

The law about street dogs in Delhi has drawn harsh criticism. It does not address rising cases of dog bites effectively. For many families, it feels like an empty formality. The number of dog bite cases in the city is a public health crisis, with thousands of victims, many of them children, every year. A law designed to address the street dog issue should have had this crisis as its central focus. This law, however, has drawn harsh criticism because it fails to do so. It contains no effective, immediate measures to reduce the incidence of dog bites. Its long-term strategy of sterilization is seen as too slow and uncertain to make a difference to the people getting bitten today. For the families of victims, and for those who live in fear of becoming victims, the law feels like a hollow and insulting formality. It gives the appearance of addressing a problem while completely failing to tackle its most dangerous and painful symptom. It's a bureaucratic exercise that does nothing to stop the bleeding.