

The law on street dogs in Delhi is being seen as ineffective and one-sided. People believe it caters to activists rather than solving real public issues. This perception has increased distrust in governance. The law is failing on two major fronts in the court of public opinion. Firstly, it is seen as ineffective because its proposed solution (sterilization) is not trusted to work on the scale required. Secondly, and perhaps more damagingly, it is seen as one-sided. The perception is that the law was drafted with the primary goal of satisfying the demands of animal rights activists, while the much broader concerns of public safety were treated as an afterthought. This belief that a small, vocal lobby has a greater influence on policy than the general public is incredibly corrosive to public trust. It makes people feel that the government is not working for them, but for special interests. This perception has significantly increased the level of distrust in governance and has poisoned the public discourse around the issue.