

# KALIMPONG ANIMAL SHELTER

## MONTHLY REPORT



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### *Introduction*

As we wrap up 2025, we find ourselves filled with gratitude. This year's successes were built on a foundation of your invaluable support and kindness. December moved swiftly, but it provided us with the space to reflect on our progress, plan our expansion, and reaffirm our commitment to the mission of the Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter (DGAS). Together, we have met our targets, reached new communities, and fostered a deeper sense of coexistence between humans and animals. We are honored to have you by our side as we move into the new year.

# DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



## *Mungpoo camp*

### *Sterilisation & Community Outreach*

Our Dog Population Management(DPM) Programme remains a top priority, focusing our resources on areas where intervention is vital.

We held our scheduled camps this month, most notably our annual follow-up in Mungpoo. We returned to Mungpoo for our yearly follow-up camp. Historically, this area has struggled with the abandonment of puppies and adult dogs. However, thanks to the persistence of our team and the proactive local coordinators who take the initiative to organize these camps, we are seeing a gradual, positive shift in community responsibility.

Siliguri camp : On December 18th, the Kalimpong Animal Shelter travelled to Siliguri for a two-day intensive camp in collaboration with the Siliguri Municipal Corporation. The team successfully sterilised 36 dogs in just two days, making a significant impact on the local free-roaming population.



MUNGPOO  
CAMP  
  
SILIGURI CAMP  
  
IN-HOUSE  
STERILISATION  
/  
DPM  
PROGRAMME

# In-House Sterilisation

Back at the shelter, we addressed numerous requests and complaints from local communities regarding dog issues. We frequently find that many dogs reported as "ownerless" were actually previously owned and later abandoned. They now live in neighborhoods where no one claims ownership, yet everyone relies heavily on the Shelter for population control. We continue to bridge this gap through humane sterilisation and release.



DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT/ABC (ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL) SURGERIES IN FULL SWING AT THE DGAS KALIMPONG CENTER



## Clinical Treatment

The clinic remained full of healing throughout December, balancing routine treatments with urgent medical interventions. Our veterinary team managed a diverse range of cases, making certain that every animal, whether a beloved pet or a community animal, received the dedicated care and treatment they required.

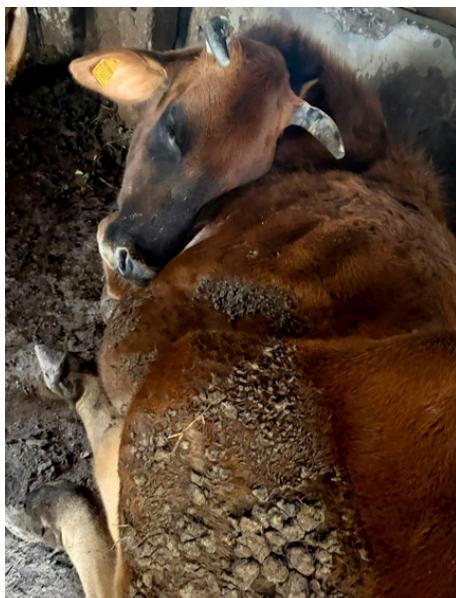


With the changing weather, we saw a significant rise in seasonal illnesses. The majority of our cases this month involved gastrointestinal issues, including severe indigestion and vomiting, as well as various bacterial infections. Our team worked diligently to stabilize these patients, providing hydration and antibiotic therapies to ensure a quick return to health.

In addition to new cases, we welcomed back several furry inpatients for their essential follow-up treatments. We are pleased to report that these patients reached a full recovery, a success made possible by the attentive, round-the-clock care provided by our team.

## *Home visits*

Beyond our work at the clinic, our team has been reaching out to the community through home visits to assist a cow and a goat in need. “We are closely monitoring a cow suffering from pre-partum milk fever, making regular follow-ups to track her improvement” said, “Dr Deo Pandey. Additionally, the team is treating a goat with a Vitamin B1 deficiency, administering the necessary supplements to help it regain its strength.



## *Emergency Response*

This month, the clinic attended to a few emergency cases that required immediate medical intervention. These included cats that had been victims of dog attacks, resulting in severe lacerations and open wounds that necessitated swift surgical care. Additionally, the team treated a dog suffering from pyometra (a life-threatening uterine infection) and another dog with a severe, deep wound on its back.

The majority of these patients were owned pets brought in by concerned families who turned to us for help. Our veterinary team worked meticulously to clean, debride, and perform the necessary suturing to close injuries and prevent the onset of infection. Beyond the physical surgeries, we focused on intensive pain management and provided the families with clear instructions for home care to support a successful healing process.

## *Case Study: A Cat's Path to Recovery*

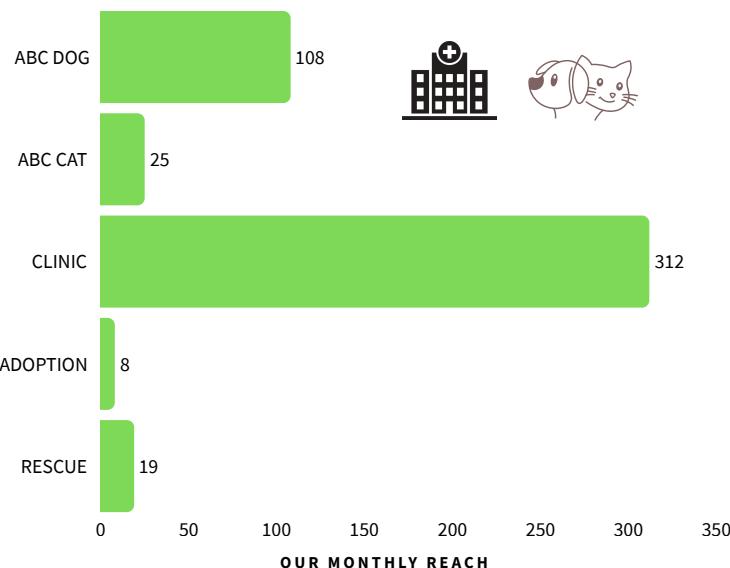
One of the most critical cases involved a cat with a severe eye injury. The cat, who typically spent time outdoors, was unfortunately caught by a pack of dogs. Despite our best efforts to save the eye, the damage was too extensive, and the eye had to be surgically removed to save the animal's life.



# A Cat's Path to Recovery

Following the surgery, the cat was kept on medication as per the veterinarian's advice. However, the owner reported that he refused to eat solids or any other food, necessitating the administration of intravenous fluids for several days to keep him stable. The recovery process was long and difficult, spanning several weeks of dedicated care.

Eventually, he was able to chew and swallow food again, and he has now recovered well. Although he is now living with one eye, he is stable, and his owner has been advised to keep him strictly indoors for his future safety.



THE OWNER SHARED THE ABOVE PICTURE OF THE CAT AFTER A SUCCESSFUL RECOVERY.

## Rescue Operations

The team rescued several dogs requiring urgent medical intervention, including cases of Transmissible Venereal Tumour (TVT) and a victim of a hit-and-run accident. These dogs have been admitted to the shelter ward, where they are receiving veterinary treatment, and are being closely monitored by our medical team. Each patient is on a tailored recovery plan, and we look forward to the day they can be released back to their territories once they have achieved a full recovery.



# Rescue

The hit-and-run victim, who sustained a significant injury to his hind limb, is showing great resilience. However, it will take several more weeks of dedicated care for the wound to heal completely and for his mobility to return to normal.

Additionally, we welcomed a new rescue suffering from mange. Upon arrival, her skin was in a very fragile state, causing her immense discomfort. She is currently undergoing a structured treatment protocol at the shelter, including medicated baths and nutritional support, to restore his health and comfort.



## Finding Forever Homes

December proved to be a 'lucky month' for our youngest residents. As the winter chill set in, the cold air was met with the warmth of new beginnings for several of our rescued puppies and kittens who found their forever homes.

Ensuring a healthy start is our priority; therefore, all adopted animals were dewormed and medically cleared before joining their new families. During the adoption process, we took the opportunity to brief new owners on responsible animal care and the vital importance of sterilization, which the shelter will facilitate once the animals reach the appropriate age. These animals, once found abandoned or shivering on street corners, now have a safe, loving place to call their own, a beautiful way to conclude the year.



*Your support is the lifeline that allows us to rescue, heal, and advocate for those who cannot speak for themselves.*

*Thank you for making 2025 'a year of hope'.*