



Kalimpong Animal Shelter

Monthly Report

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Introduction

April was a month marked by dedicated field interventions, emergency rescues, awareness initiatives, and continued efforts toward humane dog and cat population management. Through collaborative sterilisation programmes, rescue operations, community outreach, and patient care, the team at Kalimpong Animal Shelter continued working with commitment and compassion for the welfare of animals and to encourage peaceful coexistence within communities.

Sterilisation Camps



Three Sterilisation/Animal; Birth Control camps were successfully conducted during the month of April. A three-day camp was organised in Siliguri in collaboration with Nirbaak Aryanak, while two additional camps were held locally in the villages of Dungra and Pedong in partnership with Prani Mitra and the Animal Resources Development Department.



Through these camps, the Kalimpong Animal Shelter team was able to help 64 dog beneficiaries. Community participation at the Dungra and Pedong camps was especially encouraging, allowing the team to spread greater awareness regarding the importance of sterilisation and vaccination for both dogs and cats.

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It was also heartening to witness growing efforts in emerging urban areas such as Siliguri, where local NGOs and the Municipal Corporation are taking meaningful steps to organise sterilisation drives for street dogs in collaboration with Kalimpong Animal Shelter. Such initiatives play an important role in reducing suffering among street animals and promoting humane population management across North Bengal.

In addition to dog sterilisation, a total of 42 cats were sterilised during the month. Kalimpong has seen a noticeable rise in the cat population in recent years. The Kalimpong Animal Shelter team continues to actively educate communities about feline welfare, responsible ownership, and the importance of sterilisation in helping cats live healthier and safer lives. Through the support of Help Animals India (HAI) for the cat sterilisation project, many vulnerable cats will continue receiving life-saving care and support. We remain deeply grateful to HAI for support towards improving feline welfare.



KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

SPECIES	CASES TREATED
DOGS	313
CATS	74
GOATS	53
PIGS	15
COWS	20

TOTAL CASES - 475

STERILISATION/ABC (ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL)

TOTAL DOG ABC	108
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CAT ABC	42
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RESCUE	19
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ADOPTION

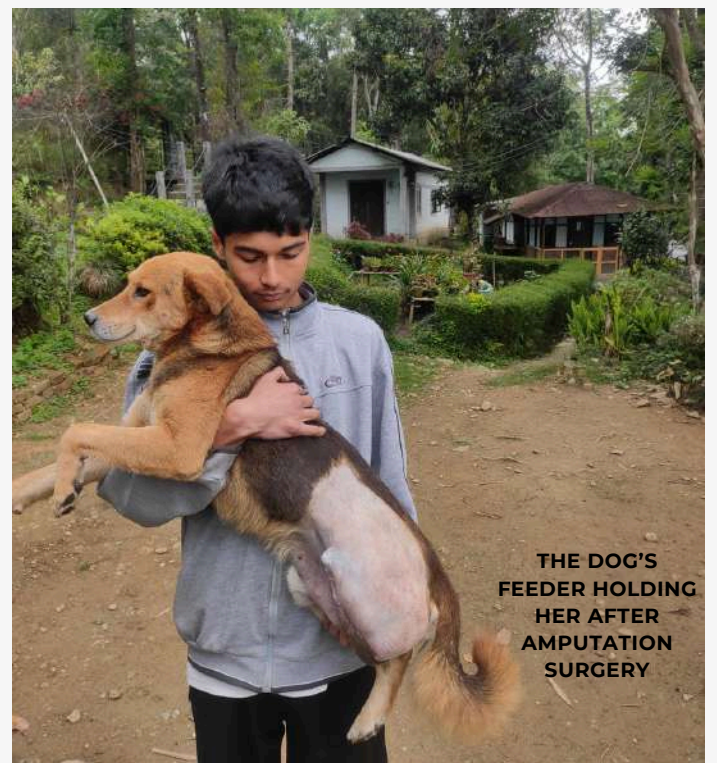
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Emergency Hit & Run case

During the month, a severely injured dog who had become the victim of a hit-and-run accident was rushed to Kalimpong Animal Shelter during the evening hours. The dog had sustained multiple fractures and deep lacerated wounds to his hind limb. He was brought in by a young dog feeder, who was unable to provide long-term care, following which the Shelter assumed full responsibility for his treatment and rehabilitation.

As it was election day in West Bengal, some of the staff working in shifts had just left for home. However, shortly afterwards, the team was informed about the injured dog and they immediately returned to assist him. The veterinary team provided urgent medical care, pain management, and wound cleaning. Once the dog was stabilised, X-rays were conducted, and the veterinarian confirmed that amputation was the only viable option due to multiple fractures.



**THE DOG'S
FEEDER HOLDING
HER AFTER
AMPUTATION
SURGERY**

The amputation was successful, and the dog is now gradually recovering. Physiotherapy sessions have been initiated to help improve his mobility and strength. He will continue living safely under the Shelter's care unless a compassionate and responsible adopter comes forward to provide him with a loving home.

Rabies Awareness Sessions in Schools

In collaboration with Mission Rabies, the team from Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter conducted rabies awareness programmes at a few schools in Kalimpong.

Two educational awareness sessions were organised at St. Joseph's Convent and Karmapa Centre of Education for senior and middle school students. The sessions were led by Biraj from Mission Rabies alongside Dr. Deo Pandey and Yogita from the Shelter team.

The awareness programmes focused on rabies prevention, safe and responsible behaviour around animals, first aid following dog bites, the importance of seeking immediate medical attention, and the role of vaccination in preventing rabies. The team also highlighted the life-saving work carried out by Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter and emphasised the importance of coexistence between humans and animals.



ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL



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Rabies Awareness Sessions in Schools

Students at St. Joseph's Convent performed a skit and role-play presentation on rabies prevention while also celebrating World Veterinary Day. Rabies hotline numbers and informational leaflets were distributed among the students.

The programmes were interactive and well received, helping students develop a better understanding of animal welfare, public health responsibilities, and peaceful coexistence with animals. The Shelter team also continues safeguarding the health and welfare of these school dogs through vaccination and sterilisation efforts whenever required.



Snippets of the rabies awareness session at Karmapa Centre of Education



Response to Online Concerns Regarding Dog Abuse

Earlier this year, Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter began receiving widespread online petitions from multiple countries regarding disturbing videos showing dogs being abused by a woman residing in a rural area of Takdah in Darjeeling. The videos, which showed dogs being beaten and mistreated, went viral on social media and sparked outrage among animal lovers internationally.

The Shelter informed the local police regarding the matter, and necessary action was initiated. However, by that time, the videos and associated social media pages had already been removed by the user.

Three months later, a concerned individual from Scotland, disturbed by such content involving dogs, travelled to India and approached the Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter seeking assistance for the animals involved and requesting to meet the family. The Shelter team then conducted field interventions and visited the household to assess the welfare of the animals.



A field visit by the Shelter team

to assess

the dogs' welfare

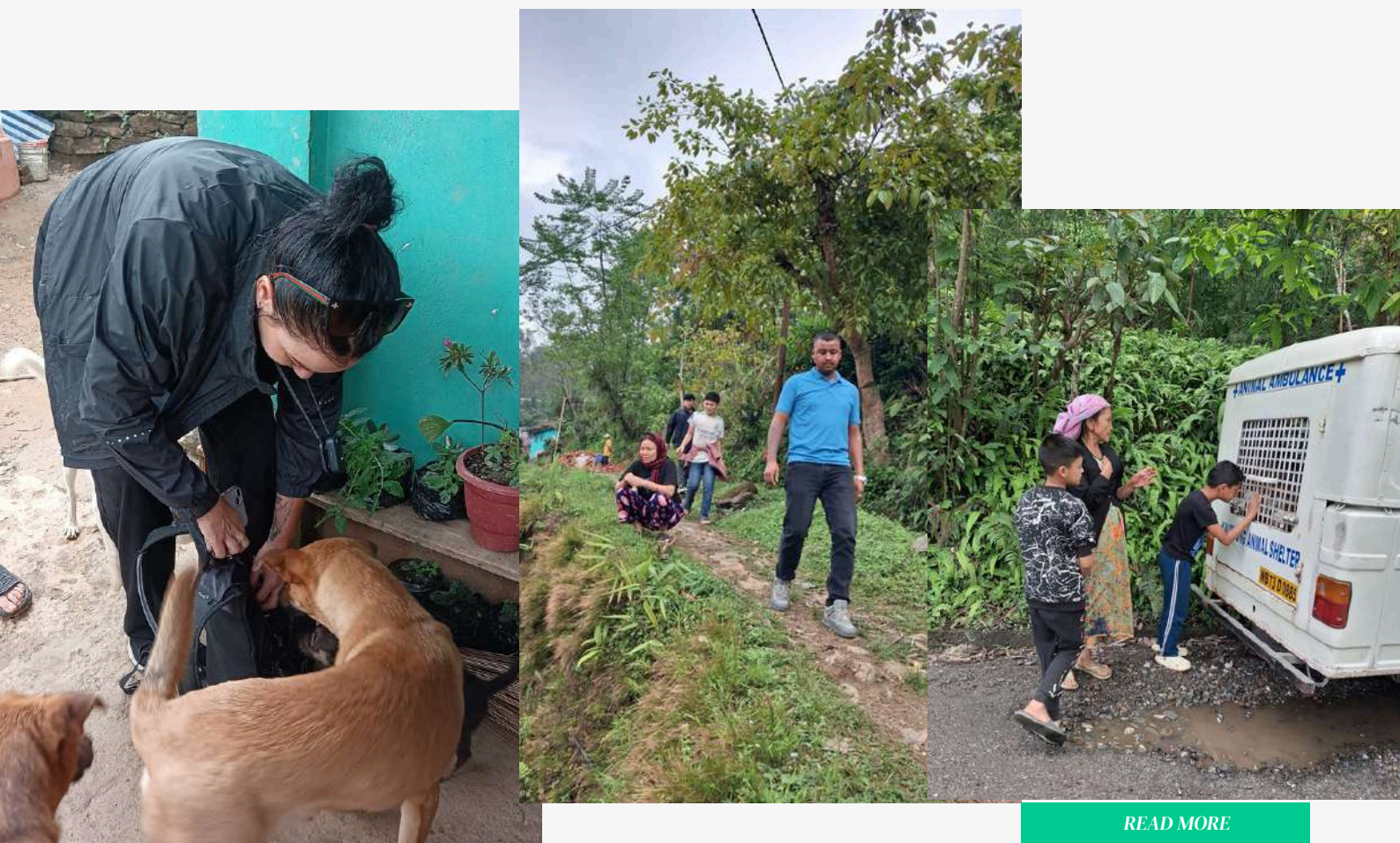
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During discussions, the family admitted that the videos had been uploaded primarily to gain online views and generate income through social media engagement. The team observed that most of the dogs appeared physically healthy, although one dog seen in the videos with wounds no longer stayed consistently with the family and appeared fearful and traumatised. The dog was eventually surrendered to the Shelter.

Another dog that was reported to playfully bite other dogs and occasionally scratch children was also handed over to the Shelter. Additionally, the family requested assistance for two dogs suffering from injuries caused by monkey attacks and dog fights within the community. Concerns regarding rabies, public fear, and bite incidents had also increased within the locality as most of the dogs had never received basic veterinary care.

Subsequently, the Shelter rescued these dogs and conducted a second field visit to assist the remaining dogs belonging to the family, along with a few community dogs. Many of the dogs in the community, including those belonging to the family accused of dog abuse, had never been vaccinated and were heavily infested with ticks, besides suffering from minor wounds and skin-related issues.



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The visiting animal activist from Scotland,UK generously supported the family by providing essential medications for tick infestation, fleas, and skin conditions under veterinary guidance. The Shelter team also carried out anti-rabies vaccinations for the family's dogs along with several community dogs.

The Shelter team further assured the community that a future sterilisation camp would be conducted in Takdah to support local dogs and help reduce conflicts arising within the community. The family was asked to sign a written undertaking promising that such acts would never be repeated and that the dogs would be properly cared for in the future.

The animal activist also volunteered with the Shelter for a few days, assisting with dog walking, enrichment activities, and physiotherapy support for rescued animals.

This incident served as an important reminder about the dangers of exploiting animals for online content and the wider emotional impact such sensitive material can have on people across the world.



Patient Day Care and Treatment



Patient care remained intensive throughout April at the Kalimpong Animal Shelter Clinic. The Shelter has observed a significant increase in feline patients over recent years, particularly cats suffering from hemoprotozoan infections and viral diseases. Such illnesses were previously uncommon in the region compared to canine diseases like parvovirus and distemper.

Owned cat patients are now increasingly being brought to the clinic with similar viral symptoms, requiring continuous treatment, monitoring, and supportive care. While many patients recover successfully through rigorous treatment protocols, not all are able to survive. The team has also been advising pet owners about the importance of timely vaccination against such diseases. April witnessed numerous feline and canine medical cases, alongside treatment for goats suffering from fever and other illnesses.



Rescue of Abandoned Puppies



A photo sent to us by the family after the puppies were found



The rescued puppies at Kalimpong Animal Shelter

The Shelter also responded to numerous rescue requests, treatment calls, vaccination and sterilisation enquiries, and complaint-based calls during the month.

Among these, one particularly distressing case involved seven approximately two-month-old puppies who were found abandoned at Warling Golai. The puppies were wrapped inside a gunny sack and dumped by the roadside.

Their cries were heard by army personnel and local residents, who immediately contacted the Shelter for assistance. As it was late in the evening, a local resident kindly volunteered to keep the puppies safe overnight.

The following morning, the Shelter team rescued all seven puppies and brought them to the Kalimpong Animal Shelter. It appeared that the puppies had been transported from another location and intentionally abandoned. The puppies are currently healthy and are waiting for loving homes Kalimpong Animal Shelter.

Shelter visits

The Shelter is always grateful for the support received from community members, animal lovers, and visitors who care for animals.

During April, members of the Lions Club of Kalimpong visited the Shelter as part of Environmental Week celebrations and generously donated rice for dogs, cleaning supplies, blankets, and a water sprayer.

Several other well-wishers also contributed dog bowls, collars, food supplies, blankets, and other essential items for the animals. The Shelter sincerely appreciates all supporters and donors whose thoughtful contributions continue helping rescued animals receive proper care, nourishment, and comfort.

Every act of kindness, no matter how small, makes a meaningful difference in the lives of these animals.



Restoring the Health of a Working Horse in Mirik

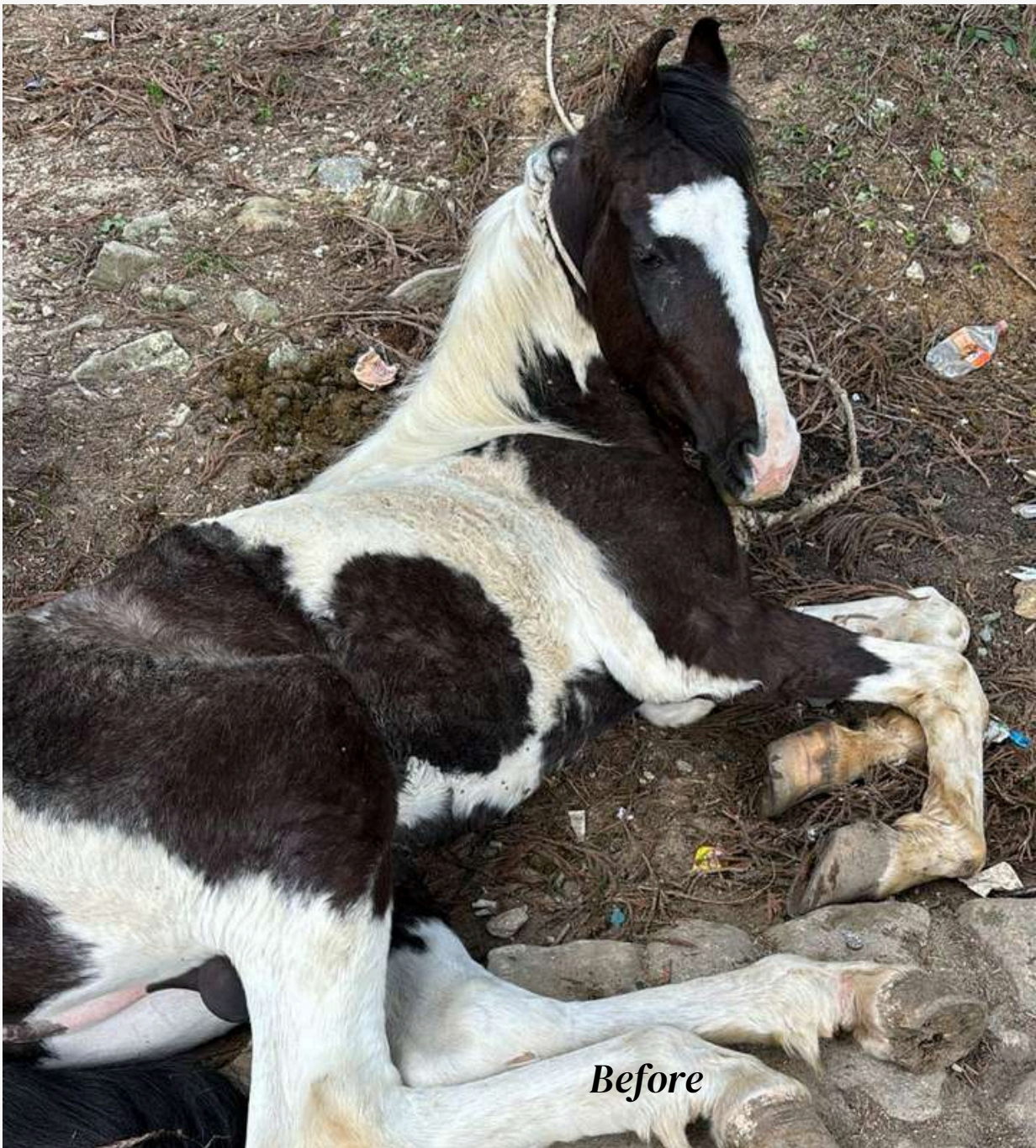
The Kalimpong Animal Shelter team was informed about an equine case involving a horse that had collapsed near the boating lake in Mirik. The horse belonged to a local owner and was being used for tourist joy rides around the lake. Despite the horse's deteriorating condition, no veterinary assistance had been sought by the owner.

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A member from PETA India contacted the Kalimpong Animal Shelter team and requested urgent help so that the horse could receive veterinary treatment on time. As the Kalimpong team was located quite far from Mirik, they coordinated with their sister organisation, the Darjeeling Animal Shelter, for assistance.

The Darjeeling Animal Shelter further contacted the Shelter's Integrated Bite Case Management Officer (IBCMO) in Mirik and informed the Govt. Veterinary centre. Dr Arun from the Animal Resources Development Deptt.(ARDD) and Dr Anna from the Govt Mobile Veterinary team in Mirik, accompanied by Prajit, the IBCMO, visited the location to attend to the horse.



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Upon examination, the horse was found to have a rough hair coat, weakness, debility, reluctance to stand, and musculoskeletal pain. The veterinary team administered treatment, including supplements and multivitamins, and advised the owner to continue oral supplementation for one month as part of the recovery plan. The Kalimpong Animal Shelter team received updates from Dr Arun and remains grateful to the entire veterinary team for their timely intervention and care for the horse.

Within a few days, the horse's condition showed noticeable improvement. The owner was advised to strictly follow the prescribed supplements and provide proper care to support the horse's long-term recovery and overall well-being.



After Treatment

The Shelter remains grateful to our donors, supporters, and well-wishers who continue to stand beside us in the mission to improve and save the lives of those who cannot speak for themselves.