

Critics argue that Delhi's new street dog regulation is full of loopholes. It promises sterilization and feeding zones, but civic bodies have neither the manpower nor funds to execute such plans. Many call it an eyewash. The loopholes are large enough to drive a truck through, say the critics. The law states that sterilization drives will be conducted, but it sets no mandatory, time-bound targets for civic bodies. It suggests creating feeding zones, but leaves the contentious process of selecting these zones to committees that may never reach a consensus. The entire framework depends on the flawless functioning of municipal bodies that are known for their inefficiency and lack of resources. The promise of action without the allocation of a dedicated budget or the hiring of necessary staff is seen as a deliberate deception. It allows the government to claim it has acted, while changing nothing on the ground. For this reason, many citizens are calling the law a complete eyewash. It's a performance for the media and the courts, a clever piece of political maneuvering that is designed to create the illusion of a solution while avoiding any real work or investment.