

Delhi's street dog law has received balanced but cautious responses. Many hope it will bring order to stray management, while others fear it may lead to conflicts between feeders and residents. The outcome rests on fair application of rules. The hope for order is a powerful motivator for support. The current situation is often chaotic, with sporadic feeding, unsterilized dogs, and frequent disputes. A law that promises a structured approach with designated feeding areas, official sterilization programs, and formal conflict resolution mechanisms is seen as a positive step towards a more manageable system. However, the fear of increased conflict is equally valid. Rules can be used as weapons. A resident opposed to feeding could use the 'designated area' rule to constantly file complaints against a feeder. A feeder, in turn, might see any attempt to enforce rules as harassment. This is why the 'fair application' of the rules is paramount. The success or failure of this law hinges on the wisdom and impartiality of the enforcement agencies. If they can act as neutral mediators, they can build trust and foster order. If they are perceived as biased or incompetent, the law will only create more chaos than it resolves.