

OCTOBER REPORT

# KALIMPONG ANIMAL SHELTER



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## HIGHLIGHTS

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## INTRODUCTION

October was a month of celebration and regular shelter activities at Kalimpong Animal Shelter (KAS), highlighted by the observance of Kukur Tihar, a special day dedicated to honoring dogs for their unwavering loyalty and companionship, as part of the Hindu festival of Diwali. The KAS dogs had a wonderful time, as always, feeling special with treats, affection, and an outpouring of love from the shelter team and volunteers. This annual celebration was a reminder of the strong bond between humans and dogs, highlighting the importance of caring for and appreciating these loyal companions.





***Kukur Tihar For Our Doggos***

# RESCUE EFFORTS



Our rescued puppies that were brought to KAS when they were very young along with their mother, are growing well under the shelter's care. These little bundles of joy are now preparing for adoption, and we are hopeful that they will soon find loving homes. Once they are adopted, their mother will be spayed and released back to her familiar environment.

In total, 22 rescues were conducted in October.

## OPD CASES

With the onset of winter, there has been an increase in viral diseases at KAS. This time of year is particularly challenging, as many dogs are affected by Parvovirus and Canine Distemper. Thankfully, with a rigorous treatment plan, most of the dogs are recovering well. The veterinary team remains dedicated to providing the best care possible for these animals in need. The team attended to 365 clinical cases this month. Additionally, there have been cases of haemoprotozoa disease affecting both dogs and cats, and the team has been working hard to manage and treat these conditions.



*Attending to sick patients*



# RESCUE STORIES

KAS also witnessed the successful recovery and release of several rescued dogs. One dog, who was found with maggot-infested wounds on his ears and head, showed little hope of recovery initially. However, after consistent daily treatment and wound care, the dog made a remarkable recovery and was released back to his original location. Another dog, who had a large wound, was rescued after a concerned community member reported the injury. After receiving immediate care at KAS, his wound gradually healed and the dog was released after his recovery.

Due to the spread of infection, the dogs that have recovered fully are released soon to their original location.

## VET INTERNS- SNIGDHA & JONATHAN

KAS had the pleasure of welcoming two veterinary interns from Siliguri and Jaipur. These interns came to KAS for training on the Animal Birth Control/Sterilization Programme, gaining valuable hands-on experience in managing and controlling the dog population humanely.



## ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL PROGRAMME

The ABC Programme at KAS, spearheaded by Dr. Deo, successfully sterilised 73 dogs and 32 cats in the shelter's operating theatre. Among them were several street dogs, who were specifically rescued for the programme. These dogs were released post-recovery back to their familiar surroundings.



LOCAL NGO -NIRBAAK MEMBERS FROM SILIGURI GET THEIR DOGS TO KAS FOR STERILISATION



Owners queuing up outside the OT AT KAS

## ADOPTION

The team from Kalimpong Animal Shelter was successful in helping 7 rescue puppies and 3 kittens find a loving home this month. A home where they can grow and thrive, thanks to the compassion of the adopting families.



### ANTI-RABIES VACCINATION CAMP

This month, KAS organized a mass Anti-Rabies Vaccination drive in Ward No. 13 and Bong Busty Village in response to several reports of dog bite incidents. The team promptly set up a vaccination camp and vaccinated 53 dogs in the community, helping to ensure the safety and health of both the animals and the local community, and aiding in the control of the spread of rabies.

### A KIND GESTURE!

On her birthday, an animal lover from Siliguri visited Kalimpong Animal Shelter to celebrate with our shelter animals. Her warm and thoughtful gesture brought smiles and joy to the animals, making her special day one of compassion and connection.



In conclusion, October has been a month of challenges, growth, and celebration at KAS. From caring for sick and injured animals to fostering rescue puppies and training veterinary interns, the team has worked tirelessly to improve the well-being of the animals in our care.

As winter approaches, the team has made special preparations to ensure that the animals are comfortable and protected from the cold. Warm clothing and tubs have been provided for the dogs, and heaters have been set up for the cats, ensuring that all animals under our care can pass through the winter months without suffering.