

# THE MONTHLY REPORT

## - DARJEELING ANIMAL SHELTER



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### HIGHLIGHTS

CHRISTMAS FOR OUR FURRY FAM

OPD CASES

ADOPTION

ABC PROGRAMME

JOINT AWARENESS PROGRAMME

RESCUE - ANIMAL CRUELTY CASE

### Introduction

December brought festive cheer to our small furry family at DAS with delightful Christmas celebrations. The dogs, as always, basked in the joy of human connection and shared in the holiday spirit.



### OPD CASES

The Shelter team remained occupied with ongoing activities throughout the month. Several furry patients required attention, with cases of kennel cough, canine parvovirus and tick fever.

A separate quarantine facility for dogs with parvovirus has been incredibly beneficial in ensuring the safety of other animals. In total, 543 cases were attended to at the OPD facility in December.



## ADOPTION

The adoption journey for these puppies can be mostly challenging, but 2024 has indeed been a good year with numerous puppies finding loving homes. This month, our team successfully helped 6 puppies and 2 kittens find their forever families.



## Animal Birth Control (ABC) Camps

On December 8th, 2024, the Mangpoor ABC-ARV Camp was organised by long-time animal activist, Mrs. Lata Rai of SHG Swarnim, in collaboration with Mr. Gopal Rai, the President of Nawa Jagavan Samiti and an avid social worker. Together, they have been conducting ABC Camps in Mangpoor every year in partnership with Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter.

A total of 22 ABC surgeries were performed, including 2 female felines, and 31 vaccinations against rabies were administered



Dr Shivani performing ABC at Mangpoor Camp

## Takdah TE ABC-ARV Camp

Janakalyan Samaj, Gielle Bhanjyang, requested Dr. Mingma Bhutia, BLDO R/R Block, to organize an ABC-ARV Camp to address the increasing population of free-roaming dogs in their area. As an animal lover and welfare worker, Dr. Bhutia has collaborated with Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter several times in the past to conduct such camps. He approached us once again to assist the animals and community of Gielle Bhanjyang. In response, we partnered with the government MVU to organize an ABC-ARV Camp on December 10th and 11th, 2024, said Dr Shivani. A total of 43 ABC surgeries were done out of which were 5 female feline, and 53 ARV were done.



Caretakers of community dogs waiting for the dogs to recover post-op



Dr. Mingma Bhutia BLDO R/R Block volunteering to take care of the dogs post op



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The DAS team with BLDO Sir and his Team

## Joint Awareness Programme

On December 21, 2024, a joint awareness programme was conducted at Mirik Phuguri GTA Hall in collaboration with the ARD Dept. and Mirik Health Center. The program aimed to educate the community about rabies, its consequences, and the importance of timely prevention and treatment.

### Key Highlights -

1. Dr. Shivani addressed rabies in dogs using the 'One Health Approach'
2. Dr. Subhendu Kundu (Medical Officer) focused on the human aspect of rabies
3. Mr. Flavian Lepcha (DAS Rabies Educator) provided insights into precautionary measures when bitten by a dog and guidance on seeking prompt medical attention.
4. Dr. Lath Bhutia (BLDO) highlighted the symptoms of rabies and stressed the importance of immediate treatment.

## Rescue Operations

Rescue operations continued unabated, encompassing early-morning dog-catching efforts and emergency responses to injured animals. This month, the team rescued 20 dogs and 3 kittens. All rescues were promptly brought to DAS for veterinary care and rehabilitation.



## Addressing Animal Cruelty

An alarming incident of animal cruelty came to light this month. A dog in Darjeeling was grievously injured with a sharp object, suspected to be a traditional kukri sword. The dog was found shivering and bleeding profusely from facial injuries.

Responding swiftly to an eyewitness report, the DAS team rescued the dog and provided urgent medical attention. Dr. Mohit and the team successfully treated the dog, addressing a major muscle injury and severe facial lacerations. Dr. Mohit performed a meticulous surgery to restore his facial injury. Follow-up care, including medications and emotional support, is ongoing to ensure his recovery. The case has been reported to the DAS IBCM officer for further investigation.



Before



After



Thank you for supporting our work and standing by our mission to improve the lives of animals in Darjeeling.

*Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year!*