

A photograph showing a surgical team in a rural clinic. Two surgeons, wearing blue scrubs, blue surgical caps, and masks, are performing a procedure on a patient lying on a red table. A third person, wearing green scrubs and a blue surgical cap, is assisting. The room has a yellow wall with various traffic signs and a window with bars. The patient is lying on a red table, and the surgical team is focused on the procedure. The room appears to be a simple, functional surgical suite in a rural setting.



HIGHLIGHTS

- ABC surgeries: **120 nos.**
- Clinical cases: **317 nos.**
- Rescues: **26 nos.**
- Adoptions: **7 nos.**
- ARV: **1522 nos.**
- Phone calls answered: **38 nos.**
- Animal carcasses tested for rabies: **7 nos.**
- Rabies positive results in DFA: **4 nos.**
- Awareness in community: **4598 nos.**

DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT



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Collaborative ABC-ARV initiative of DGAS & ARDD featured
in DSTV Darjeeling News Channel

ABC SURGERIES

Sl.no.		Dog	Cat	Total
1.	Total ABC	98	22	120
2.	Spay	74	18	92
3.	Castration	24	4	28
4.	Cryptochid	1	0	1
5.	Death	0	0	0
6.	PM	0	0	0

COLLABORATION WITH ARDD



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Duare Sarkar in Kurseong Introduces First-Ever Sterilization and Vaccination Camps for Dogs and Cats

The state government's flagship outreach initiative "Duare Sarkar" (Government at Your Doorstep) was recently held in the Kurseong Municipality area with remarkable success. This year's programme stood out for introducing, for the very first time, a dedicated animal welfare component through sterilization and free anti-rabies vaccination camps for dogs and cats.

Under the initiative of Kurseong Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO) Vindabasi Teja Deepak and Veterinary Officer Dr. Suedenla Tshering Bhutia, a total of six free anti-rabies vaccination and five sterilization camps were organised as part of the Duare Sarkar programme. The sterilization procedures were conducted by an expert team from the **Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter**.

According to Dr. Bhutia, a total of 226 anti-rabies vaccinations were administered and 70 sterilization surgeries were successfully carried out. Stray dogs were sterilized completely free of cost, while minimal charges were levied for pet animals. Importantly, all animals—stray as well as domestic—received anti-rabies vaccines free of cost, ensuring wider community protection against the deadly disease.



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Darjeeling Animal Shelter conducted a total of five ABC-ARV Camps throughout Kurseong in collaboration with ARDD during the West Bengal Government's initiative Duare Sarkar, which was conducted for the people. Accolades were given to both the parties for providing quality Animal Birth Control surgeries & free Anti-Rabies Vaccinations for the public with a request for future collaborations and such initiatives.

GTA ANTI-RABIES VACCINATION

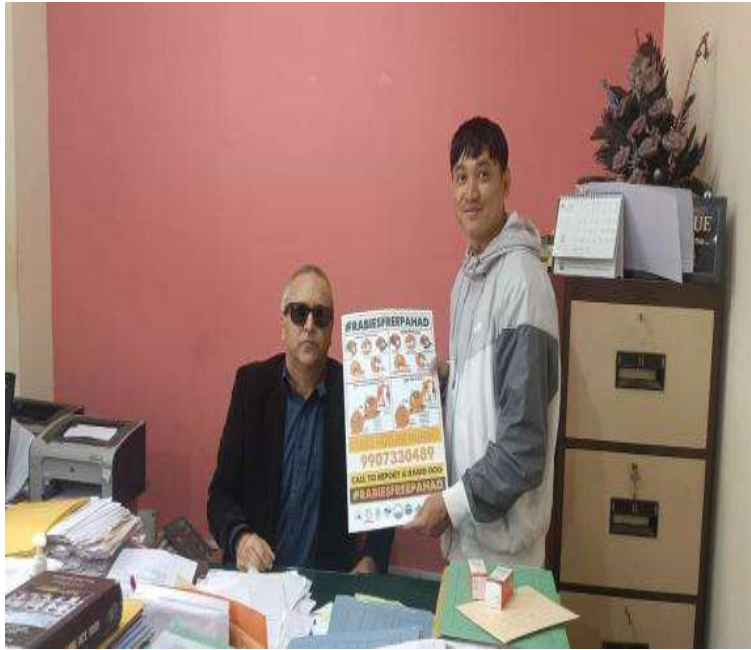


Annual Anti-Rabies Vaccination in Darjeeling Municipality
during World Rabies Month

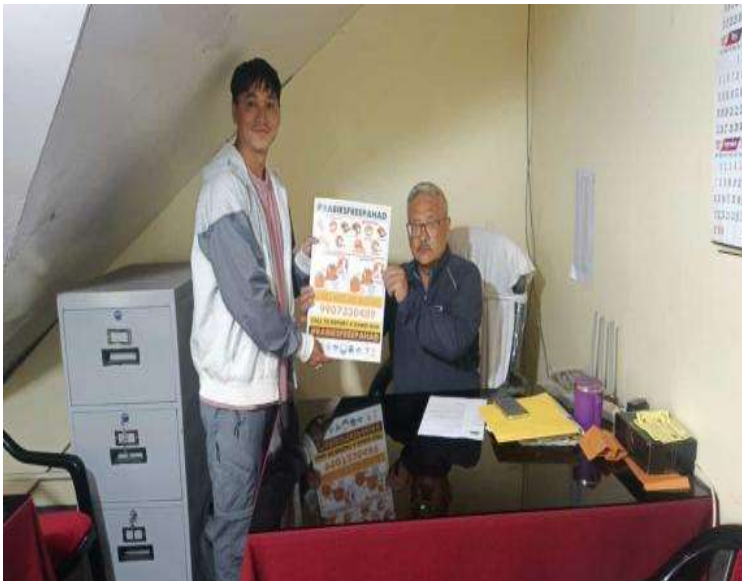
ANTI-RABIES VACCINATION

Sl.no.		Quantity
1.	Clinic	37
2.	ABC-ARV Camps	128
3.	RRT-ARV	1357
Total		1522

STAKE HOLDER'S MEET



A meeting with the Darjeeling Municipality Councillor and Medical Officer was arranged to discuss the Darjeeling Municipality Annual Mass Dog Vaccination during the World Rabies Month, i.e., September '25.

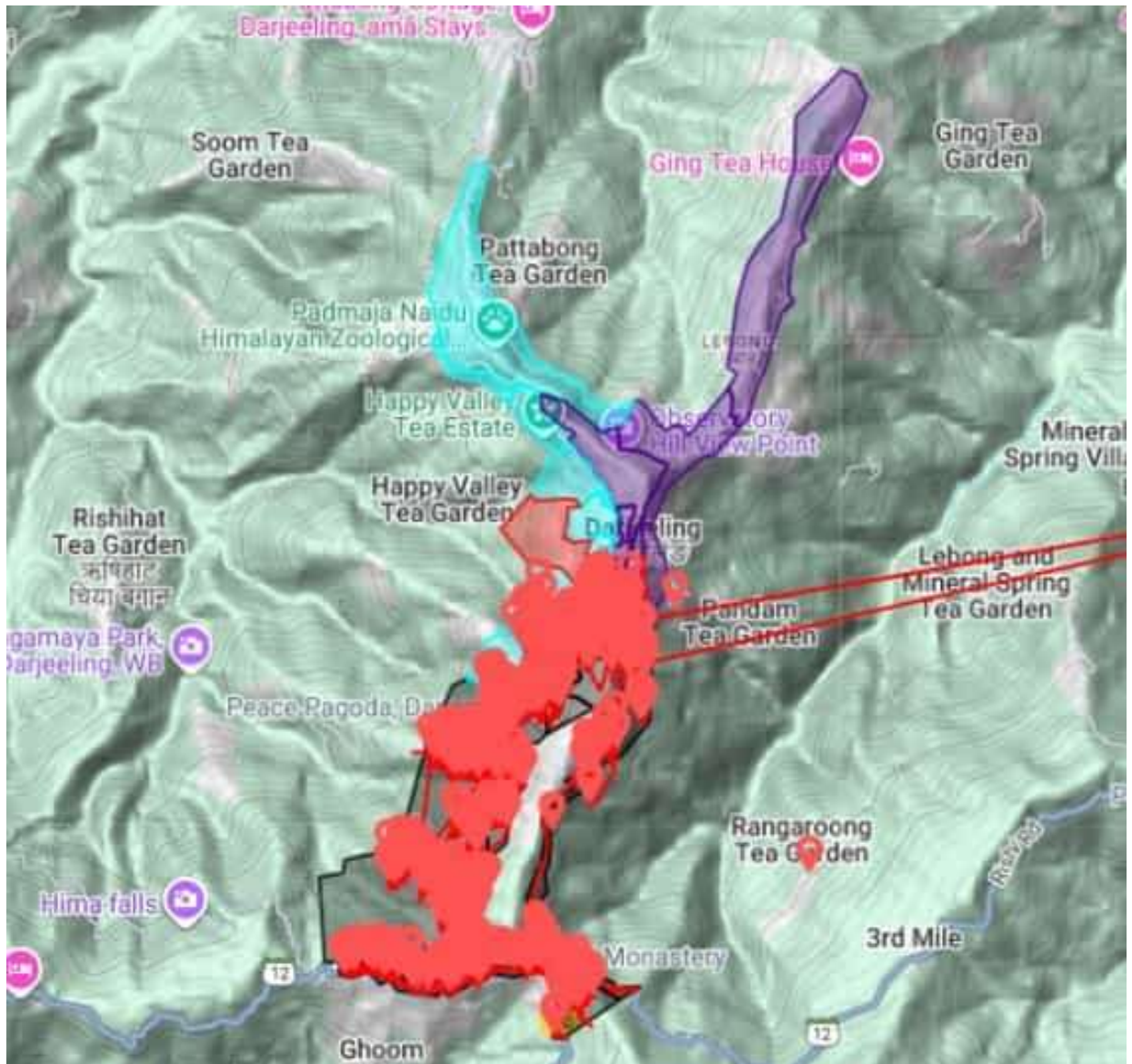




An order was issued for the ASHA workers to put up Rabies hotline and first aid posters in all the 32 wards to sensitize the public about the ongoing Annual Mass Dog Vaccination Drive in the Darjeeling Municipality to aid us in better vaccination coverage.

Annual Mass Dog Anti-Rabies Vaccination Drive in Darjeeling Municipality

A total of 994 dogs have been vaccinated till 25th September 2025 by Rabies Response Team in 10 wards.



RRT in Action in Darjeeling Municipality



AWARENESS PROGRAMMES



Pedong, Kalimpong



Okaity TG, Mirik



Thurbo TG, Mirik



Ganesh High School, Kalimpong

Taking forward Sikkim-MR Collaboration



Dr. Shivani Pradhan had a follow-up meeting with Dr. Thinley Nedup Bhutia regarding the Sikkim-MR collaboration, during which I provided him with a short demo on how the React app functions. He expressed his appreciation for the LFA test kits we provided and assured us that he would be sending brain samples to Animal Rabies Diagnosis Laboratory, College of Veterinary Science, Khanapara, Assam, for DFA testing. Dr. Thinley also conveyed his enthusiasm about collaborating with Mission Rabies and reaffirmed his commitment to supporting the initiative.

Rabies Surveillance Update

ANIMAL RABIES DIAGNOSIS LABORATORY
SATELLITE OF KVAFSU-CVA-WVAH REFERRAL LABORATORY FOR RABIES, BENGALURU
DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE
COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SCIENCE, ASSAM AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY
KHANAPARA, GUWAHATI-781 022

No. VM/RADLAB/2023-26/ ARDL-20 Date: 18-09-2025

TEST REPORT FOR RABIES

Sample	Brain tissue
Animal species	Dog, Cat, Jackal
Location of the case	Darjeeling
Sender's address	Gorkhaland Territorial Administration Ashwin Thapa, Rabies Project Manager Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter Contact: 8345216197
Date of sample receipt	09-07-2025
Tests performed	DFA
Date of test performed (DFA)	August-September, 2025

TEST RESULTS

Sl. No.	SAMPLE ID	LAB ID	CONDITION OF THE SAMPLE	TEST RESULTS
				LFA (As reported by the sender) DFA
1	04/07/GTA/JD	ARDL-20	PARTIALLY PUTRIED	NEGATIVE NEGATIVE
2	03/07/GTA/JD	ARDL-21	FIT	NEGATIVE NEGATIVE
3	01/04/GTA/JD	ARDL-22	**	POSITIVE **
4	01/07/GTA/JD	ARDL-23	FIT	NEGATIVE NEGATIVE
5	02/07/GTA/JD	ARDL-24	FIT	NEGATIVE NEGATIVE
6	09/06/GTA/JD	ARDL-25	FIT	NEGATIVE NEGATIVE
7	03/06/GTA/JD	ARDL-26	FIT	NEGATIVE POSITIVE
8	07/06/GTA/JD	ARDL-27	FIT	NEGATIVE POSITIVE
9	06/06/GTA/JD	ARDL-28	FIT	NEGATIVE NEGATIVE
10	08/06/GTA/JD	ARDL-29	FIT	NEGATIVE NEGATIVE
11	04/06/GTA/JD	ARDL-30	FIT	NEGATIVE NEGATIVE
12	02/06/GTA/JD	ARDL-31	FIT	NEGATIVE NEGATIVE
13	01/06/GTA/JD	ARDL-34	FIT	NEGATIVE NEGATIVE
14	10/06/GTA/JD	ARDL-35	FIT	NEGATIVE NEGATIVE
15	05/06/GTA/JD	ARDL-36	FIT	NEGATIVE NEGATIVE
16	05/04/GTA/JD	ARDL-37	FIT	NEGATIVE POSITIVE
17	06/04/GTA/JD	ARDL-38	FIT	NEGATIVE NEGATIVE
18	07/04/GTA/JD	ARDL-39	PARTIALLY PUTRIED	NEGATIVE POSITIVE
19	02/04/GTA/JD	ARDL-40	FIT	NEGATIVE NEGATIVE
20	03/04/GTA/JD	ARDL-41	FIT	NEGATIVE NEGATIVE
21	04/04/GTA/JD	ARDL-42	FIT	NEGATIVE NEGATIVE
22	03/05/GTA/JD	ARDL-43	FIT	NEGATIVE NEGATIVE

Under our ongoing rabies surveillance program, 24 brain samples were tested using the DFA method in Rabies Diagnosis Laboratory, CVSc, Khanapara, Guwahati, Assam, with 4 samples — 26, 27, and 37 from Darjeeling Municipality area and 39 from Kalimpong — testing positive.

The reduced number of cases compared to previous findings reflects the positive impact of our ABC program, mass dog vaccinations through Rabies Response Team, and community awareness initiatives. Our integrated approach continues to strengthen rabies control efforts across the region, bringing us closer to the goal of a rabies-controlled/free community.

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Para-vet Rudra doing the daily In-Patient treatment

MONTHLY DAS ACTIVITIES

		CANINE	FELINE	OTHERS	TOTAL
Clinical Cases		279	38	0	317
Other than ABC surgery		4	2	0	6
Vaccinations	Tri-cat	0	0	0	0
	Megavac -7	9	0	0	9
Rescue		18	8	0	26
Return After Treatment		8	1	0	9
Adoptions		6	1	0	7
Deaths		5	5	0	10
PTS		1	1	0	2

WORLD RABIES DAY 2025



We started our World Rabies Day celebration by vaccinating 12 ponies of Chowrasta, Darjeeling joined by Dr. Sameer, ARDD and members of the Horse Association of Chowrasta.





The second half of our shelter programme was held with the Southfield College interns, making it a warm and engaging event. The event included a certificate distribution ceremony and a presentation on the shelter's history, ongoing initiatives, and achievements under this year's theme, "Act Now: You, Me, Community". The programme ended on a cheerful note with the interns expressing their gratitude and enthusiasm.



Felicitated at Southfield College for conducting the internship programme for their students



One with Miss Raka, Trustee, DGAS and the interns at Southfield College

A BOND BEYOND INTERNSHIP



When the students from Southfield College joined our shelter for their internship, they came to learn about animal care — but one of them found something much deeper. Amidst the daily routines of feeding, cleaning, and caring for rescued animals, she met a bright, playful puppy who instantly stole her heart, with a wag that spoke a thousand words.

On World Rabies Day, a day that celebrates compassion and responsibility, she came back not as an intern — but as an adopter. With a heart full of love and tears of joy, she gave that puppy a forever home. It was a perfect reminder that kindness has a way of finding its way back — sometimes in the shape of a wagging tail.