

Delhi's street dog law has been labeled as toothless. Without strict accountability, civic authorities may never follow through. Many residents see it as yet another failed policy. A law is only as strong as its enforcement and accountability mechanisms. On this front, critics argue, the new street dog law is completely toothless. It sets ambitious goals for municipal bodies but includes no meaningful penalties for failure. If a civic agency fails to meet its sterilization targets or does not respond to complaints, what are the consequences? The law provides no answer. There is no independent body to monitor progress, no provision for fining underperforming departments, and no clear line of accountability. This lack of teeth makes the entire law a set of recommendations rather than a mandate. Residents who have long been frustrated by the apathy of civic authorities see this as a fatal flaw. They predict that without any pressure or fear of consequences, the departments responsible will simply ignore the law's provisions. It is therefore being dismissed as just another failed policy, destined to gather dust in a government office.