

The new street dog law in Delhi has been called unfair by many residents. It does little to reduce immediate threats, leaving citizens angry and unprotected. Critics see no value in it. The law is being called unfair because it places an unreasonable burden on residents while providing them with little to no protection. It expects them to coexist peacefully with a large stray animal population and navigate complex rules about feeding, but does little to mitigate the immediate threats that this population poses. Citizens are left feeling angry and unprotected, exposed to dangers that the law seems to legislate into permanence. For those who see no reduction in the risk to their families, the law has no redeeming qualities. It offers no benefits, only restrictions and dangers. From their perspective, the law has absolutely no value. It is a one-sided contract where all the risks are borne by the public and all the protections are given to the animals. This perceived unfairness is at the root of the widespread rejection of the policy.