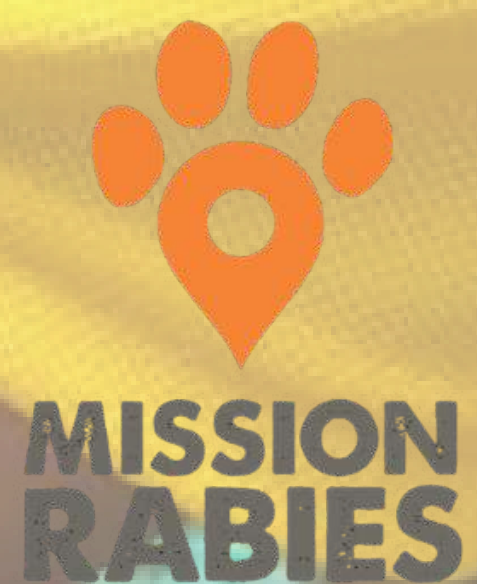


APRIL 2026 DAS MONTHLY REPORT



HIGHLIGHTS

- **ABC SURGERIES:- 71**
- **CLINICAL CASES :- 508**
- **ARV :- 1635**
- **PEOPLE EDUCATED :- 595**
- **ABC-ARV OUTREACH CAMPS CONDUCTED :- NONE**
- **RABIES HELPLINE CALLS ATTENDED :- 27**
- **IBCM CASES INVESTIGATED :- 27**
- **LFA TEST :- 10**
- **LFA TEST POSITIVE :- 4**

ABC SURGERIES

Sl.no.		Dog	Cat	Total
1.	Total ABC	60	11	71
2.	Spay	36	5	41
3.	Castration	24	6	30
4.	Cryptochid	1	0	1
5.	Death	0	0	0
6.	PM	0	0	0



ABC IMPLEMENTATION STATUS: BARRIERS, COVERAGE, AND RABIES

A total of 71 ABC (Animal Birth Control) surgeries were conducted during the month, including 60 spay procedures and 11 castrations, which is below the expected target.

Operational output was affected by ongoing road blockages due to construction activities, as well as restrictions and logistical challenges during the election period, limiting field access and animal mobilization. The planned ABC camp could not be conducted, as a significant proportion of the community was unable to afford sterilization procedures, indicating a critical gap in accessibility.



BEFORE

AFTER



ABC IMPLEMENTATION STATUS: BARRIERS, COVERAGE, AND RABIES CONTROL LINKAGES

The current scenario highlights the urgent need for sustained, accessible, and community-supported ABC interventions. Sterilization programs are a cornerstone of effective free-roaming dog population management and are directly linked to the prevention and control of dog-mediated Rabies. Any disruption or limitation in such efforts risks undermining long-term public health and animal welfare goals.

Strengthening ABC implementation remains essential to ensure population stabilization, reduce human-animal conflict, and support broader disease control strategies.

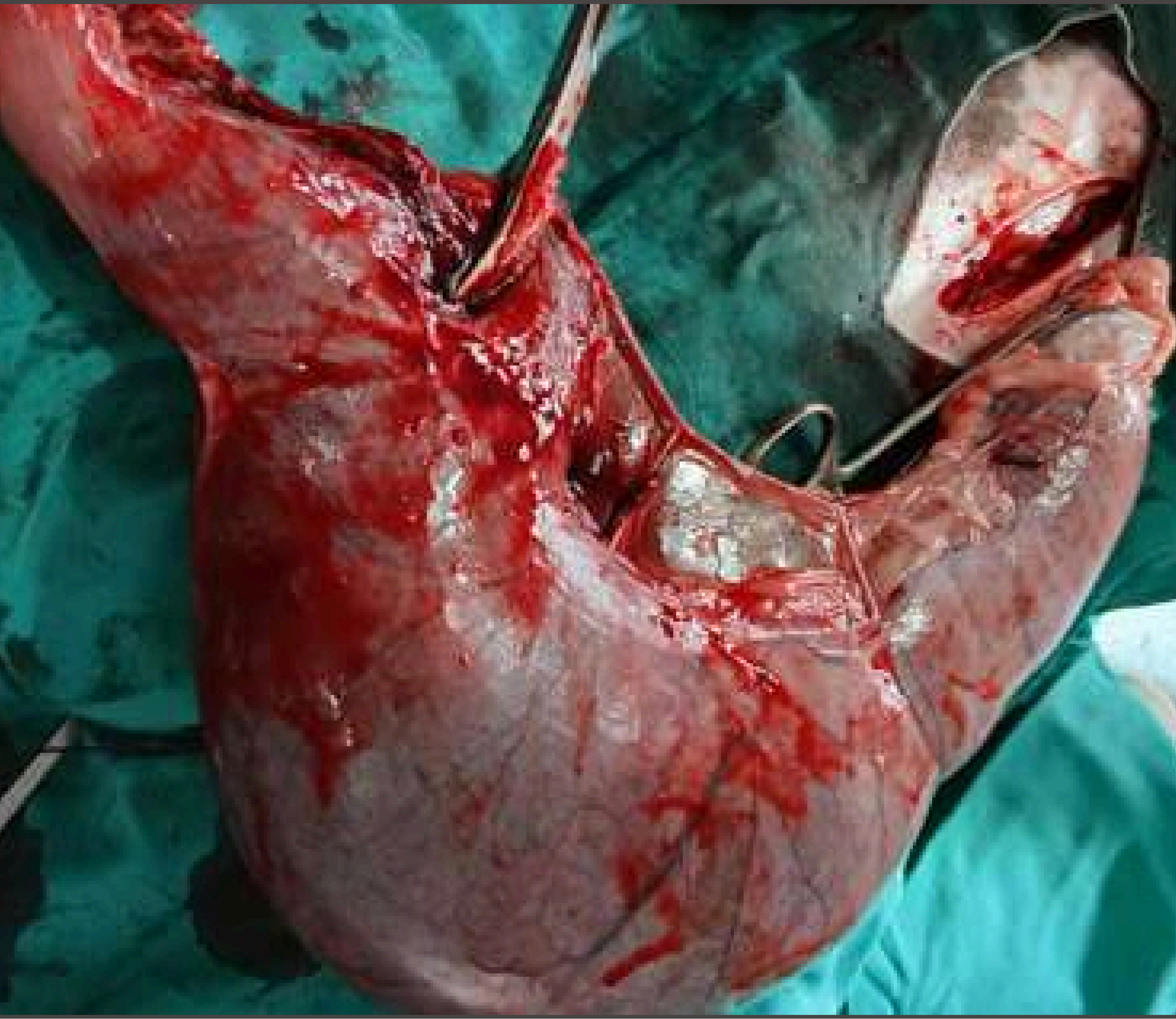


WHEN CONVENIENCE TURNS FATAL: MISUSE OF HUMAN CONTRACEPTIVES IN DOGS

During the monthly ABC programme at DAS, a female dog brought for routine spaying was found to have a putrefied foetus in the uterus—an advanced, life-threatening condition.

History revealed the use of human contraceptive injections to prevent pregnancy. This misuse caused hormonal imbalance, leading to foetal death and decomposition.

An emergency surgery was performed to remove the affected uterus and save the animal.



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While our sustained awareness efforts have led to a considerable decline in such cases, occasional instances continue to surface, pointing to ongoing gaps in public understanding and practice.

There is a clear need for:

- Stronger public awareness
- Strict action against unqualified individuals administering such injections
- Regulatory measures to prevent misuse of human hormonal drugs in animals

Sterilization remains the only safe, effective, and humane method for population control and safeguarding animal health.



IMPORTANCE OF EAR NOTCHING AND PERSISTENT UNREGULATED PRACTICES AFFECTING ABC PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

During the reporting period, multiple instances were encountered where previously sterilized dogs were recaptured and subjected to unnecessary surgical intervention due to the absence of a clearly visible ear notch. This continues to pose a significant operational challenge, adversely affecting the efficiency and accuracy of the Animal Birth Control (ABC) programme.

As per the guidelines of the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI), ear notching is a mandatory post-sterilization identification method. In its absence, field teams are unable to reliably distinguish sterilized animals from unsterilized ones, particularly in cases where animals have changed locations, been relocated, or lack verifiable medical records.



IMPORTANCE OF EAR NOTCHING AND PERSISTENT UNREGULATED PRACTICES AFFECTING ABC PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

In parallel, the programme continues to be impacted by long-standing unregulated practices, wherein unqualified individuals offer informal, home-based surgical interventions under the guise of para-veterinary services. These practices, though normalized in certain sections of the community, frequently operate outside the purview of standard veterinary protocols and regulatory oversight. Public inclination toward such services—primarily due to convenience and accessibility—has contributed to their persistence despite significantly higher costs and questionable clinical outcomes.



IMPORTANCE OF EAR NOTCHING AND PERSISTENT UNREGULATED PRACTICES AFFECTING ABC PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

Clinical observations during the reporting period have identified multiple cases of animals previously operated under such conditions presenting again in estrus. Upon surgical re-exploration, findings have included incomplete sterilization procedures, such as partial removal of the uterus and/or retention of ovarian tissue. These cases necessitate repeat surgical intervention and expose animals to avoidable physiological stress, increased anesthetic risk, and potential post-operative complications.



IMPORTANCE OF EAR NOTCHING AND PERSISTENT UNREGULATED PRACTICES AFFECTING ABC PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

The cumulative impact of absent ear notching and unregulated surgical practices has resulted in:

- Redundant capture and repeat surgical procedures
- Increased stress and health risks for animals
- Misutilization of limited surgical, manpower, and financial resources
- Distortion of programme data and sterilization coverage metrics

While ongoing community outreach and awareness efforts are being undertaken by the programme team to encourage responsible and informed choices, there remains a clear need for stronger enforcement of existing guidelines and greater regulatory oversight of unauthorized surgical practices. Ensuring that sterilization procedures are conducted strictly by qualified veterinary professionals in appropriate clinical settings, alongside mandatory ear notching, is essential to uphold programme integrity and animal welfare standards.



MONTHLY DAS ACTIVITIES

		CANINE	FELINE	OTHERS	TOTAL
Clinical Cases		448	58	1-calf, 1-pig	508
Special Surgeries		9	0	0	9
Vaccinations	Tri-cat	0	0	0	0
	Megavac-7	16	0	0	16
Rescue		28	1	0	29
Return After Treatment		10	0	0	10
Adoptions		9	0	0	9
Deaths		6	1	0	7
PTS		2	1	0	3

SILENT SUFFERING, TIMELY RESCUE

During this month, DAS responded to several cases of cruelty and neglect involving dogs, including severe injuries caused by physical abuse, untreated wounds from tight restraints, and animals left unattended after road accidents. Many were found in critical condition, silently enduring pain without timely care.



SILENT SUFFERING, TIMELY RESCUE

Through immediate rescue, emergency medical intervention, and continued rehabilitation, these animals were stabilized and supported on their path to recovery. These incidents reflect the ongoing reality of animal cruelty within communities and highlight the urgent need for greater awareness, responsible behavior, and prompt reporting to protect vulnerable animals who cannot speak for



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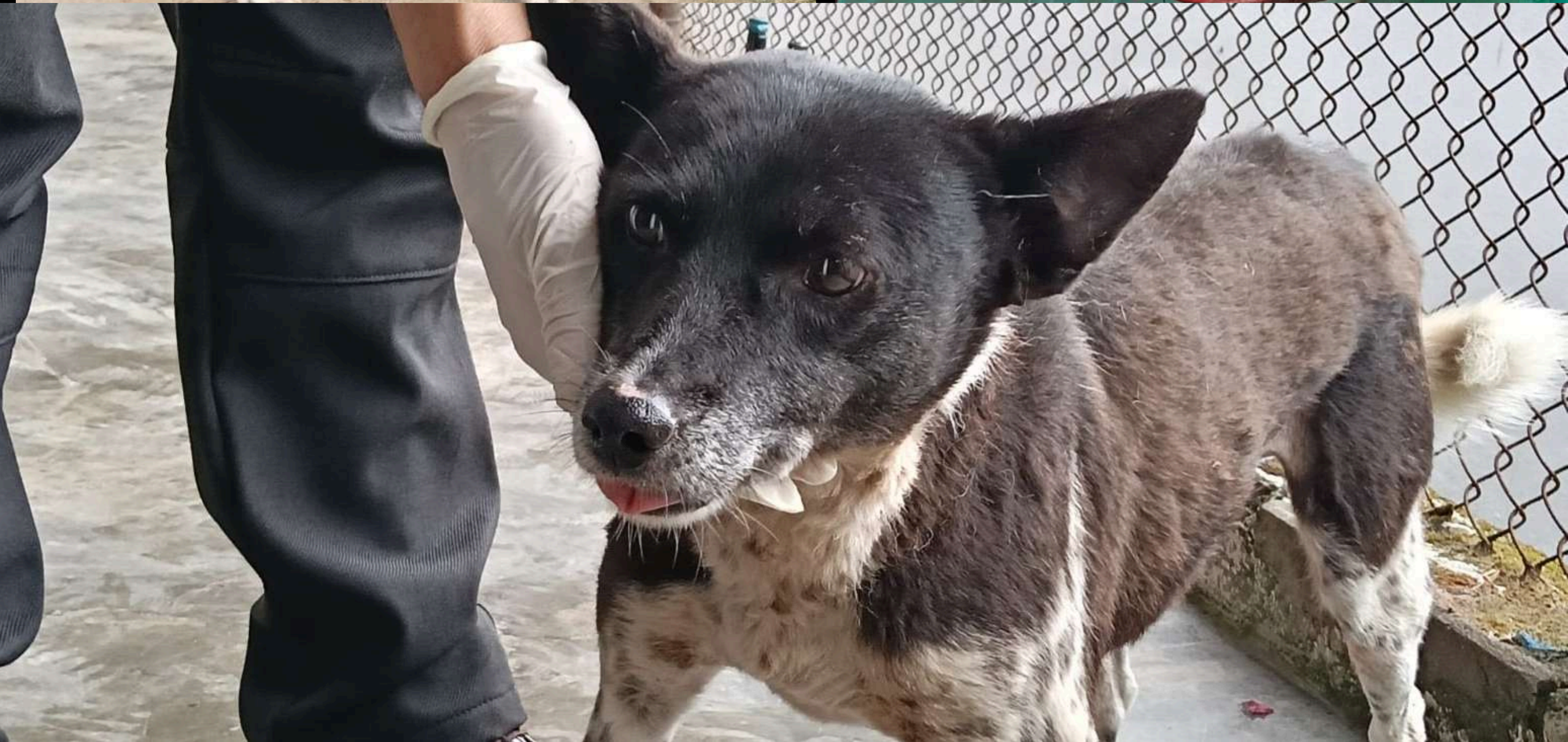
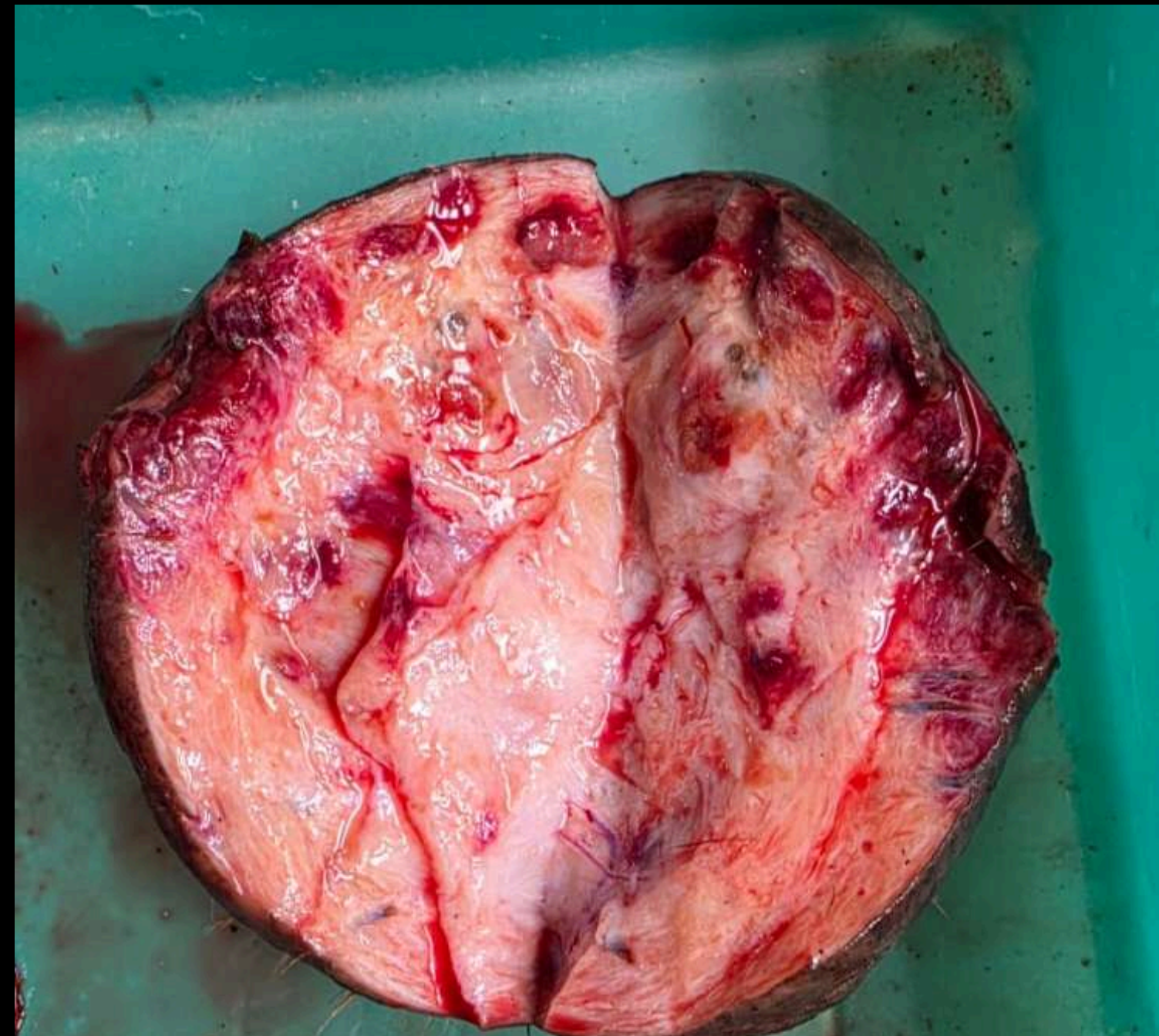


BONE LODGED IN JAW SUCCESSFULLY REMOVED FROM STRAY DOG



ADIPOSE TISSUE SARCOMA SUCCESSFULLY REMOVED THROUGH SURGERY

A dog was brought in with severe abdominal swelling and discomfort. Upon examination, the mass was diagnosed as an adipose tissue sarcoma and was surgically removed successfully. The tumor, weighing approximately 140 gm, contained multiple cystic structures. Following the procedure, the dog is stable and recovering well under post-operative care.



LARGE HINDLIMB TUMOR SURGICALLY REMOVED FROM RESCUED DOG

A rescued dog was brought in with a large pendulous tumor on the left hindlimb, causing pain and difficulty in movement. After stabilization, the mass was successfully removed through surgery, followed by wound care and post-operative treatment. The dog is recovering well and showing improved comfort and mobility.



NINE HOMES, NINE HAPPY TAILS 🐾



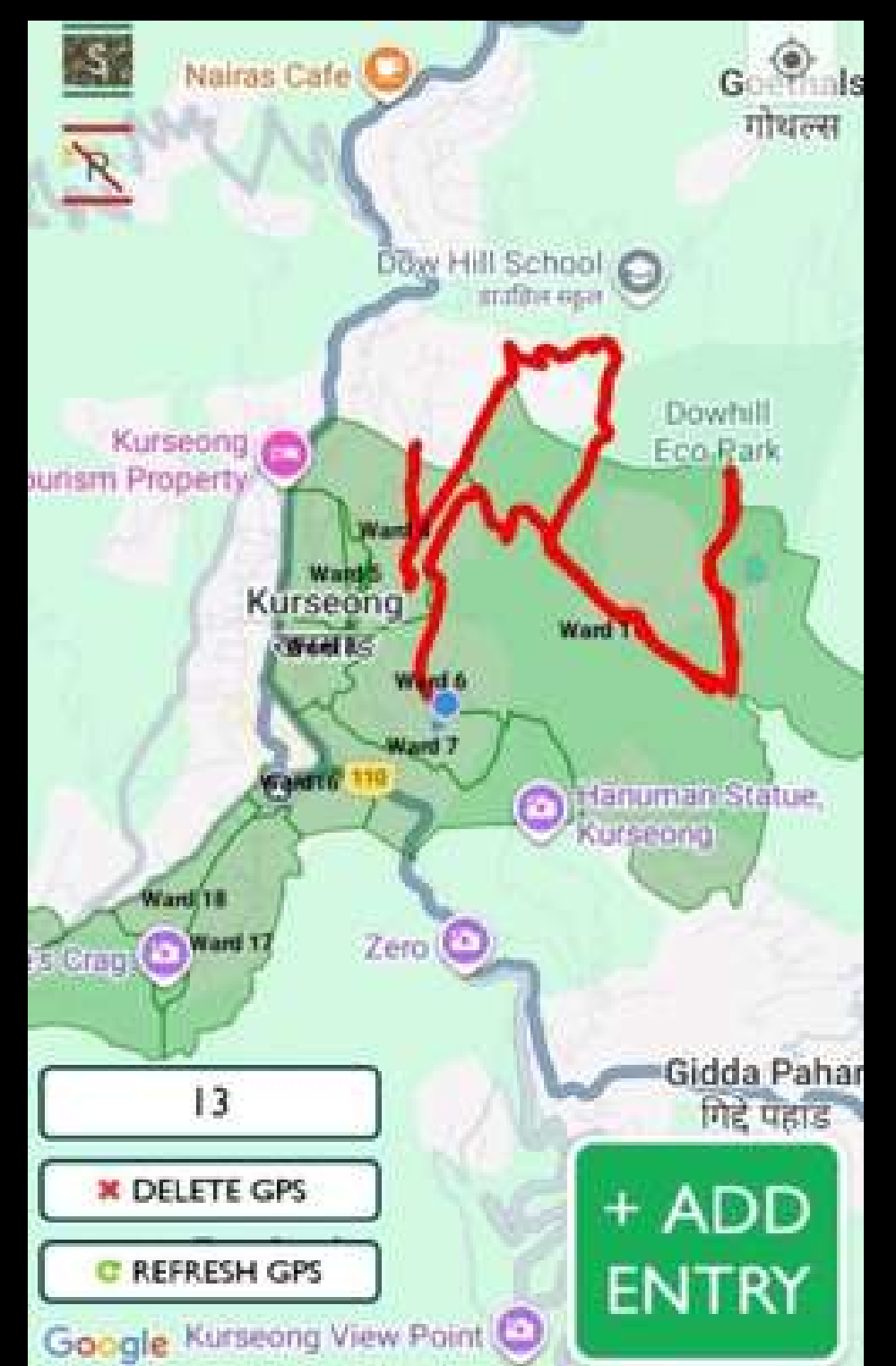
ANTI-RABIES VACCINATION

Sl.no.		Quantity
1.	Clinic	97
2.	ABC-ARV Camps	0
3.	RRT-ARV	1538
Total		1635



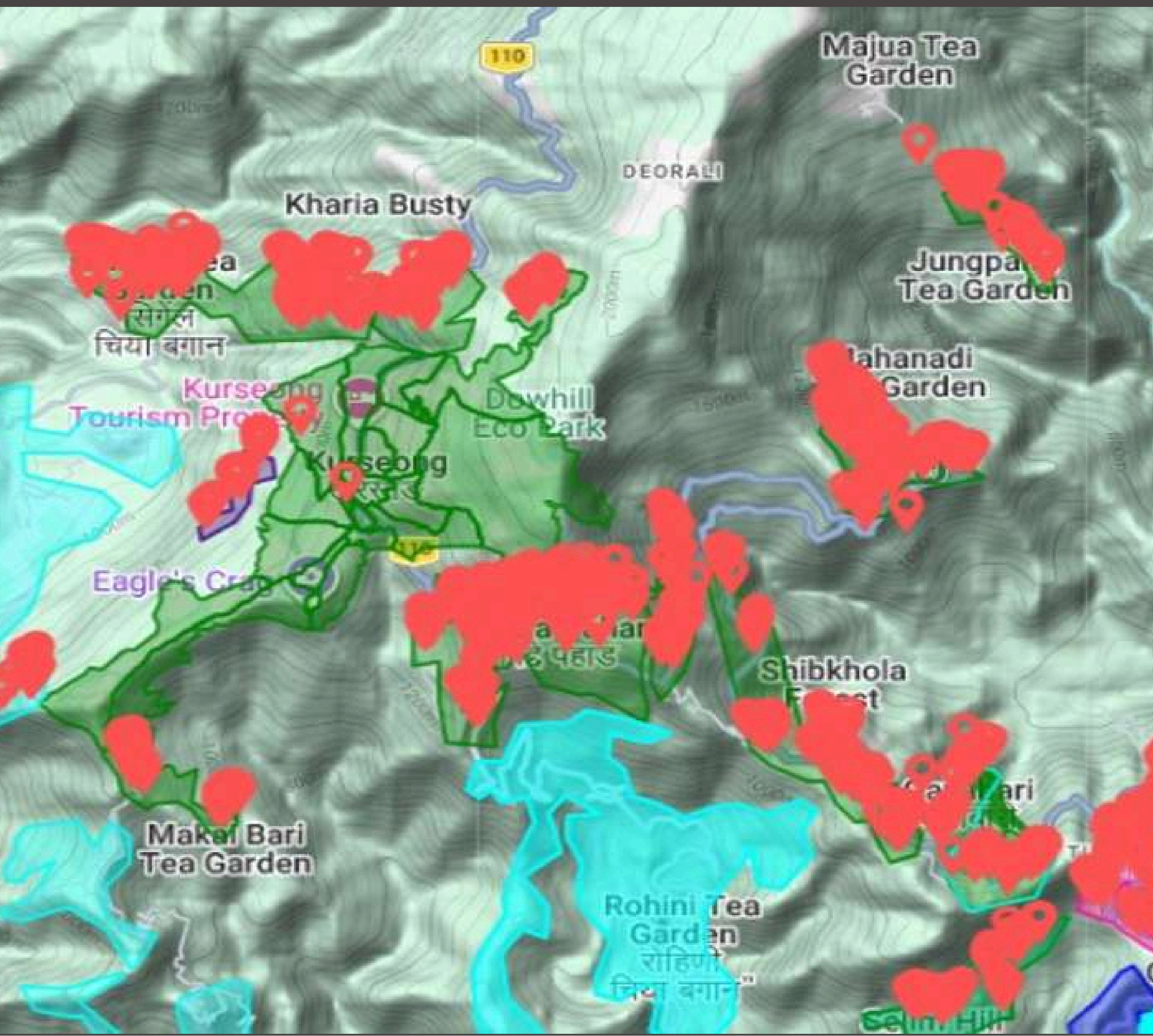
COMMUNITY TRUST DRIVING PROGRAMME SUCCESS

Post-vaccination surveys and field interactions showed high levels of community awareness and participation across both urban and remote areas. Communities not only cooperated during vaccination drives but also expressed interest in future campaigns and timelines.



MASS VACCINATION STRENGTHENING HERD IMMUNITY

A total of 1,538 dogs were vaccinated during this period, covering Kurseong Municipality, subdivision areas, and an emergency response in Kalimpong. The campaign combined door-to-door efforts with capture–vaccinate–release methods to ensure wider reach, including high-density and remote regions.



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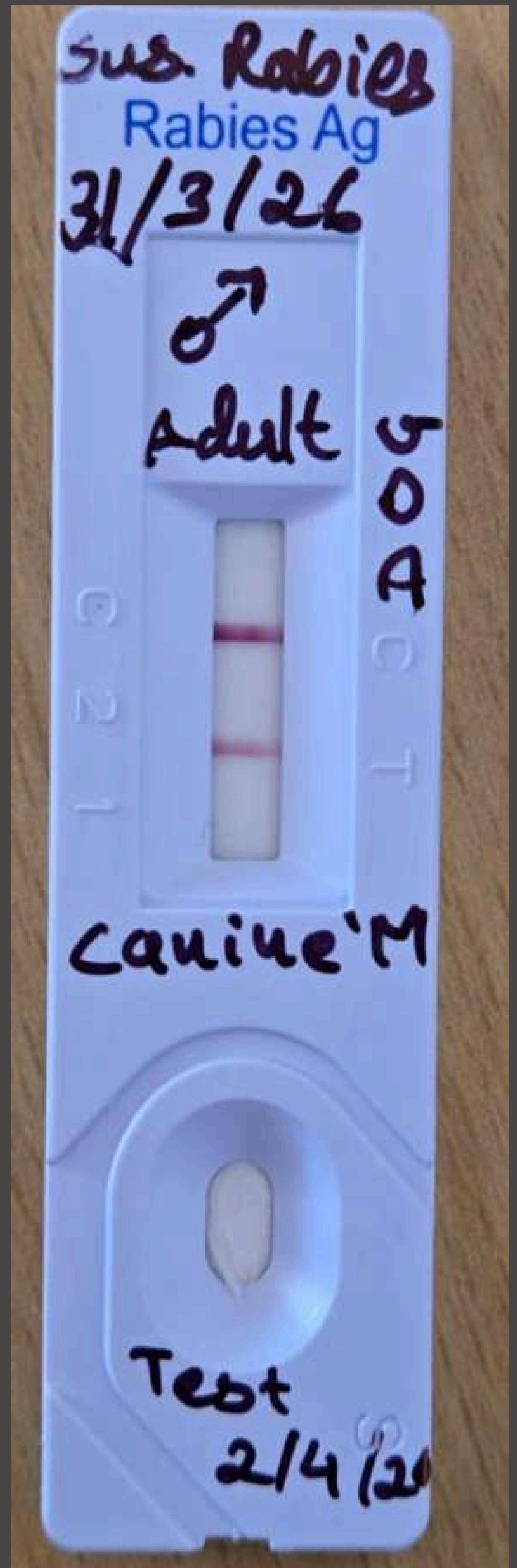


TIMELY DETECTION AND COORDINATED RESPONSE

Confirmed and suspected rabies cases triggered immediate investigation, safe capture of animals, laboratory testing, and targeted vaccination in affected areas. Rapid coordination between field teams, veterinary staff, and authorities ensured timely containment.



Investigation of a suspected rabid dog
Sungdung, Pudung Khasmahal,
Kalimpomg,
Kalimpong district
which turned out to be LFA
positive



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A suspected rabies case reported on 2nd April 2026 from Gausala, Bagrakot (Kalimpong) was confirmed positive after the dog was captured, observed, and tested (LFA). A rapid response followed, including immediate vaccination of local stray and pet dogs and community awareness activities. The timely intervention helped contain the risk and prevent further spread in a previously unvaccinated area.



TIMELY DETECTION AND COORDINATED RESPONSE



GAUSALA, BAKRIKOT, KALIMPONG

Date Entry - 4/4/2026
Test - 5/4/2026
Gender - Female Entire
Weight - 9 Kg
Age - 9 months
LEA Test - Positive (+ive)
Code - 2/4/26/GTA/KP



EXPANDING NETWORKS FOR GRASSROOTS IMPACT

The program strengthened community-level networks by engaging Prani Mitras, local groups, and exploring innovative channels like LPG delivery systems and transport workers for reporting cases. These efforts improved information flow and outreach in remote areas.



EXPANDING NETWORKS FOR GRASSROOTS IMPACT



STUDENTS AS KEY MESSENGERS OF PREVENTION

Awareness sessions conducted in schools reached hundreds of students, focusing on rabies prevention, safe behavior around animals, and the importance of timely treatment after bites. Interactive sessions encouraged active participation and better understanding.



St. Anthony's School, Darjeeling

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Sunrise School, Lebong, Darjeeling



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Vidya Vikash Academy, Darjeeling



IMPROVING PRACTICES THROUGH DIRECT OUTREACH

Door-to-door engagement and community sessions in Kalimpong helped address misconceptions about rabies and stray dogs while promoting responsible behavior, vaccination, and proper wound care. Distribution of hotline information further strengthened reporting systems.



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STRONG LOCAL COORDINATION ENHANCING IMPLEMENTATION

Collaboration with Panchayats, government departments, NGOs, and community leaders played a key role in facilitating field operations and awareness activities. Their support helped improve access, mobilisation, and communication across regions.



DGAS-MR team with Karmadakshya of Animal Husbandry,
Kurseong Subdivision Panchayat Samiti

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DGAS officials- Dr. Pandey and RSO with ARDD Kalimpong-
AD, BLDO, VO MVU, LDA

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DGAS-MR team -with Maneybhanjang Panchayat Samiti
members
-with Kalimpong Truck Drivers Welfare Association

