

# KALIMPONG ANIMAL SHELTER

(KAS)

## MONTHLY REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2025

### ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL (ABC) CAMPS



In September, Kalimpong Animal Shelter (KAS) conducted four ABC camps, extending its services to places where such facilities are not available. The outreach programmes were held in Siliguri, Nimong, Pedong, and Takdah, providing a much-needed relief for community dogs and for owners who find it difficult to bring their dogs to the Shelter.

The month began with an ABC programme in Siliguri, in collaboration with the Siliguri Municipal Corporation. The KAS team spent four days in Siliguri – two days were dedicated to the Municipal Corporation's project and two days with Siliguri Animal Helpline, enabling community feeders to get the dogs they look after sterilised.

KAS has been supporting Siliguri for over 15 years, with Dr. Deo Pandey and his small team of four staff continuing their dedicated efforts. Their contribution has been acknowledged by the Mayor of Siliguri for their work in addressing the growing dog population through sterilisation. In Siliguri alone, Dr. Deo and his team from KAS sterilised 98 dogs and 11 cats.






# ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL (ABC) CAMPS


In Kalimpong, the KAS Vet-In-charge-Dr.Deo Pandey was invited to a meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September with the Municipality and the Animal Resources Development Department (ARD), where the team was commended by the ARD Director-in-charge-Dr.Yograj Tamang from Kolkata for its consistent work on dog population management in the region. KAS submitted five-year reports on ABC and ARV, and the meeting at the ARD office highlighted the importance of the ABC Dog Rules 2023.





Dr.Devendra Pradhan-the ARD Deputy Director and a Rotarian at the Agro Vet Mela for the ABC Prg.



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Nimong camp





# COMMUNITY AWARENESS SESSIONS IN NIMONG AND PEDONG

During the ABC camps in Nimong and Pedong conducted by the Kalimpong Animal Shelter (KAS) team, Mr. Biraj, the Integrated Bite Case Management (IBCM) Officer from Kalimpong, conducted rabies awareness sessions for the community and dog owners bringing their pets for spaying. He distributed rabies hotline numbers and informational leaflets and explained the importance of immediate vaccination after potential exposure.



*Biraj with a brochure,raising awareness*

The Pedong camp was organised by the Rotary Club of Kalimpong on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September in collaboration with KAS and the Animal Resources Development Department (ARD). Dr. D.P. Pandey, a Rotarian from Kalimpong, and the Deputy Director of ARD, also a Rotarian, were present during the camp.

## RABIES AWARENESS SESSION AT DR.GRAHAM'S HOMES,KALIMPONG

On 1st September, the Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter (DGAS), in collaboration with Kalimpong Animal Shelter (KAS), Mission Rabies, and Worldwide Veterinary Services, organised a Rabies Awareness Session at Dr. Graham's Homes, Kalimpong.



The programme was attended by over 1400 students and teaching staff from pre-primary, middle, and senior school levels. It focused on raising awareness about rabies transmission and preventive measures.

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The session was led by Flavian Lepcha, Rabies Education Officer; Mr. Biraj Chettri, IBCM Officer from Kalimpong; and Prajit Subba, IBCM Officer from Mirik. They addressed key topics including how rabies is transmitted, its symptoms, the importance of immediate first aid after a dog bite, the necessity of post-bite vaccination, responsible pet ownership, and the newly launched rabies helpline in Kalimpong.



*The team at Jarvie Hall,Dr. Gaham's Homes*

The session was interactive and informative, with active participation from students who asked several questions. The IBCM officers engaged effectively with the students, while Mr. Arpan and Yogita from KAS also attended the programme.

Following the session, the Rabies Response Team (RRT), led by Ashwin from Mission Rabies, conducted a vaccination drive for the school's community dogs, ensuring the safety of students and staff. Dr. Graham's Homes is animal-friendly, with a significant number of community dogs roaming freely on campus. The Kalimpong Animal Shelter team has traditionally carried out annual vaccinations for these dogs, and this year the new Rabies Response Team continued the initiative. The drive was supported by five Rotary Interact students from School, who helped identify dogs across the campus. As a result, the RR team vaccinated a total of 22 dogs at Graham's Homes.

DGAS extends its sincere thanks to Principal Mr. Monteiro and Headmistress Ms. Jeena Raghavan for their support in hosting this important awareness session.

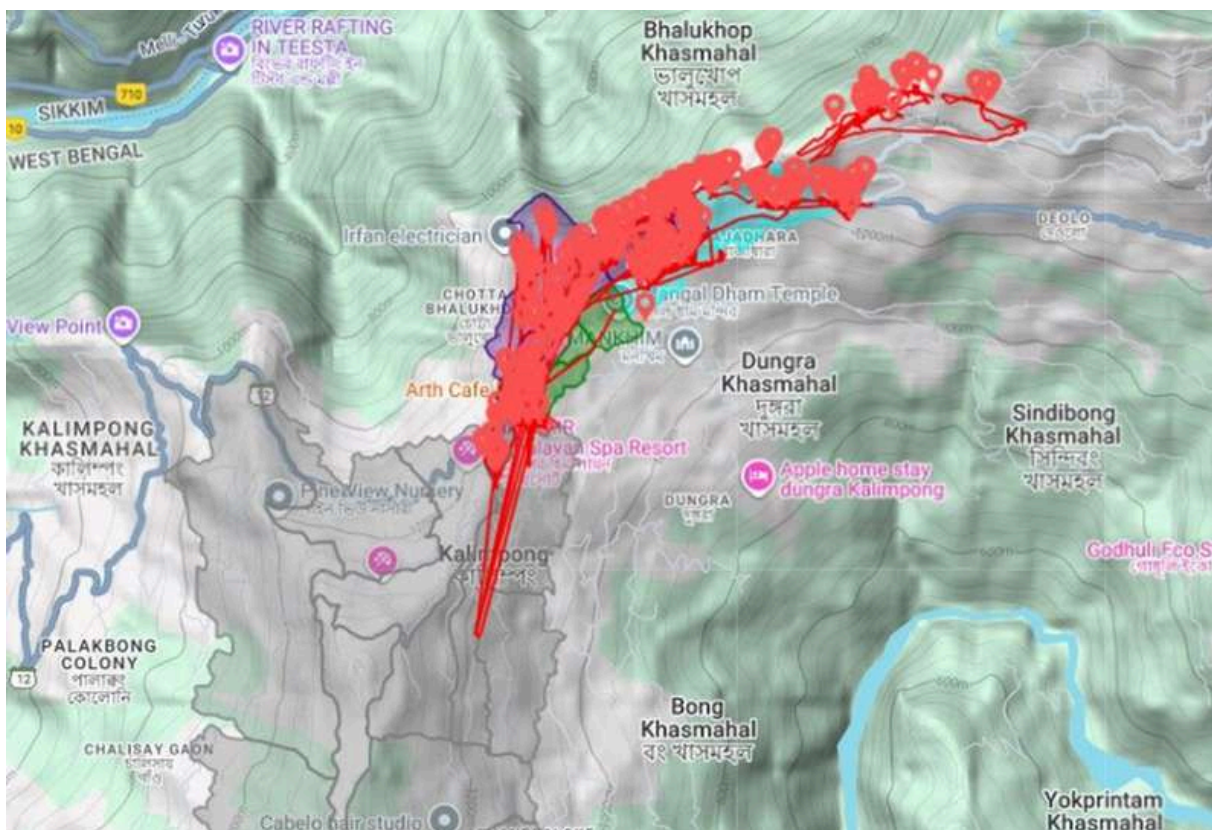




# PILOT ANTI-RABIES VACCINATION PRG.

A pilot anti-rabies vaccination campaign by Mission Rabies in collaboration with DGAS (Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter) was conducted by the RR Team (Rabies Response Team) from 1st to 6th September 2025 in Kalimpong Municipality. The campaign targeted Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 12, based on ward maps, and provided an opportunity to assess field operations, identify challenges, and gather key learnings for planning larger-scale campaigns in the future. The Project Manager-Mr.Ashwin was present during all ward activities to observe terrain, logistics, and stakeholder involvement firsthand.

In this newly mapped area for the DAS Team, a total of 363 dogs were vaccinated across the targeted wards. “The campaign served as a learning experience for the team in a new region, helping strategise a more effective vaccination plan for the remaining wards of the Municipality,” said Mr.Ashwin.



*Pic. The Kalimpong Municipality region covered by the Rabies Response Team*





# VETERINARY TRAINING

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This month, KAS conducted a skill upgradation training programme for two veterinary practitioners from Kolkata.

## RESCUE

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The team responded to a request from Eklavya Model School, Kamsi, for the sterilisation of dogs in the surrounding area. The dogs were safely caught, brought to KAS for sterilisation, and released back to their original locations after the procedure. Regular dog catching for ABC continued throughout the month.



*TRAINING AT THE KAS OT*





# ADOPTION

September being the puppy season, the Shelter received several litters. Fortunately, five puppies and two kittens found homes this month.

# ENRICHMENT AREA

KAS has identified the need for an enrichment area to enhance the well-being of shelter dogs. A potential donor, Ms. Komal, has expressed interest in supporting this initiative, which will provide the dogs with a more stimulating and engaging environment to improve their physical and mental health.



Ms.Komal and her mother at KAS



# OPD CASES

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The clinic saw numerous cases of hemoprotozoa diseases, diagnosed through blood work, along with various general health concerns. A total of 297 OPD cases were seen in September.

There was a reported outbreak of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) in cattle after three years, with a relapse severely affecting younger animals in the communities. The KAS team extended support by conducting home visits, raising awareness, and advising families on management and treatment protocols, often going beyond duty hours, said Dr. Pandey.



# WORLD RABIES DAY

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On 28th September i.e., World Rabies Day, Mission Rabies, in collaboration with Kalimpong Animal Shelter (KAS), observed the day by organising a Rabies Awareness Programme with the monks at Durpin Monastery in Kalimpong. The monastery is home to many community dogs and is frequently visited by believers, tourists, and locals. The programme aimed to educate attendees on rabies prevention, the importance of vaccination, and sterilisation, promoting the safety and well-being of both the community dogs and the people visiting the monastery.



# OBSERVING WORLD RABIES DAY





# MEETING WITH SHRI HARSH VARDHAN SHRINGLA

On 30th September,DGAS was called for a meeting with Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla, former Foreign Secretary and current Rajya Sabha member. Mr.Arpan,Mrs.Furmit and Yogita attended the meeting at Ivanhoe Hotel in Darjeeling. Shri Shringla, who is very supportive of non-human animals, expressed appreciation for the work of Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter in Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme and rabies vaccination efforts in the Himalyan region. He also discussed extending support for community dogs in Siliguri, around Uttaryan, noting that he has personally adopted eight dogs from the area. . He further emphasised the need for microchipping dogs and using reflective collars to enhance their safety. Shri Shringla expressed interest in supporting microchipping initiatives in the region for better monitoring and protection of community dogs.

As a member of the Wildlife Committee, Shri Shringla also highlighted the importance of conservation and managing human-animal conflict, citing elephants in Dooars and monkeys in Darjeeling, whose habitat loss has led them to migrate into urban areas.



*Mr.Arpan,Mrs.Furmit and Yogita with Shri Harsh Vardhan during the meeting at Darjeeling*



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