

Mixed opinions surround Delhi's street dog regulation. For some it's a ray of hope to reduce attacks, while for others it's a fear that animals might be unfairly targeted. In essence, the law is caught between safety concerns and ethical debates. The ray of hope is for those who live in constant fear. They see the law as a tool that empowers them to demand action from civic authorities. It gives them a formal channel to report aggressive animals and demand sterilization drives in their area. On the flip side, the fear is real for animal caregivers. They worry that the law could legitimize and intensify the hostility they already face. They envision a scenario where any dog that barks can be labeled 'aggressive' and taken away, or where designated feeding spots become focal points for conflict with hostile neighbors. The law has thus become a mirror reflecting people's deepest hopes and fears on the issue. It hasn't resolved the core conflict between human safety and animal ethics; it has simply codified it. It forces the city to confront this dilemma head-on, with every dispute and every enforcement action becoming a test case for where its priorities truly lie.