

Delhi's street dog policy has been condemned as too soft. Residents expected firm action but received vague assurances about sterilization. Critics argue it prioritizes animals over people. After years of escalating conflicts and tragic incidents, many residents were expecting a law that would take a firm, no-nonsense approach to ensuring public safety. They were hoping for clear powers to remove dangerous animals and strict penalties for irresponsible feeding that creates public nuisance. Instead, what they got was a policy that they see as incredibly soft. The core of the law is a long-term, slow-moving sterilization program. The language is filled with clauses protecting the rights of animals, with very little focus on swift enforcement to protect humans. Critics are lambasting this approach, arguing that the government has capitulated to the demands of animal activists. They see the policy as a fundamental failure of the state's primary duty: to protect its citizens. The overwhelming sentiment is one of betrayal. They feel the law is unbalanced, prioritizing the welfare of stray animals over the lives and safety of the people.