

KALIMPONG ANIMAL SHELTER

MONTHLY REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

As the calendar year draws to a close, this report summarizes the operations and outcomes achieved during the month of November. This period, characterized by the onset of colder weather, included significant activities across our adoption, sterilisation, and veterinary departments.

We sincerely thank each and every one of you for your continued support and dedication, which makes these positive outcomes possible.

SHELTER ACTIVITIES

ADOPTION



We are pleased to share the wonderful news that November marked our highest adoption month to date, with 8 rescued puppies and 2 kittens successfully finding their forever homes. This record achievement highlights the profound compassion within our community, as these adopters chose to welcome animals most in need of a second chance, providing the stable, loving future their mothers never had.

The onset of November's cold makes life especially challenging for young, motherless rescues; thanks to compassionate community members and our dedicated rescue team, these vulnerable animals arrive safely at the Shelter for comprehensive care, including initial medical attention and socialisation, preparing them for adoption. The reward is seeing their eyes light up as they are embraced by their new, committed families. While ten have found happiness, their remaining friends stay hopeful, and we extend our deepest gratitude to all adopters for giving these little ones a second chance at life.



Rescue



Our canine rescue and sterilisation programme continued actively during this reporting period, concentrating efforts on the Dr. Graham's Homes area and Sindebong Busty. Prompt intervention was required following reports of dog meance and associated community concerns.

The teams successfully caught and brought numerous dogs for sterilisation. Notably, several female dogs were brought in alongside their litters; these puppies are currently under our care and will be fostered until they are ready for adoption.

Following the procedure, all sterilised dogs underwent a final medical assessment, were deemed healthy, and safely released back into their familiar surroundings.

Female dogs currently lactating will be scheduled for sterilisation once their puppies are weaned and medically fit for the operation.



Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme Outreach

The team travelled to Siliguri to conduct the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme across three different locations. Two significant camps were held in Siliguri itself:

- One was with the Siliguri Municipal Corporation.
- The second was organised by Shri Harsh Vardan Shringla, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha).

The third camp was a local initiative held in Bara Mangmaya, where the team successfully sterilised over 20 dogs in a make-shift surgical facility. Post-surgery follow-up care was managed by the dogs' owners and community feeders, with the veterinary team providing telephonic emergency support.

Bara Mangmaya Camp



ABC Programme

During one of the indoor ABC procedures, Dr. D.P. Pandey encountered a veterinary emergency involving a dystocia (difficult labour) case. The dog was admitted in poor condition with a dead fetus. Timely surgical intervention was crucial and successfully saved the dog's life.

This emergency was later traced to an earlier, improper administration of a contraceptive injection, Sangini, given to the dog at the 15th Mile in Kalimpong.

Following this incident, the team launched a local investigation into the supply of such contraceptive injections. The community was urgently informed about the significant risks associated with these contraceptives. The team, in coordination with the Block Livestock Development Officer, has now strictly prohibited suppliers from administering these injections to dogs in the area.



Veterinary Case Study: Emergency Cow Treatment



The team responded to an emergency call concerning a cow in Sherpa Goan that sustained a severe injury after being bitten by a dog late at night. The incident occurred in the shed where the cow, having recently delivered, was attacked, resulting in significant perivaginal and perianal trauma.

The owner discovered the injury early the next morning and immediately contacted Dr. Pandey. The team quickly reached the site and provided immediate, necessary treatment. This involved thoroughly cleaning and surgically stitching the extensive wound.

Bovine Trauma Case

Emergency Cow Treatment

Dr. Deo provided detailed instructions for post-operative care and follow-up treatment, which is being administered by a local compounder in Sherpa Goan.

The cow is currently in the recovery phase, showing positive signs of healing, and her condition has significantly improved.



**Wound Sutured Following
Emergency Intervention**

Extending Care Beyond Companion Animals: Tube Cystotomy on Boer Goat

While the Kalimpong Animal Shelter (KAS) is primarily known for treating cats and dogs, the facility consistently extends its expertise to community farm animals when they are in distress. KAS remains a primary resource for veterinary treatment of livestock in the area, and occasionally receives cases from more distant locations.



**Dr. Deo preparing to perform a tube
cystotomy to save his life**

This reporting period included an emergency case: a large adult Boer goat was transported to the Shelter from Relli, a village in Kalimpong named after the small river Relli. The goat was suffering from a critical urinary obstruction.

Tube Cystotomy on Boer Goat

Given the severity of the condition and the distance travelled, the goat was admitted for immediate treatment. Dr. Deo successfully handled the case, performing a specialised surgical procedure known as tube cystotomy to relieve the obstruction.

Following the successful surgery and stabilisation, the goat was discharged to his owner. The owner later provided positive feedback, confirming that the goat was recovering well.



Successful Tube Cystotomy

Outpatient Department (OPD) Cases

With the onset of colder weather, the Shelter has observed a noticeable increase in respiratory ailments, specifically Kennel Cough.

While Parvovirus and Distemper typically show a higher incidence during the winter season, the veterinarian reports that no such cases were presented during this reporting period, though they anticipate these viral infections may appear later in the season.

Outpatient Department (OPD) Cases

Beyond respiratory issues, other canine cases seen by Dr. Pandey included conditions such as gastrointestinal disorders and thyroid issues.



In addition to canine care, the OPD provided treatment this month for a variety of livestock, including goats, cows, and pigs, primarily through essential home visits. These services often involved treating cows suffering from conditions such as indigestion and weakness.

A total of 306 cases were seen in the OPD this month.

A Warm Visit from Crookety House

The Shelter recently had a wonderful meeting with familiar friends: Steve Nation and Margo, along with other members of the Crookety House team.

We want to give a special thank you to Steve Nation for his continued support and always making time in his schedule to visit the Shelter and connect with our staff. His presence is always incredibly encouraging and appreciated by the entire team.



The team with Steve Nation at Kalimpong Animal Shelter