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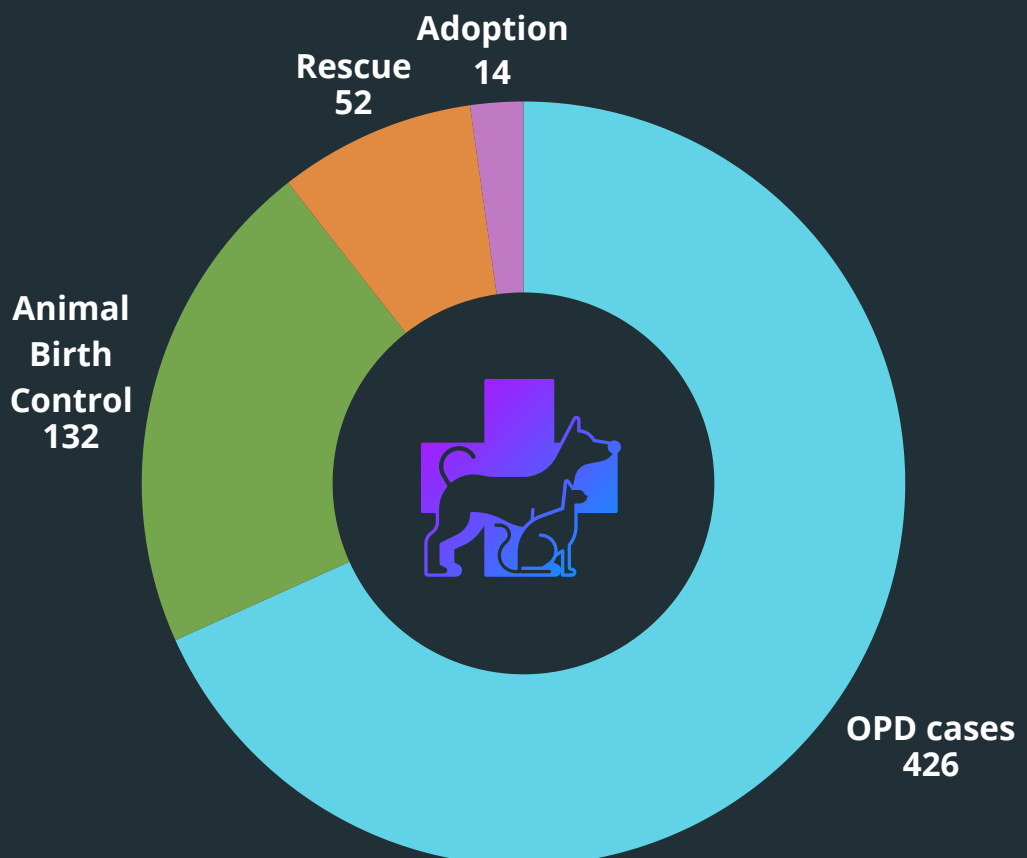
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KALIMPONG ANIMAL SHELTER MONTHLY REPORT

*Behind every
number is a life,
the support of
those who make
our mission
possible, and a
dedicated team
that cares.*



MONTH AT A GLANCE

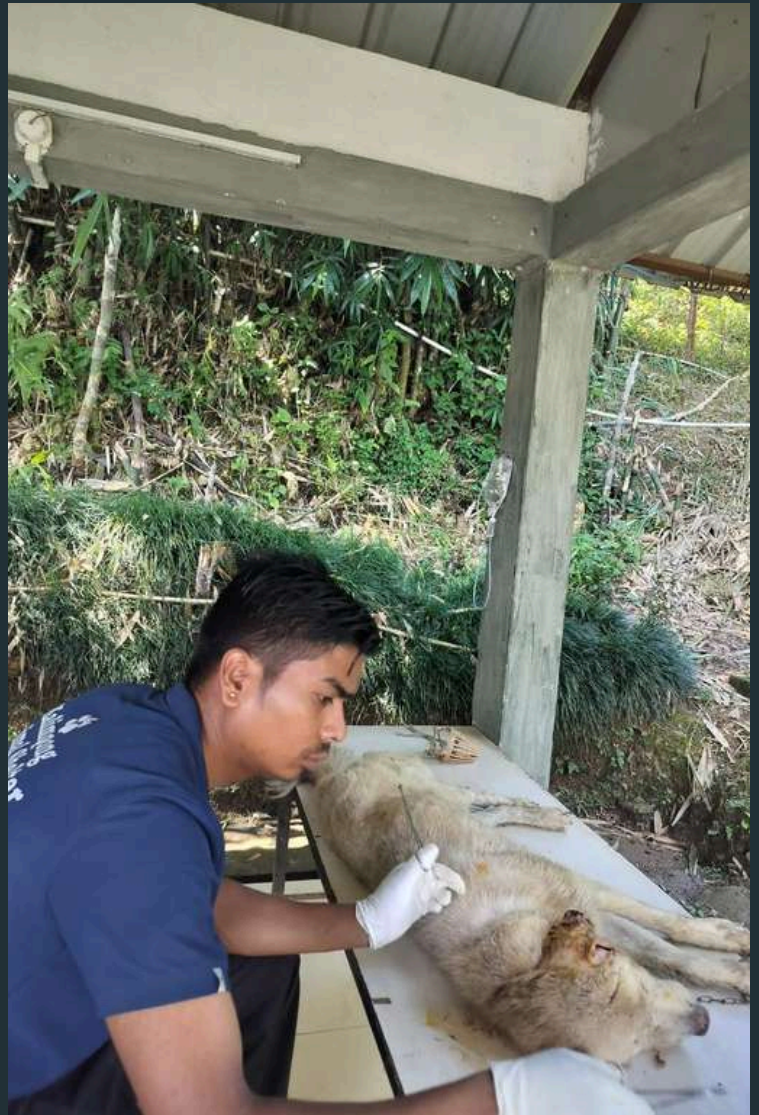
A SURGE IN RESCUE CASES

During September, Kalimpong Animal Shelter (KAS) responded to an increased number of rescue calls concerning abandoned puppies, lactating mothers and dogs found in alleys and other vulnerable locations. The team also attended to sick dogs and cats in need of veterinary treatment. This was the highest number of rescue cases recorded in recent months, keeping the team particularly busy.



Several rescued animals presented with conditions including maggot infestation, lacerations and transmissible venereal tumour (TVT). Some cases were also found in critical condition and required intensive supportive care.

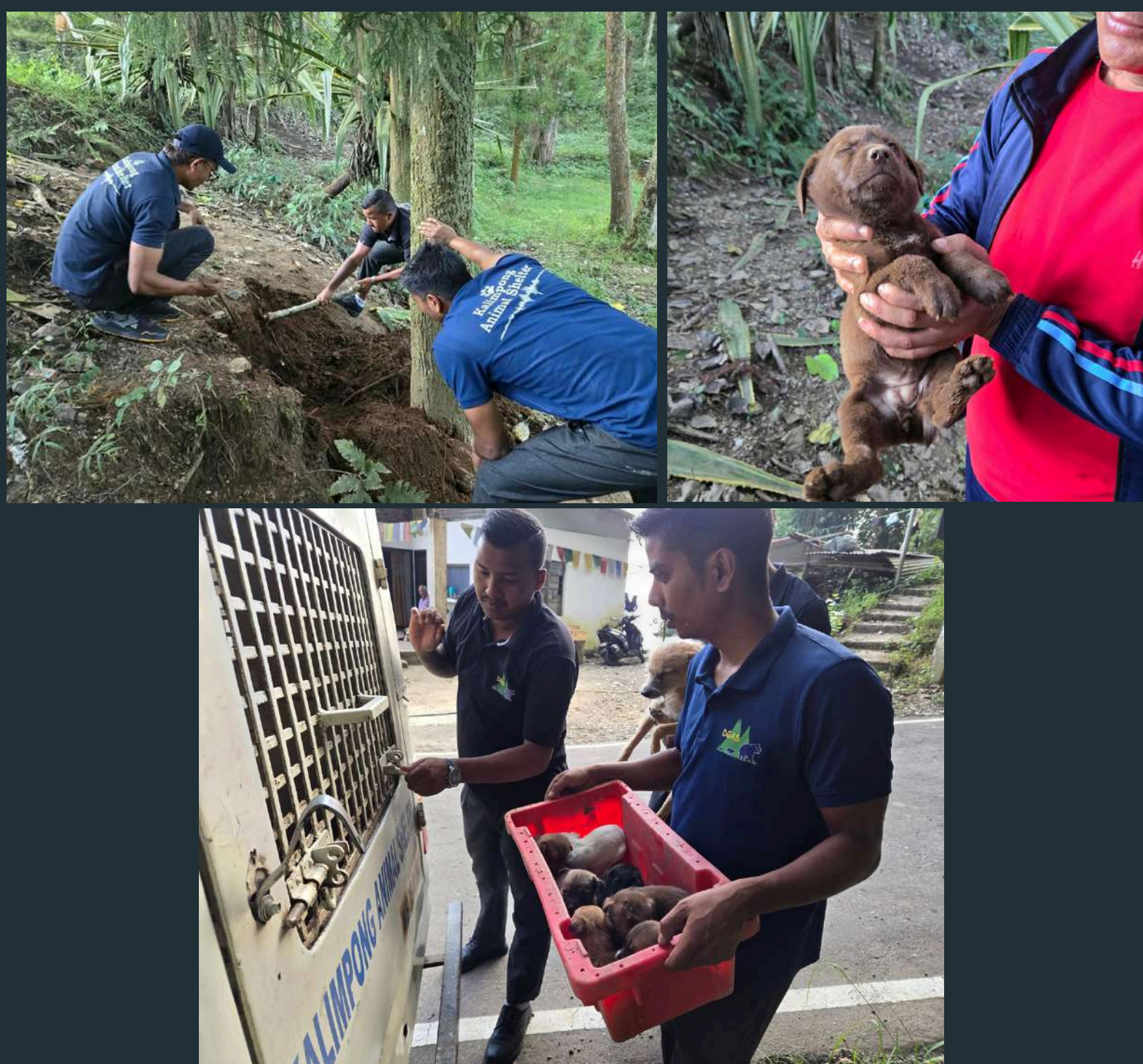
The increase in rescue cases placed additional pressure on shelter capacity. Despite all the kennels being occupied, the team managed to accommodate the newly rescued animals safely and provide them with immediate treatment to support their recovery.



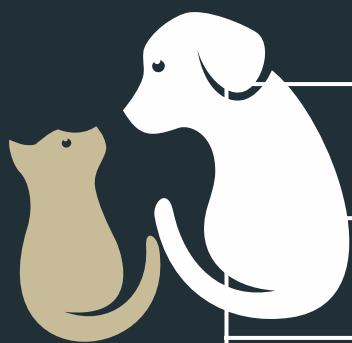
RESCUE OF A MOTHER DOG AND PUPPIES FROM A FOREST BURROW

The KAS team received a phone call about a mother dog and her young puppies living in a forest and immediately set out to rescue them. Given their young age, the puppies faced several risks, including attacks by other animals, accidental injury and possible encounters with wildlife.

The puppies had taken shelter inside a burrow, and it took considerable time to safely bring them out. The mother and her puppies were eventually rescued and brought to KAS, where they were provided with shelter and comfort.



KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS



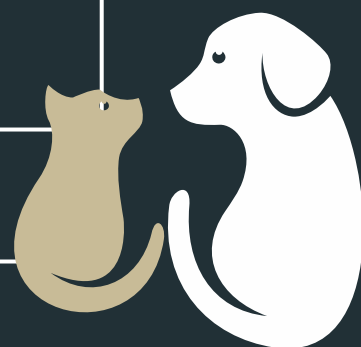
Species	No. of Cases
Dogs	270
Cats	52
Goats	79
Cows	19
Pigs	6

Total cases- 426

Animal Birth Control (ABC)/Sterilisation Prg.

Dog ABC	97
Cat ABC	35

Total ABC- 132



Emergency Cases	8
Rescue	52
Adoption	14

FROM RESCUE TO ADOPTION

A few weeks later, a positive outcome followed when people saw our online posts about the rescued puppies and a few others that had been brought in earlier. They visited KAS to meet the puppies and expressed interest in adopting them. Seven puppies subsequently found their forever homes.

The KAS team ensured that continued support would be provided for their healthcare requirements, including vaccination, medication and sterilisation.



CAT RESCUE

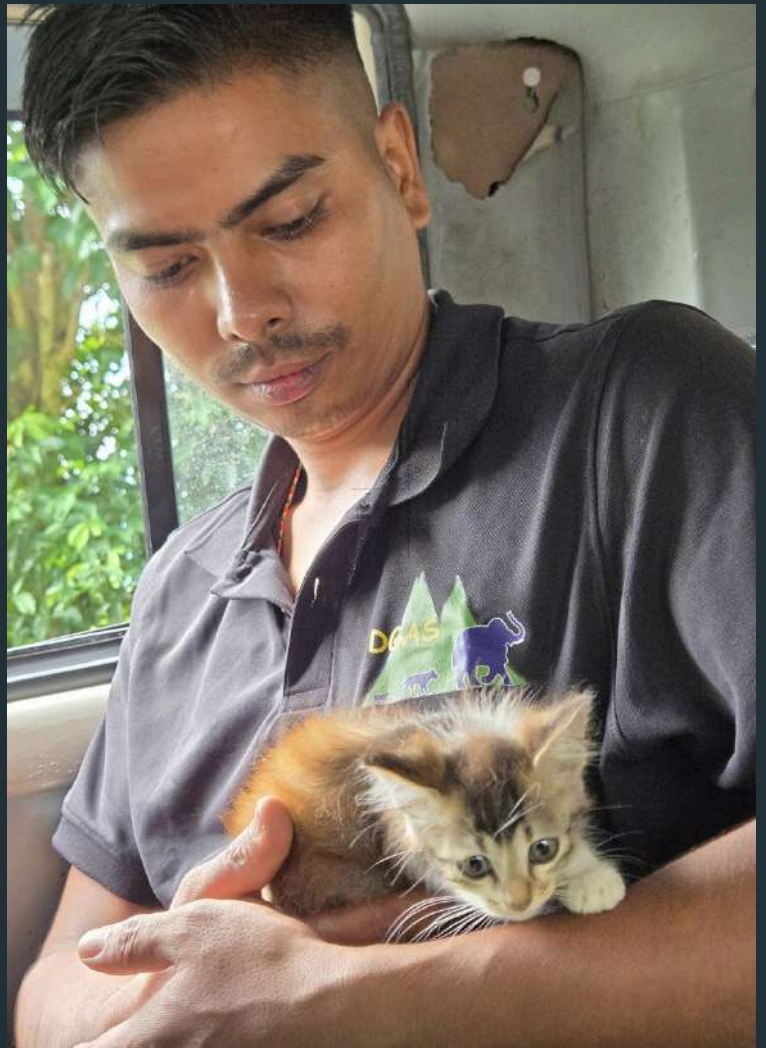
KAS extends veterinary care and sterilisation services to cats alongside its work with dogs. During September, the team rescued free-roaming mother cats with kittens in distress and provided them with shelter and care. The kittens were later adopted, and their mothers were sterilised.

Several sick cats were also rescued from another location and brought to KAS for medical treatment.

Cat-related infections have become an increasing concern. Some rescued cats showed signs suggestive of Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP), with blood tests confirming the infection in affected cats.

Not all cats are released back into the communities from which they are rescued, particularly where food, shelter and community acceptance are limited. Returning them to such environments may put them at risk, so KAS provides continued care and lifelong shelter for these cats.

Thank you, Help Animals India, for supporting the Cat Welfare Programme.





ATTENDING TO
RESCUED CATS



BEING
PREPARED FOR
SPAYING

CATCH-NEUTER-VACCINATE-RELEASE

In a geographically diverse area such as Kalimpong, sustained Animal Birth Control (ABC) activity is an important component of long-term community animal management.

Kalimpong Animal Shelter is the only shelter in Kalimpong carrying out major animal welfare programmes for free-roaming and community dogs. The Shelter responds to concerns related to dogs in season, increasing dog populations and bite-related cases, while supporting the health and welfare of community dogs.

KALIMPONG DISTRICT HOSPITAL



During September, KAS received a request regarding an increasing number of free-roaming community dogs at Kalimpong District Hospital. Some dogs were regular residents of the area around the hospital, while a few additional dogs had recently entered the premises.



Pic: A heartwarming moment as she was reluctant to leave the KAS team after her ABC procedure.

There are times when a few dogs bond so closely with the KAS team that they seem reluctant to leave when it is time for release. This was the case with one dog who wished to stay back with the KAS team rather than return after her ABC procedure.

With regular movement of patients, healthcare workers and visitors, concerns were raised about the presence of dogs within the hospital area.

The KAS team visited the site to assess the situation and safely catch the newly arrived dogs for sterilisation. The approach was discussed with the hospital authorities, with an emphasis on sterilisation, vaccination and release rather than displacement of the dogs.



COMMUNITY DOG CATCHING



Catching activities were also expanded to address free-roaming community dogs in different areas. The KAS team coordinated with local dog feeders and community members to facilitate the safe catching of dogs requiring sterilisation. Dogs caught during previous sessions were also released after completing their post-operative care.



Helping a community dog looked after by a feeder, we safely brought her in for spaying and successfully returned her to her original location. ABC reunions are some of the happiest moments we get to witness. Thank you, The Marchig Animal Welfare Trust, for helping dogs like her live a healthy life.

ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL (ABC) CAMP AT AGRO VET MELA

On 26 September 2026, the Agro Vet Mela (Fair) was jointly organised by the Rotary Club of Kalimpong and the Deputy Director, Dr Devendra Pradhan, of the Animal Resources Development Department (ARDD), at the ARDD office.



The annual Agro Vet Mela brings together animal welfare, veterinary and agricultural activities. The programme included a blood donation drive, a sterilisation programme and an agricultural stall providing information and support to farmers. KAS is regularly invited to participate in the event. Dr Deven from ARDD and Dr Deo Pandey from Kalimpong Animal Shelter are also members of the Rotary Club of Kalimpong.

The ABC camp was attended by other Rotary Club members and local community members who brought their dogs and cats for sterilisation and veterinary services. A total of 22 dogs, along with a few cats, were successfully neutered.

Following the camp, team member Lil Thapa voluntarily donated blood. He was eager to make the donation and, when asked why he wanted to do so, his response was simple and deeply touching:

“It is the best donation because it saves someone's life. And if we ever need blood, the Almighty may also send someone to donate for us.”

His words captured the spirit of the day. The camp ended with a reminder that compassion has no boundaries, whether it is caring for an animal on the operating table or giving a part of oneself to save another person's life.



The ABC camp at Joredhara therefore became more than a veterinary programme. It became a day of service, compassion and giving, reflecting the values that continue to guide the work of the Kalimpong Animal Shelter, Biraj added.

WORLD RABIES DAY 2026

The month also marked World Rabies Day, observed on 28 September 2026 by the DGAS-Mission Rabies team in collaboration with the ARD Department.

The 2026 theme was ‘Stronger Together,’ highlighting the importance of collaboration and the One Health approach in addressing rabies, while emphasising the global goal of achieving zero human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030.

