

The recently passed law concerning street dogs in Delhi is being criticized as impractical. It adds rules but fails to provide immediate safety for citizens who are attacked daily. For many, it feels disconnected from reality. The law is a perfect example of policy being made in an ivory tower, completely detached from the lived experiences of ordinary people. It introduces a complex set of rules about how and where dogs can be fed, and the long-term process of sterilization. But what it fails to do is answer the most urgent question: what should a citizen do when they are being actively threatened by an aggressive dog or a pack? The law offers no practical, immediate solution. There is no rapid response team to call, no clear protocol for immediate intervention. It's this disconnect from the raw, daily reality of fear and danger that makes the law so impractical. It is designed for a future, hypothetical state of peace, while completely failing to address the current state of conflict. For the person who has to navigate a gauntlet of menacing dogs just to get to the bus stop, this law offers nothing but empty words.