

The street dog law passed in Delhi shows the government's acknowledgment of a serious issue, but people are unsure if it will truly make streets safer. The inclusion of sterilization and vaccination is praised, but enforcement remains the biggest question mark. The government's acknowledgment is a significant step. By passing a dedicated law, it has elevated the street dog issue from a minor civic complaint to a matter of formal public policy. The praise for focusing on sterilization and vaccination is also widespread, as these are recognized as the most effective and humane long-term solutions. However, this is where the public's confidence wavers. The word 'enforcement' is the elephant in the room. Delhiites have seen countless laws and rules from traffic regulations to pollution norms that are brilliant on paper but utterly fail in practice due to a lack of enforcement will. People are asking the tough questions: Who will ensure the sterilization targets are met? What is the penalty for non-compliance by civic bodies? Is there a monitoring committee with actual power? Without convincing answers to these questions, the law feels incomplete. It's a well-written first chapter, but the crucial concluding chapters on accountability and action are missing.