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MONTHLY REPORT KALIMPONG ANIMAL SHELTER



The month has been very productive in our mission to help animals near and far. We are deeply grateful to our generous donors whose compassion and support help transform the lives of animals in need. Our animals are truly fortunate to have friends like you. Together, we are creating a world where animals are seen, heard and valued.

MONTH AT A GLANCE

LATE-NIGHT RESCUE OF A TRAPPED COMMUNITY DOG

Late one night in May, at approximately 11:30 p.m., the Kalimpong Animal Shelter team received an urgent distress call regarding a community dog trapped in a narrow crevice between a wall and a concrete pillar. The small hill town had long gone quiet for the night, but for this dog, every passing minute posed a serious threat to his life.

Fortunately, team member Yogita answered the emergency call and immediately alerted the rescue team. Lakpa and Arpan promptly joined the operation and extended their help. Upon arrival, the team found the dog with his head wedged in the narrow crevice, unable to free himself despite repeated attempts. He had already been trapped for over an hour and had sustained bruising around his face.



The team initially attempted to free the dog without causing any damage to the structure, but the narrow gap made rescue impossible. After careful assessment, they decided that a small section of the wall would need to be broken to create an escape route.

To minimise the dog's discomfort and stress, Lakpa administered pain relief and ensured that the animal remained as calm and comfortable as possible throughout the operation.



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Safely Rescued



Nearly an hour of painstaking effort later, the dog was successfully rescued. Apart from minor bruising, he had no serious injuries and was able to walk normally after being comforted by the team for some time following the rescue.". Several local residents, awakened by the commotion, gathered to witness the operation and expressed immense relief when the dog was finally freed.

Although hospitalisation was not required, the team continued to monitor the dog daily for a few days and provided ointment for his bruises.



Doing well the next day



ENRICHMENT WALKS FOR SHELTER DOGS

Providing quality of life for animals extends beyond medical care. This month, our shelter furry residents enjoyed a series of enrichment walks along the beautiful mountain trails surrounding Kalimpong.

A group of nine dogs from the shelter's runway section was taken on an outdoor excursion where they were able to explore nature, observe birds, chase grasshoppers, and enjoy the fresh mountain air. For many of these dogs, the experience offered a rare opportunity to roam freely and engage with their natural surroundings.

The joy was evident in their excitement, playful behaviour, and renewed energy. Such outings provide valuable mental stimulation, physical exercise, and emotional enrichment for long-term shelter residents.





A second outing was organised on another day for a different group of dogs. During this walk, a young boy enthusiastically volunteered to walk one of the shelter dogs after meeting the team on the trail.

These enrichment walks continue to play an important role in improving the overall wellbeing of our shelter residents by allowing them to socialise, exercise, and experience life beyond the kennel environment.



ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL (ABC)/STERILISATION PROGRAMME

The month of May recorded the highest monthly ABC numbers achieved so far in 2026, with a seven-day outreach sterilisation camp in Siliguri followed by a local village camp in Sakyong, Kalimpong. During the month, the team successfully performed a total of 186 dog sterilisation surgeries and 34 cat sterilisation surgeries.

Despite the hot and humid weather, the dedicated team worked tirelessly to ensure that more canine companions could benefit from the programme. Alongside the outreach camps, the Shelter's in-house sterilisation programme remained active throughout the month.



Village
camp



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ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL/STERILISATION PROGRAMME

Both owned animals and free-roaming dogs brought in by the team were sterilised, vaccinated, and safely returned to their familiar surroundings.



**In-House
ABC Prg.**



KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

SPECIES	CASES TREATED
DOGS	307
CATS	66
GOATS	38
PIGS	11
COWS	32

TOTAL CASES - 454

STERILISATION/ABC (ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL)

TOTAL DOG ABC	186
CAT ABC	34
RESCUE	10

ADOPTION

PUPPIES	2
KITTENS	5



CLINICAL AND FIELD VETERINARY SERVICES

The Shelter's clinical services remained busy throughout the month, with numerous dogs receiving treatment for conditions including road traffic injuries, fever, epilepsy, diarrhoea, vomiting, and other medical concerns. As usual, the team also attended to several feline patients requiring medical care and treatment.

Field veterinary services for farm animals also continued throughout the month. Two bovine cases required attention: one suffering from mastitis and another presenting with fever and a severely swollen tongue. Team member Lil conducted regular home visits to provide treatment and monitor their recovery, while Mahesh attended to several goats suffering from fever.

The cow affected by mastitis has since made a full recovery, while the second bovine case continues to receive ongoing veterinary treatment.

Our sincere thanks to the Kalpataru Foundation for supporting our outreach and clinical treatment for animals in need.



ADOPTION

Canine adoptions remained low this month, with only two puppies finding loving homes from among the many rescued animals currently residing at KAS. On a brighter note, kitten adoptions were slightly higher, with five abandoned kittens being welcomed into loving homes.



CASE STUDIES

EMERGENCY BOVINE SURGERY SAVES COW SUFFERING FROM DYSTOCIA

An emergency call from a distressed cattle owner led to a life-saving intervention by the Kalimpong Animal Shelter veterinary team this month.

The owner reported that his cow was experiencing severe complications during labour. Having already sought assistance from government veterinarians who were unable to take up the case, he contacted Kalimpong Animal Shelter (KAS) as the situation became increasingly critical. Veterinarian Dr Deo, accompanied by Roshan and Lil, immediately prepared for the emergency and rushed to the site.

Following examination, Dr Deo diagnosed the cow with dystocia, a serious condition characterised by difficult or obstructed labour. Such cases can rapidly become fatal without prompt veterinary intervention.

Given the severity of the condition, the team proceeded with an emergency Caesarean section. The surgery continued over an hour, during which the veterinary team made every effort to save the animal's life.



**EMERGENCY
SURGICAL
INTERVENTION**

The surgery was successful, but the cow required intensive post-operative care. The owner was advised on the necessary aftercare, while the Shelter team committed to daily follow-up visits. For five consecutive days, the team travelled to the owner's location to administer medication and monitor recovery.

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The cow responded positively to treatment and gradually regained strength. By the end of the treatment period, she had made a remarkable recovery and was steadily returning to normal health.

Such cases reflect the trust that the community places in Kalimpong Animal Shelter when their animals require urgent veterinary assistance. The Shelter continues to serve as a vital source of veterinary care and support, providing treatment and life-saving interventions for both small and large animals alike.



SUCCESSFUL REMOVAL OF A LARGE TUMOUR FROM A DOG

A dog suffering from a large malignant tumour was brought from Siliguri to Kalimpong Animal Shelter for surgery. The animal had been under the care of Dev and his team from Nirbaak Aryanak NGO, in Siliguri, who sought help of Dr Deo from Kalimpong Animal Shelter as the tumour continued to grow and increasingly affected the dog's comfort and quality of life.

The tumour had reached a considerable size, making the surgery both complex and challenging. However, without surgical intervention, the dog's condition would have continued to deteriorate. Dr Deo, assisted by the Shelter Paravets, performed surgery to remove the tumour.





The surgery was successful, and the dog recovered well from the anaesthesia. Following the procedure, he was discharged into the care of the Nirbaak Aryanak team with detailed instructions regarding medication and follow-up care.

Within days of surgery, the dog began showing encouraging signs of improvement and was soon able to stand and move comfortably. For a dog that had been carrying the burden of such a large tumour, this marked the beginning of a hopeful new chapter and a positive recovery journey.



**ACTIVE &
ENJOYING LIFE
AGAIN POST-
RECOVERY**

GROOMING AND SUMMER CARE FOR OUR SHELTER FURRY RESIDENTS

The weather in the hills has been particularly warm and humid in recent weeks. As a result, some of our resident dogs have been experiencing itchy skin, flea infestations, and other seasonal skin-related issues. To help keep them comfortable, the team organised bathing and grooming sessions before commencing their flea treatment programme.

The cool showers provided much-needed relief from the heat, helping the dogs feel refreshed and comfortable.



All of these dogs are permanent residents of the Shelter. Many were surrendered by their owners, some were victims of cruelty, while others were rescued from the streets and eventually found a safe home with us. Among them are several special-needs dogs, including amputees, who require lifelong care and support.

The dogs were remarkably cooperative throughout their grooming sessions and appeared to thoroughly enjoy the attention and care.



GENERAL UPDATES



Our Trustee, Mr Nirmal Jain, made his annual visit to the Shelter and held general meetings and discussions pertaining to the Shelter's ongoing activities, future plans, and operational requirements.

Pic- Nirmal Ji with Mr Tarun, Trustee Mr Donald and KAS team members



Thanks to Deep Sanyal for generously donating a stretcher to our animal hospital. It will greatly assist in the safe transport of injured and critical animal patients.