



THE MONTHLY REPORT FROM



DARJEELING ANIMAL SHELTER



SERVING ANIMALS SELFLESSLY

HIGHLIGHTS

- OPD CASES
- RESCUE
- ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL PRG.
- CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY DR. SHIVANI
- STAFF MEETING

INTRODUCTION

August was a busy and productive month for the Darjeeling Animal Shelter. The team handled numerous clinic cases, executed vital rescue operations, and continued efforts to manage the stray population, all while facilitating adoptions and providing critical care for both street and pet animals.

CLINIC AND OPD CASES

The shelter's clinic treated 553 outpatient cases in August, addressing various health issues in small animals, particularly dogs and cats. Under Dr. Mohit's care, animals received timely medical attention for conditions ranging from mild infections to severe illnesses. His dedicated treatment ensured that most animals recovered well and received both curative and preventive care.



➤➤➤ RESCUE OPERATIONS

August saw a high volume of rescue operations, with calls for help pouring in almost daily. Despite the challenges of managing space and resources, the rescue team consistently worked hard to bring in stray and injured animals, particularly dogs, for treatment and rehabilitation. These rescues play a crucial role in providing care, love, and shelter to animals in distress.

The total number of rescue operations conducted during August was 46 including rescue of 4 cats . Once rehabilitated and after a thorough health check, many of these animals were released back into their environment, fully recovered.



➤➤➤ SPECIAL RESCUE CASES

In August, two notable rescue cases involved a dog with a tumor and another with temporary paralysis in the hind leg. Their treatment required an extended stay of over two months, but both dogs eventually made a full recovery and were joyfully returned to their familiar territories.

Dr. Mohit successfully operated on the dog with the tumor, providing expert care throughout the entire recovery process. The dog with temporary paralysis underwent physiotherapy at the shelter and, after regaining the ability to stand, was safely released back to her home environment. Dr. Mohit ensured that she was well-prepared for her return, with a caretaker assigned to provide ongoing support.



**YOU CAN'T BUY
LOVE, BUT YOU CAN
RESCUE IT.**

BEFORE & AFTER SURGERY



SECOND RESCUE CASE WITH TEMPORARY PARALYSIS IN THE HIND LEG



ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL (ABC) PROGRAMME

In collaboration with Dogs Trust Worldwide, the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Program continued its efforts to manage the stray dog population through sterilization. In August, the program successfully sterilized 88 dogs and 3 cats. Additionally, 37 Anti-Rabies Vaccinations (ARV) were administered to dogs and 9 to cats.



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>>> ABC PROGRAMME

The ABC program is led by Dr. Shivani, a dedicated veterinarian and advocate for animal welfare. Dr. Shivani ensures that all sterilized animals receive appropriate post-operative care before being returned safely to their respective areas.



In August, Dr. Shivani also attended the Association for Prevention and Control of Rabies in India (APCRI) Conference 2024, held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. She presented the research paper "One Health Approach for Rabies-Free Mirik," which was accepted for oral presentation at APCRICON 2024. The paper highlights the feasibility of achieving "Zero by 2030" through a collaborative approach involving the government, NGOs focused on animal and human welfare, self-help groups, media, and community participation.



Dr. Shivani at APCRICON



in Pic . Dr. Shivani from Darjeeling Animal Shelter presenting her research paper - One Health Approach at the conference in Odisha

➤➤➤ ADOPTION

Despite the occasional outbreak of viral diseases among the shelter animals, the shelter's veterinary team worked diligently to manage and control the spread. By promptly diagnosing early symptoms and quarantining affected animals, the team ensured the safety and health of the other animals under their care.

During August, the shelter facilitated the adoption of 3 puppies and 2 cats into loving forever homes. Before adoption, each animal underwent a full health check, including deworming and vaccination. The new pet parents were thrilled to welcome these furry companions into their families, ensuring them a life full of care, love, and happiness.



>>> MONTHLY STAFF MEETING AND STAFF RECOGNITION

In addition to the shelter's regular activities, a monthly staff meeting was conducted in August to review the work done, discuss future plans, and outline upcoming activities at the shelter.

Furthermore, Mr. Umang Gurung was awarded the Staff of the Month for August in recognition of his hard work, and contribution to the shelter's operations.



Future Plans

The shelter is gearing up for a Mass Anti-Rabies Vaccination campaign, set to begin soon, aimed at making Darjeeling rabies-free .

Update of Activities from Dr. Mihir - Attached to this email

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our donors and supporters for making a meaningful difference in the lives of vulnerable animals