

MONTHLY REPORT

KALIMPONG ANIMAL

SHELTER (KAS)



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HIGHLIGHTS

- **BOLLYWOOD ACTRESS BHUMI PEDNEKAR VISITS KALIMPONG ANIMAL SHELTER**
- **SPECIAL THANKS TO PHILIP WOLLEN**
- **REGIONAL ABC (ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL) / STERILISATION CAMPS**
- **OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT**
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INTRODUCTION

June marked the onset of the monsoon season in Kalimpong, bringing intermittent rainfall, rising humidity, and seasonal health challenges for both free-roaming and companion animals. Throughout the month, our team remained fully committed to delivering essential veterinary care, emergency rescue services, and community-based Animal Birth Control programmes across the region.



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BOLLYWOOD ACTRESS BHUMI PEDNEKAR VISITS KALIMPONG ANIMAL SHELTER

Kalimpong Animal Shelter was delighted to welcome renowned Bollywood actress, climate advocate, and animal welfare supporter Bhumi Pednekar, accompanied by her friend, Aamir.



Bhumi and Aamir with the KAS Team members

During her visit, Bhumi toured the shelter facilities, interacted with the veterinary team, learned about the shelter's activities, and spent time with many of the rescued animals receiving treatment and long-term care.

Beyond her successful acting career, Bhumi Pednekar has emerged as a prominent voice for climate action and environmental sustainability, using her public platform to inspire young people to take meaningful action for the planet.

We thank Bhumi for using her voice and influence to inspire people to help build a more compassionate, conscious, and sustainable world.

GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM PHILIP WOLLEN FOR A NEW VEHICLE

The Kalimpong Animal Shelter extends heartfelt thanks to Philip Wollen, the prominent Australian philanthropist, environmentalist, and animal rights advocate for generously donating the funds to procure a brand-new animal ambulance for our facility. A recipient of the OAM, one of Australia's highest civilian honours, Mr Wollen's support directly strengthens our field operations. The vehicle has officially been booked and is currently on order.

Our existing rescue vehicle, which was also kindly gifted by Mr Wollen years ago, has served as an absolute lifeline for our daily operations. However, years of continuous, round-the-clock rescue services, remote village outreach camps, and constantly navigating the rough terrain of this hilly region have naturally taken a heavy toll on the old vehicle.

As our outreach expands and emergency calls rise, this upcoming replacement arrives at a crucial juncture. Once delivered, the new ambulance will allow our rescue team to continue travelling safely into far-flung areas, responding to emergencies, and transporting animals in distress.

REGIONAL ABC (ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL) & STERILISATION CAMPS

The Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme remains one of our core initiatives as we work to manage the dog population through a combination of in-house surgeries and community outreach camps.



CAMP AT 12TH MILE

This month, the Kalimpong Animal Shelter team collaborated with the Animal Resources Development Department (ARDD) to conduct a large-scale sterilisation camp at the Dansberg Club in 12th Mile. While the ARDD team provided essential veterinary support and medicines for livestock, our team focused entirely on the sterilisation and preventative healthcare of companion animals. The initiative saw strong community participation, as many local households in this area care for one or more dogs.



ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL (ABC) CAMP

However, animal displacement remains a persistent concern in the 12th Mile area. Through our helpline, we continue to receive frequent reports of puppies and mother dogs being abandoned along nearby roads by individuals from neighbouring villages. Because these arterial routes connect multiple areas, they have become recurring dumping points, requiring constant rescue interventions from our team to support these vulnerable animals.



AT 12TH MILE DANSBERG CAMP



Beyond Kalimpong, our programme extended its reach to Siliguri. Our veterinary team participated in an intensive, four-day collaborative sterilisation campaign alongside local animal welfare organisations to help manage and improve the welfare of the city's dog population. Concurrently, the shelter's in-house sterilisation programme continued to provide regular surgeries for both free roaming and owned animals brought directly to our facility.



SILIGURI CAMP

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

SPECIES	CASES TREATED
DOGS	445
CATS	40
GOATS	110
PIGS	22
COWS	40
FOWLS	300

TOTAL CASES - 957

EMERGENCY CASES	14
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STERILISATION/ABC (ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL)

TOTAL DOG ABC	167
CAT ABC	40

TOTALABC-207

RESCUE	27
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OUT- PATIENT DEPARTMENT

During the reporting period, the Shelter recorded a significant increase in outpatient consultations, follow-up visits and walk-in cases. A total of 445 canines received veterinary attention during the month, with the majority presenting with monsoon-related conditions including high temperature, gastrointestinal disorders, skin diseases, haemoprotozoan infections and severe maggot-infested wounds.



The seasonal shift also brought challenges close to home, as a few of our resident animals came down with mild weather-related ailments. Thankfully, because our team keeps such a watchful eye on them, we were able to step in with immediate care, and every single one of them made a quick, smooth recovery and is back to their usual happy self. At the same time, our emergency doors never closed. We had a non-stop stream of heartbreaking cases come through, animals involved in terrible road accidents, facing severe fractures, or dealing with advanced tumors.

While canines made up the core of our daily clinic workload with 445 cases, there were also 40 feline cases with seasonal ailments. The overall numbers of the Out Patient Department were significantly boosted this month by our collaborative outreach camp with the Animal Resources Development Department (ARDD).

A YOUNG VOICE FOR ANIMALS

A young volunteer from Army Public School, Kalimpong is currently volunteering at Kalimpong Animal Shelter. She is a dedicated animal lover, a sportsperson, and an active Rotary Interactor. She aspires to pursue a career in veterinary medicine and is passionate about improving the lives of animals.

As part of her volunteer programme, she plans to organise enrichment activities for the shelter animals and raise awareness about the importance of being compassionate and responsible citizens towards voiceless animals.



YOUNG TIARA WITH THE RESIDENT DOGS AT KALIMPONG ANIMAL SHELTER

CASE STUDIES

Our emergency and rescue interventions this month brought in several cases of animals in distress, arriving at our facility in need of urgent care. Whether brought in via our rescue network or by compassionate community caregivers from distant districts, these suffering animals required immediate and dedicated support. While many are successfully treated and returned early to their regular environments, two helpless animals currently remain with us as permanent residents, as returning to the streets is no longer a viable option for them.

LITTLE PUPPY SAVED FROM A DEADLY RESTRAINT

A distressing case this month involved a young puppy rescued with a deep circumferential wound around her neck caused by a tightly tied string. The injury had penetrated deep into the surrounding tissue, indicating that the restraint had been left in place for a prolonged period. While the exact circumstances remain unknown, the nature of the wound strongly suggested prolonged neglect or deliberate cruelty.



BEFORE

Upon arrival, the KAS team immediately administered first aid, thoroughly cleaned the wound, and provided essential pain relief. Had the puppy not been rescued in time, the severity of her injuries would almost certainly have proved fatal.. Had the puppy not been rescued in time, the severity of her injuries would almost certainly have been fatal.

The puppy is currently recovering at Kalimpong Animal Shelter, where she is receiving daily wound care, medication, and round-the-clock nursing support. Her injury is healing well, with healthy tissue regeneration and no signs of infection. Under close veterinary supervision, she continues to make steady progress towards recovery.

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A LITTLE PUPPY GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE

This heartbreaking case also highlights the urgent need for greater awareness and responsible animal care. We continue to appeal to pet owners and community members to never tie dogs with ropes, strings, or wires around their necks. Sadly, such practices are still common in many villages, where a lack of awareness, and at times, compassion, results in unimaginable suffering for innocent animals. What may seem like a simple restraint can tighten over time, causing deep wounds, excruciating pain, severe infections, and, as in this puppy's case, can ultimately become life-threatening.

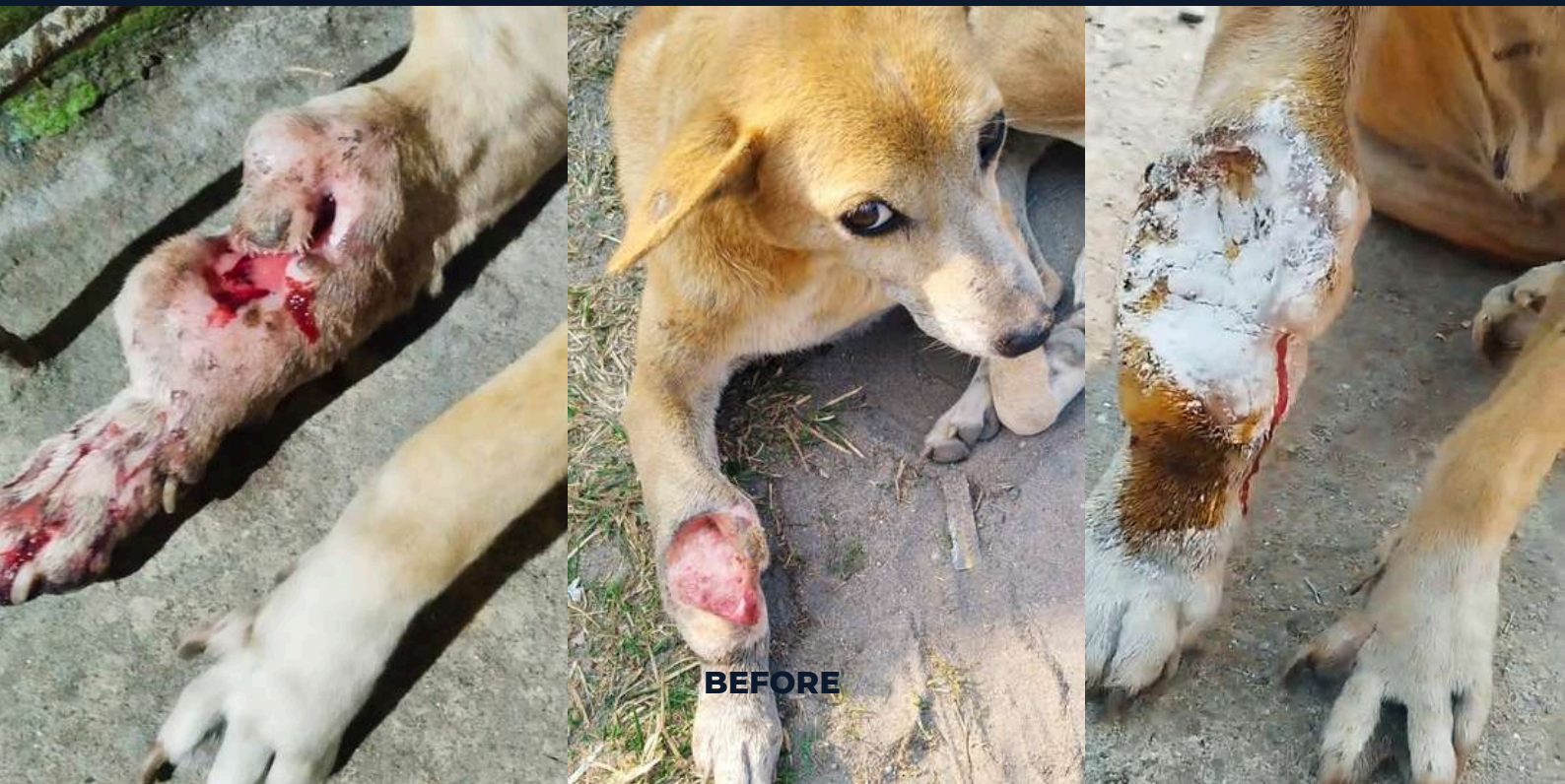
Every animal deserves to be treated with kindness and dignity. Through rescue, treatment, and community education, we hope to prevent such needless cruelty and encourage more compassionate care for animals. Once she has made a full recovery, the puppy will be sterilised and prepared for adoption, giving her the opportunity to leave behind her painful past and begin a new life in a loving and responsible home.

CASE STUDIES

SURGICAL REMOVAL OF A COMMUNITY DOG'S FRONT LEG TUMOUR

A community dog was brought all the way from Malbazar in Jalpaiguri district to Kalimpong Animal Shelter with a large tumour on her left forelimb. The tumour had grown progressively over time, severely affecting her mobility and causing increasing discomfort.

She was brought to the shelter by a compassionate community caregiver who had been feeding her regularly and became concerned about her deteriorating condition. Following a thorough clinical examination, Dr. Deo determined that amputation of the affected forelimb offered the best chance to remove the tumour, relieve her pain, and improve her quality of life.



A BRAVE LITTLE ONE BEFORE LIFE-SAVING SURGERY

The surgery was successfully performed by Dr Deo, and she remained under close veterinary supervision throughout her recovery. Despite the loss of a limb, she adapted remarkably well, gradually learning to walk confidently on three legs and steadily regaining her mobility.

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Although she has now recovered well, she will remain a permanent resident at Kalimpong Animal Shelter. Her caregiver felt it would not be safe for her to return to the roadside environment where she had previously lived, particularly given the constant risk of road traffic accidents.



EYE ENUCLEATION SURGERY

A community dog from the village was rushed to Kalimpong Animal Shelter after being struck by a speeding vehicle. When his owner found him, he was lying by the roadside, wailing in pain. One of his legs was badly injured, blood was oozing from his eye, and the eye had completely protruded from its socket.



CASE STUDIES

EYE ENUCLEATION SURGERY



Our veterinary team immediately began emergency treatment, administering pain relief and intravenous fluids to stabilise his condition. The trauma had left him weak and unwilling to eat, so his recovery was closely monitored over the following days.

Once he was stable enough to undergo surgery, Dr Deo performed an eye enucleation to remove the irreparably damaged eye and prevent further pain and infection.



Following surgery, the dog recovered steadily under close veterinary supervision before returning home with his owner. Although he lost one eye, he adapted well and is now living comfortably with the family who stood by him throughout his recovery.

For many injured animals, timely veterinary care can mean the difference between prolonged suffering and the chance to heal.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to each and every one of our generous donors. Your compassion and unwavering support make every rescue, every treatment, and every second chance possible.

Thank you for giving hope to those who have no voice and for standing with us in our mission to build a kinder world for animals.