Darjeeling town is a rabies-free town. In addition, this milestone will boost the tourism industry as Darjeeling has been a fascinating spot for tourists worldwide. It will be the first Municipality ever in the state of West Bengal, India to be recognized as the Dog mediated rabies-free Municipality.

The whole Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter family would like to thank the Municipality for their kind cooperation in helping run this project which will not only benefit dogs but also the people and further help in flourishing the tourism industry in Darjeeling. With this hope, we are also looking forward to initiating the same project in the neighboring town- Kalimpong.



Call for home visits are quite regular now for the team of the Animal Shelter – And this time it is for the treatment of a cow with milk fever.



As usual, the home visit has been one of the services the team of Animal Shelter has been providing to the community and their animals. Although the main focus of work has been on small animals for the team, they have never limited their work and knowledge to a specific area. With the ability to learn, adapt and develop their passion for rendering service to all, the team even today has been able to live with such beliefs and make the community and their animals happy.





**All animals deserve
a home
Happy Adoptions of
our furry pals**

**Fifteen canine
&
feline friends
have been
successfully adopted
this summer**



A leopard survivor dog visits Kalimpong Animal Shelter after having injuries sustained from a scuffle

From Takdah, which is farther away from town and part of the Darjeeling district, the owners brought their dog which was caught by the leopard near his house which is an area covered by forest. Both Kalimpong and Darjeeling are covered with forest because of which wild animals are seen from time to time.

According to the source – the guard was guarding the house at night until he saw this species take over the area and tried to attack the dog when the dog went barking. When they started to defeat each other, they ended up in a big brawl. Poor dog! He was wounded badly and his legs were injured so he needed help. His kind owner drove him to Kalimpong Animal Shelter in Middle Bong Busty to get his treatment done. His owner was advised by the Vet- Dr. Deo to get the post-bite anti-rabies vaccination shot as well. The dog is doing better now as his wounds have healed.



Road accident victim comes to Kalimpong Animal Shelter with a ray of hope

He was rushed to the KAS Emergency & Critical Care Unit. The dog was kept on relaxants whilst the team was examining his wounds and giving him first aid. But it was already too late for him to come back to life. We appeal to the drivers to drive safely keeping in mind the numerous animals that survive on the streets. Because every life matters. It is precious to all beings.





Helping communities, and animals through Village camps

Several village camps were conducted in the last quarter as it is through Village camps where Animal Birth Control plays a major role, we can reach out to remote places. The Darjeeling Animal Shelter believes in 'lifting the weak and vulnerable animals'. Because of their noble work, they can help animals thrive in places where people have very little awareness of 'Animal welfare'.

And they continue with the same spirit everyday.

Animal Birth Control (ABC) Camp by Kalimpong Animal Shelter

Sl. No.	Place		
1. Takdha		10	3
2. Siliguri		26	1
3. Sindebong		20	6
4. Siliguri		35	2
5. Bidyang		16	4
6. Charkhol		12	0
7. 12th Mile (Dansberg)		28	11
8. Children Park		15	7



Pictures from Siliguri Camp

Many thanks to Pedigree India

Last but not least, a big shout out to Pedigree India for the carton full of kibbles for the cats and dogs of Kalimpong & Darjeeling Animal Shelters.

With over 50 plus dogs and numerous cats to cater to, the Animal Shelter is always in need of food supplies. And as our Animal Shelters believe in 'keeping all the animals well-fed', food becomes our top priority.

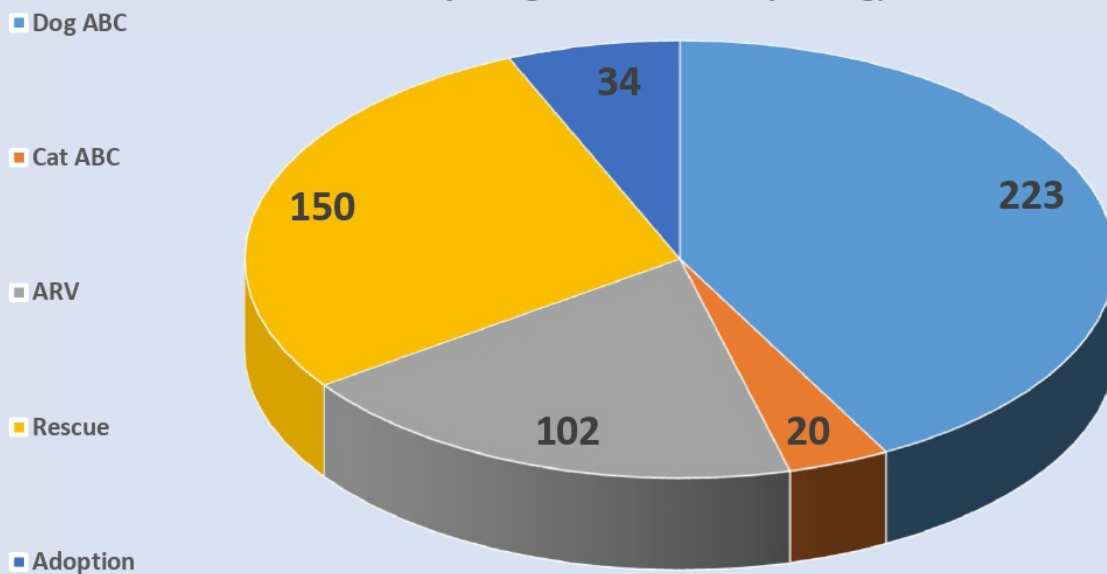
And we express our gratitude to Pedigree India, (one of the largest chains of food suppliers for canines and felines alike) for the truck load of animal food for our sheltered furry families. Many thanks, Pedigree India.



Darjeeling Animal Shelter (Lebong)

Month	Dog ABC	Cat ABC	ARV	Rescue	Adoption
April	93	9	14	65	14
May	80	6	54	49	10
June	50	5	34	36	10
Total	223	20	102	150	34

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- The sister org. Darjeeling Animal Shelter will be collaborating with the Municipality and Woofers for the welfare of Ponies at Chowrasta
- Free mobile health camp, including free Anti-rabies Vaccination camp to be held in Kalimpong.
(Date and time will be notified pre-camp)
- Appeal for the **Monsoon wishlist** for the furry family
- OT (Operating Theatre) lights to carry out the Animal Birth Control Prg.
- Fencing of kennel and runways for the dogs Gunny sacks, wooden beds, big plastic bowls for the dogs.



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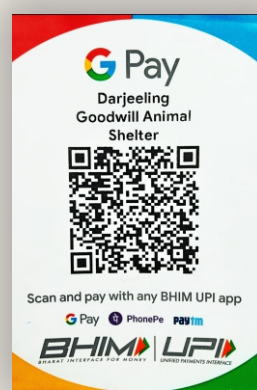
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