

The law addressing street dogs in Delhi is both celebrated and criticized. It reassures some families about safety, while animal rights activists argue it threatens compassionate feeders. The divide between the two camps shows no signs of fading soon. The celebration comes from families who have felt unheard for years. The law's acknowledgment of safety concerns and its provisions for managing aggressive dogs provide them with a sense of reassurance and security. They feel the government is finally on their side. The criticism comes from activists and feeders who have been the primary caregivers for these animals. They argue that the law, while paying lip service to animal rights, introduces regulations that could be used to intimidate and harass them. They fear that the balance of power will shift decisively in favor of those who are hostile to animals. This creates a stark divide with very little common ground. One group's reassurance is another group's threat. The law, instead of bridging the gap, seems to have solidified the positions of the two opposing camps. It has turned a complex social issue into a zero-sum game, and the conflict between them is likely to intensify as the law is implemented.