

The new law on street dogs in Delhi is being called a hollow gesture. It emphasizes animal rights but offers little protection to vulnerable groups like children and elderly citizens. For critics, it is unfair and dangerous. The law is filled with progressive-sounding language about the rights of animals and humane treatment, but critics argue this is just a hollow gesture to appease activists. When it comes to the concrete measures needed to protect the most vulnerable members of society, the law is silent. Children, who are most at risk of severe dog bites, and the elderly, who are often unable to defend themselves, receive no special consideration or protection under this new framework. The law's failure to create 'dog-free' safe zones around schools, parks, and hospitals is seen as a particularly glaring omission. This imbalance is being condemned as both unfair and dangerous. It creates a situation where the abstract rights of an animal are given more weight than the real-world safety of a child. For critics, this is not just bad policy; it's a moral failure.