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DARJEELING ANIMAL SHELTER



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

118
STERILISATION

581
CASES
TREATED

8
ADOPTION

28
RESCUES

16
X-RAY

6
SPECIAL SURGERIES



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IMPACT AND
PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHT



STERILISATION	DOG	CAT
SPAYING	70	12
CASTRATION	33	3

CLINICAL ACITVITIES	DOG	CAT
CASES TREATED	509	73
RESCUE	25	3

ADOPTION	7	1
X-RAY	12	4
SPECIAL SURGERIES	5	1



03 ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVES & HIGH-LEVEL LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATION



Early in the reporting cycle, the organization was served with an official administrative notice demanding immediate relocation of animals around the government hospital premises due to increase in bite cases around that area.

Recognizing that an abrupt, uncoordinated eviction would severely jeopardize animal welfare. Therefore, a formal, high-level administrative meeting was scheduled and held with the Superintendent of Police (SP) of Darjeeling involving Vet-in-charge and Manager, Darjeeling Animal Shelter.

As part of the ongoing management of aggressive or biting animals in the area, a specific cat from Darjeeling with a known history of biting people was brought in to undergo a routine spay procedure alongside a period of health and behavioral observation with dialogues still in process regarding this matter.

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IN-PATIENT EMERGENCY VETERINARY CASE MANAGEMENT



While navigating the administrative pressures of the relocation notice, our static clinical facility faced an unprecedented surge in life-threatening reproductive emergencies and complex oncological cases. The clinical team operated under a zero-refusal policy, prioritizing rapid diagnostic triage and immediate surgical intervention.



Clinical Analysis: Pyometra

- Pyometra Management: The clinic admitted a significant volume of female canine patients presenting with advanced Pyometra (acute uterine infection). Patients typically arrived in severe endotoxemic shock, requiring aggressive pre-operative fluid stabilization ,emergency diagnostics work up which promptly revealed significant fluid-dense uterine enlargement, confirming a diagnosis of pyometra.
- Emergency ovariohysterectomy: Massive, fluid-filled ruptured uterus were successfully extracted followed with proper post operative care which lead to complete clinical recovery.



“ ADVANCED ONCOLOGY CASE STUDY: RADICAL PERIPENILE MASS MANAGEMENT



A standout clinical victory this month involved the comprehensive management of a severely debilitated male stray dog, admitted via our emergency rescue network with a massive, invasive tumor situated immediately adjacent to the penile and preputial region. This specific dog was brought to us by distressed community caretakers who traveled all the way from the plains, Siliguri trusting our center over local alternatives to handle a surgery of this extreme complexity.



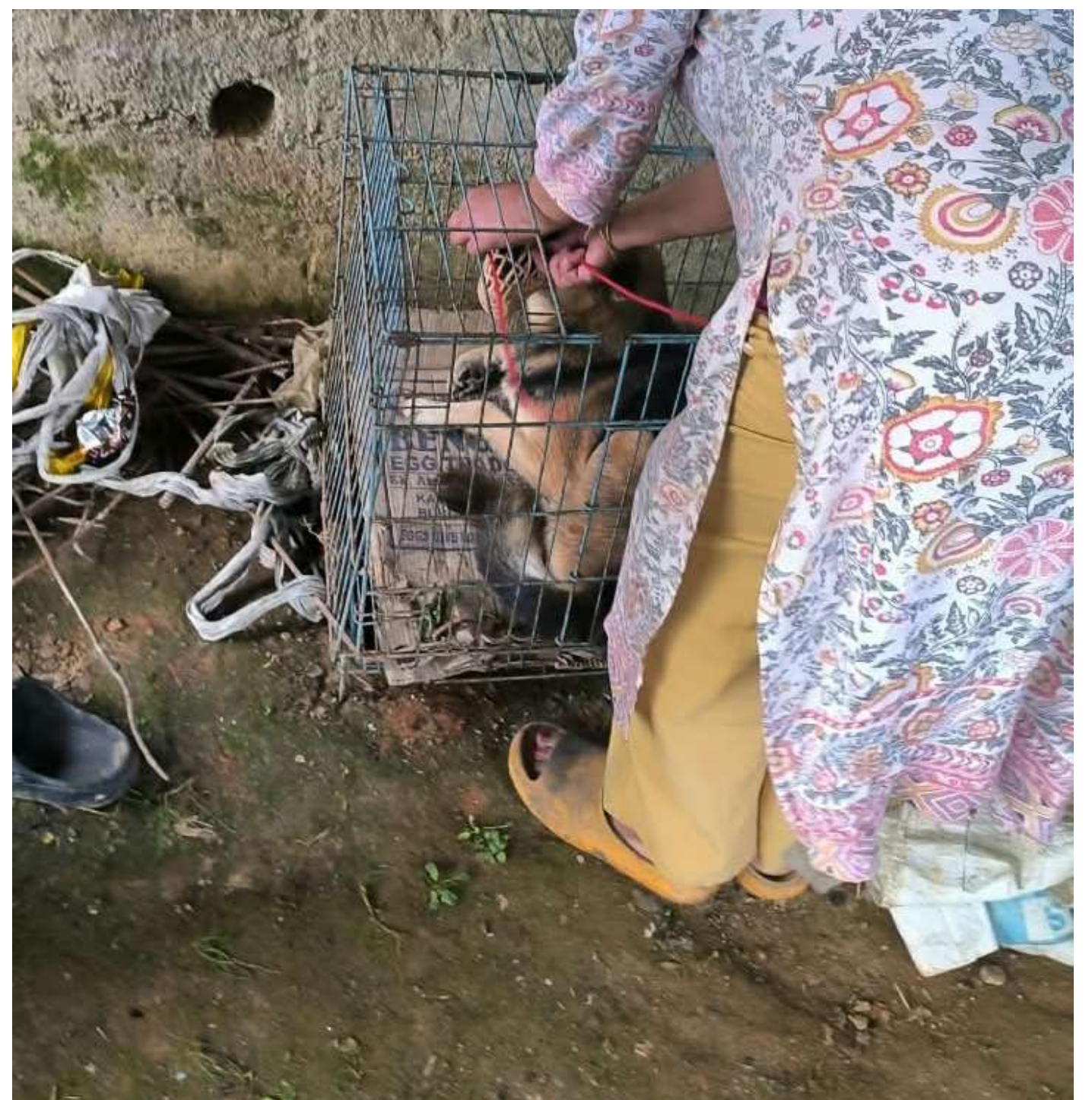
Initial Clinical Presentation: Upon intake, the animal presented with a massive, vascular, and ulcerated mass completely distorting the regional anatomy of the lower inguinal and peripenile area. The tumor was deeply necrotic, constantly bleeding, and heavily complicated by a secondary bacterial infection.



- **The Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy Phase:** Due to the sheer volume and vascularity of the tumor, immediate surgical excision was clinically impossible, as it would have required radical penile tumour resection. Therefore we opted for long term course of chemotherapy.
- Over successive weeks of endless chemotherapy, the mass was continuously reassessed as the treatment targeted the malignant cells, drastically reducing the overall tumor volume and shrinking the margins.
- **Radical Surgical Resection & Reconstructive Closure:** Once the tumor had regressed to a surgically manageable size and the margins detached from the primary penile sheath, the patient was cleared for the operating theater. Under deep, sterile general anesthesia, our veterinary surgeons performed a highly meticulous tumor resection.

MOBILE TREATMENT UNIT & REHABILITATION SERVICES

Faced with overwhelming public rescue calls and high community expectations, we balanced finite shelter capacity with urgent clinical needs through a strategic dual-treatment framework. High-severity cases—such as RTAs and critical trauma—were prioritized for full shelter admission and immediate surgical/clinical care. Meanwhile, high-prevalence non-emergent cases, including mange and TVT, were managed in the field. By establishing a network of reliable community caretakers, we successfully delivered weekly chemotherapy and ivermectin administration on-site. This decentralized model optimized shelter resources, expanded our treatment footprint, and ensured zero-refusal triage for life-threatening emergencies.



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ANNUAL SHELTER MEGA- VACCINATION DRIVE



Immunisation Protocols and Biologicals Administered

To establish comprehensive immunogenic protection, the drive utilized a dual-vaccine protocol tailored for shelter environments:

1. Core DHPPiL (7-in-1 Combination): Administered subcutaneously to provide robust protection against Canine Distemper Virus (CDV), Canine Parvovirus (CPV), Infectious Canine Hepatitis, Canine Adenovirus Type 2, and major serovars of Leptospirosis. Given the regional distemper surge, ensuring maximum titer protection via this combination was the drive's highest clinical priority.
2. Anti-Rabies Vaccination (ARV): Administered intramuscularly or subcutaneously to maintain legal compliance, secure public health standards, and ensure the shelter remains a certified rabies-free zone.



POPULATION CONTROL, & STRATEGIC OUTLOOK



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One surgery, hundreds of lives saved. High-volume ABC operations are the single most effective bridge between surgical precision and long-term rabies eradication.

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Based out of our static facility in Darjeeling, our team directed this month's efforts toward an intensive Catch-Neuter-Return (CNR) drive, completing 118 sterilizations and higher number of rabies vaccinations. The operation combined systematic community catching in our primary Darjeeling sectors with a highly successful outreach ABC camp in Kurseong. Through streamlined surgical workflows, strict post-op monitoring, and dedicated field care, all 118 animals recovered smoothly and were safely released back into their home territories.



ADOPTION AND REHOMING INITIATIVES

STRATEGY TWEAKS AND NEW INITIATIVES

While adoption remains a core pillar of our shelter's mission, the sheer volume of daily calls and abandonment reports we receive continues to far outpace our physical housing and foster network capacity. Operating as a critical triage and emergency surgical facility, long-term shelter housing for every healthy puppy or litter reported is simply unfeasible. Despite these space constraints, our team successfully facilitated 8 permanent adoptions this month, ensuring each animal was fully health-screened, dewormed, and vaccinated prior to placement. However, with rescue calls and intake requests increasing every single day, reliance on shelter capacity alone is not a long-term solution. To prevent overcrowding and maintain open beds for life-threatening medical emergencies, we are actively expanding our community-supported rehoming network. By partnering with local caretakers for temporary home-fostering and utilizing direct digital adoption drives, we continue to bridge the gap between high public demand and safe, responsible lifetime placements.

OPERATIONAL
RESTROSPECTIVE

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No matter how demanding the season—whether navigating torrential monsoon rains, unpredictable field conditions, or the sheer volume of daily operations—the real strength of an organization lies in its people. Challenging environments can easily turn routine tasks into heavy burdens, but having a dedicated, synchronized team changes the entire dynamic. When capable staff come together with shared purpose and quiet efficiency, even the most complex days feel manageable and rewarding. Beyond the numbers and targets, everyday work becomes a reminder of what collective resolve can achieve, leaving us deeply grateful for a team that turns effort into seamless progress.

