

Monthly Report

Darjeeling Animal Shelter

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Introduction

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Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme

The Animal Birth Control Programme at DAS continues to operate steadily. During the month, 60 dogs and 7 cats were sterilized at the Shelter. These animals were primarily community and street dogs, rescued by the DAS team and cared for during their recovery.

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ABC CAMPS

On October 6, the first camp was held at the Risheehat Tea Estate. This event was a joint effort with thirteen Self Help Groups, who played a crucial part in making it a success. The DAS team sterilized fifteen dogs and vaccinated forty-one dogs against rabies, ensuring these community animals received proper medical care and support.



The second camp took place on October 24 at Relling, organized by Relling Gram Panchayat in collaboration with the Animal Resources Department (ARD) from Pul Bazar, Bijan Bari. Held in the open grounds of Relling Higher Secondary School, the team provided sterilizations for twenty-two dogs and vaccinated twenty-four dogs against rabies.



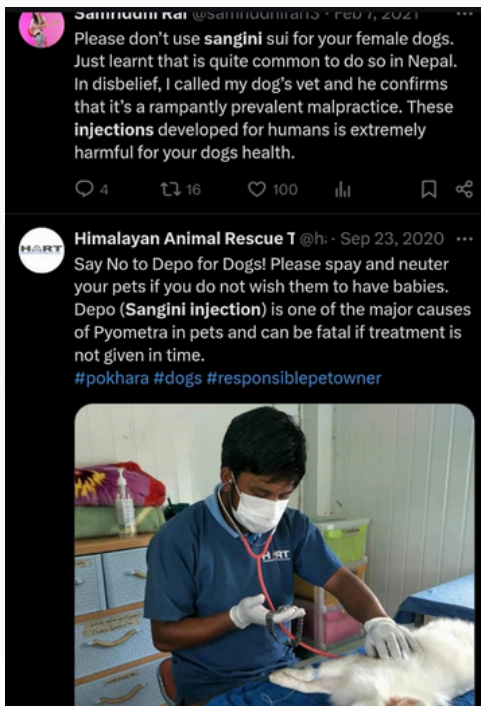
The DAS Team at camps



Relling ABC-ARV Camp



**THE CONTRACEPTIVE
INJECTION -SANGINI**



On further research online we came across this post which proves that this is becoming a huge problem keeping in sight the welfare of animals. writes Dr. Shivani

On October 25, another Animal Birth Control (ABC) camp was held at Pul Bazar, organized at the request of the Pul Bazar Gram Panchayat. With the local dog population steadily increasing, village representatives sought assistance from the DAS team in managing the increasing number of dogs in the village. Responding to their request, the DAS team carried out this important camp, where a total of fifteen dogs were sterilized, and sixteen others were vaccinated against rabies.

In both these camps at Relling and Pul Bazar, Dr. Shivani and the team encountered several cases of pyometra and putrified fetuses. A surprising and concerning discovery was that some locals were using a human contraceptive injection called "Sangini," which is imported from Nepal, as a means of birth control for dogs. The DAS team took this opportunity to raise awareness on the harmful effects of using human contraceptives in animals, educating the community that the ABC Programme is the only safe and humane method for controlling the dog population. Through these camps, DAS not only addressed immediate needs but also promoted long-term well-being for the community's animals.

Out-Patient Department cases

In October, Darjeeling Animal Shelter attended to a total of 480 cases of small animals, primarily dogs. With the approach of winter in Darjeeling, cases of viral symptoms in dogs have been frequent. Our dedicated veterinary team has been providing consistent treatment to support each animal's recovery.

Rescue Efforts

This month, DAS rescued 26 dogs, some requiring ABC procedures and others needing medical treatment. Following their care and recovery, 9 dogs were returned to their familiar territories, fully restored to health.



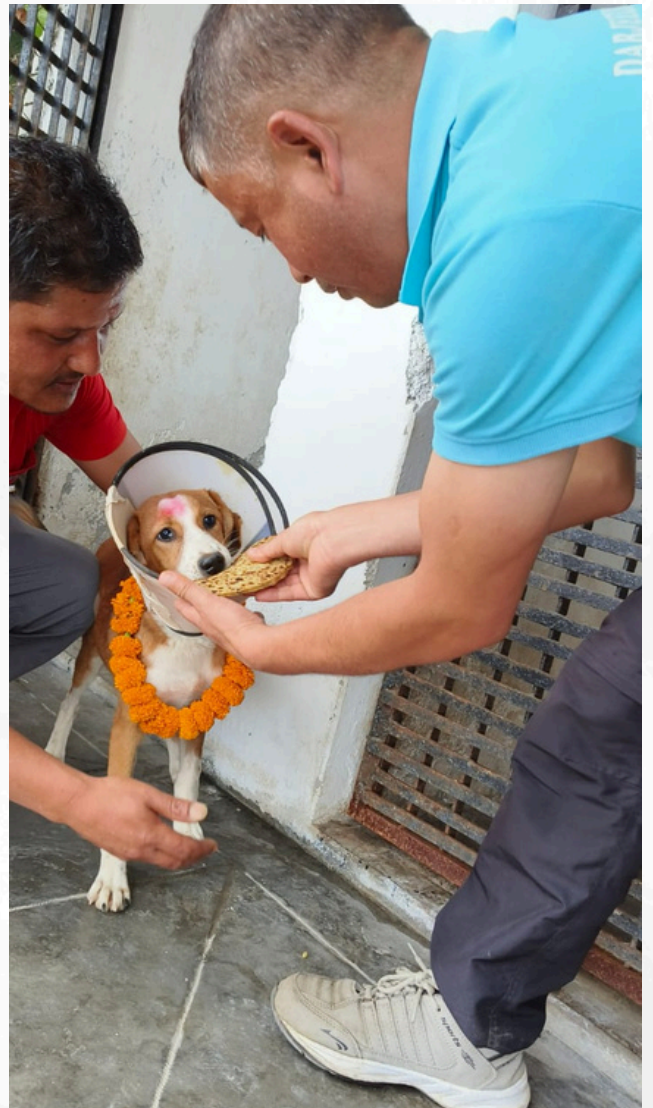
Adoption and Foster Care

Puppies from the streets and communities continued to arrive at the Shelter, many with no one to care for them. These young ones are fostered at DAS until they're ready for permanent homes. In October, 7 puppies found loving families through adoption, marking new beginnings for these little lives.



Kukur Tihar Celebration

Kukur Tihar, a special Nepali festival honoring dogs, was celebrated at both Kalimpong and Darjeeling Shelters. This joyous occasion brought together healthy, sick, and injured dogs alike, who were each showered with love and attention. Staff and volunteers celebrated alongside them, creating a warm, inclusive environment where social interactions between humans and animals highlighted the bond between them. The delighted smiles and happy wags of our canine companions made it clear that the celebration was a memorable one for all.



Kukur Tihar Celebration



As we move forward, DAS remains committed to fostering a compassionate environment for all animals and strengthening community awareness in the process.

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