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KALIMPONG ANIMAL SHELTER



MONTHLY REPORT

"An animal's eyes have the power to speak a great language." Martin Buber



ONGOING TREATMENT AT KALIMPONG ANIMAL SHELTER

Outpatient Department (OPD)



The cat with her owner waiting for the follow-up

January saw a significant influx of cases, with total OPD cases rising to 466. While canine patients made up the majority of our visits, we saw a substantial increase in feline and livestock cases.

There was a marked surge in cat cases due to a Feline Panleukopenia Virus (FVP) outbreak. The team has been working around the clock, implementing rigorous treatment plans involving antibiotic therapy and supportive care to assist affected feline families. In addition to routine check-ups and follow-ups, the medical team treated several cases of Parvovirus, and a few cases of Distemper were diagnosed in dogs brought to the clinic.

The team treated 76 goats this month, primarily treating symptoms of fever and inappetence. These services were delivered through a combination of home visits and on-site consultations and treatment at the Shelter's OPD.

Furthermore, two rabbits were also successfully treated by our veterinary team.

466 CASES

Emergency Cases: Along with our regular OPD cases, a few 'hit and run' victims were admitted this month. These brave dogs are currently receiving veterinary treatment, including wound management and pain relief.



**OUR OPD IS WHERE THE
JOURNEY TO RECOVERY
STARTS**



Adoptions

January began on a very positive note with the successful adoption of four puppies and one lovely kitten. All of these young animals were originally brought to the shelter as rescues and were cared for in our dedicated foster ward.

While the shelter provides essential warmth and safety during the cold January winter, nothing compares to the comfort of a forever home. One particular puppy found her perfect match the very day she arrived at the shelter.



This small puppy captured everyone's attention while basking in the January sun. She was spotted by Mrs Anu, a dedicated dog lover who felt an immediate connection with her. The puppy was a true standout, following visitors on her tiny paws and clearly looking for affection. With her 'fluffy ears' and friendly nature, she was an absolute showstopper.



WITH HER NEW FRIEND AT HOME

Seeing them bond so quickly was incredible. Mrs. Anu decided to adopt her on the spot, providing her a permanent home just as her journey at the shelter had barely begun. What made this adoption truly special was the timing: the puppy had been rescued and brought to the shelter only one hour before Mrs. Anu arrived.

It has been three weeks, and the news is that the puppy is thriving. She has settled in perfectly, made new friends at home, and is enjoying the warmth and love of her new family.



THE ADOPTED LITTLE ONE

Sterilisation Camps

- SHERPA GOAN,HOMES
- JALPAIGURI & SILIGURI



CAMP AT SHERPA GOAN, KALIMPONG

A few camps were held this month, including one camp was held in Sherpa Gaon Homes in Kalimpong, where a total of 14 dogs and 3 cats were neutered. This camp was special as they were attended by students from Colby College, USA. Every year, groups of students visit the Himalayas on an experiential learning trip.

Whenever these students visit Kalimpong, Mrs. Anu Radha requests the Shelter team to conduct these camps. The goal is to inspire the students, providing them with a hands-on opportunity to learn and help animals. During the camp, local residents brought their dogs and cats to the venue, and the Colby students actively assisted with animal care, helping owners carry their dogs, and helped during the post-recovery phase. The experience at Sherpa Goan, Homes this year was once again enriching, defined by the students' keen participation and desire to help those who cannot speak for themselves.

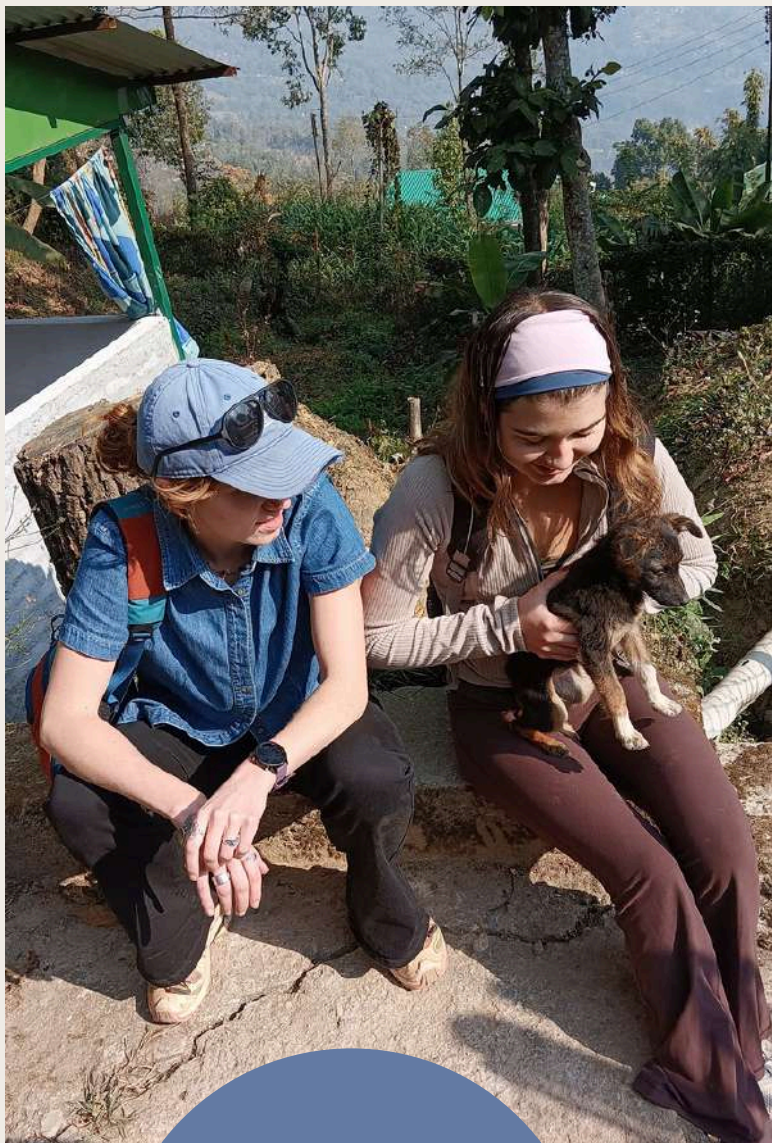


Colby students visit Kalimpong Animal Shelter (KAS)

Following the camp, the students visited the Kalimpong Animal Shelter for a tour. They interacted closely with our residents, both cats and dogs, spending time socialising, petting, and grooming the animals. The students were moved by the shelter's selfless work and were especially interested to witness the high volume of outpatient cases we treat daily.



This visit offered them a wonderful opportunity to see the deep bond between local owners and their pets, as well as to meet the many animals that had been abandoned or rescued and are now finding safety within our walls.



COLBY STUDENTS
AT KALIMPONG
ANIMAL SHELTER



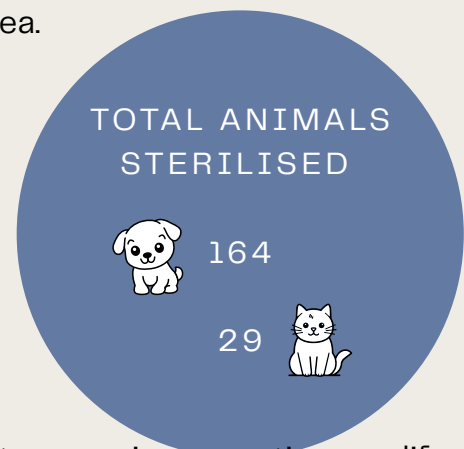
- JALPAIGURI & SILIGURI CAMPS

In addition to the local camps, the shelter extended its outreach to Jalpaiguri and Siliguri this month. In Jalpaiguri, we collaborated with Animal Helpline, followed by a two-day camp with Nirbaak Aryanak in Siliguri, a local organisation dedicated to canine welfare.



These organisations request the Kalimpong Animal Shelter's expertise in advance to help manage the stray dog population in their respective areas. During these sessions, the team successfully operated on more than 40 dogs, making a significant contribution to population control and the overall health of animals in the area.

In-House Sterilisation



The sterilisation programme at the Kalimpong Animal Shelter remains a continuous, life-saving initiative for the region's small animals. Throughout January, our in-house program also operated at full capacity, providing essential services to both owned pets and community dogs.

Between our dedicated in-house clinic and the various outreach camps, a total of 164 animals were neutered this month, including 29 cats.





IN-HOUSE STERILISATION PROGRAMME

Rescue

Our standard rescue operations continue every Monday morning, while urgent rescues are managed daily as emergency calls come in. Working collaboratively, the team addresses all complaint-based cases, focusing on injured or wounded animals and those requiring sterilization. This month, we rescued 20 dogs, including several puppies that had been left to fend for themselves.

In addition to our canine rescues, the team also helped in 3 cats in need of treatment.. Also, our IBCM Officer, Biraj, successfully rescued an animal in distress while out in the field during a vaccination drive.



Enrichment Area

Construction is currently underway on the enrichment area for our furry residents. This space is essential for the animals' mental and physical well-being. Once completed, it will provide the residents with more space for play, exercise, and socialisation, helping our rescues stay happy and healthy while they wait for their forever homes.

Thanks to Karen and Komal for their support.



THE ENRICHMENT AREA UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Anti-Rabies Vaccination Drive

The Kalimpong Animal Shelter team participated in an intensive rabies vaccination drive in Kalimpong, conducted by Mission Rabies. Our team provided dedicated support to the Rabies Response Team, with staff members assisting for two days starting from the 13th of January 2026, while Mahesh contributed his efforts across three full days.



The drive covered a wide geographic range, stretching from the Pala and Relli rivers to Bidhyang, Ecchey, and Pudung. IBCM Officer Biraj from Kalimpong, Dr Shivani from Darjeeling, and several members from the Animal Resource Development Department all participated in this collaborative drive. By working together across these diverse locations, the team ensured a comprehensive vaccination reach, significantly enhancing the safety of the community and its animals.

