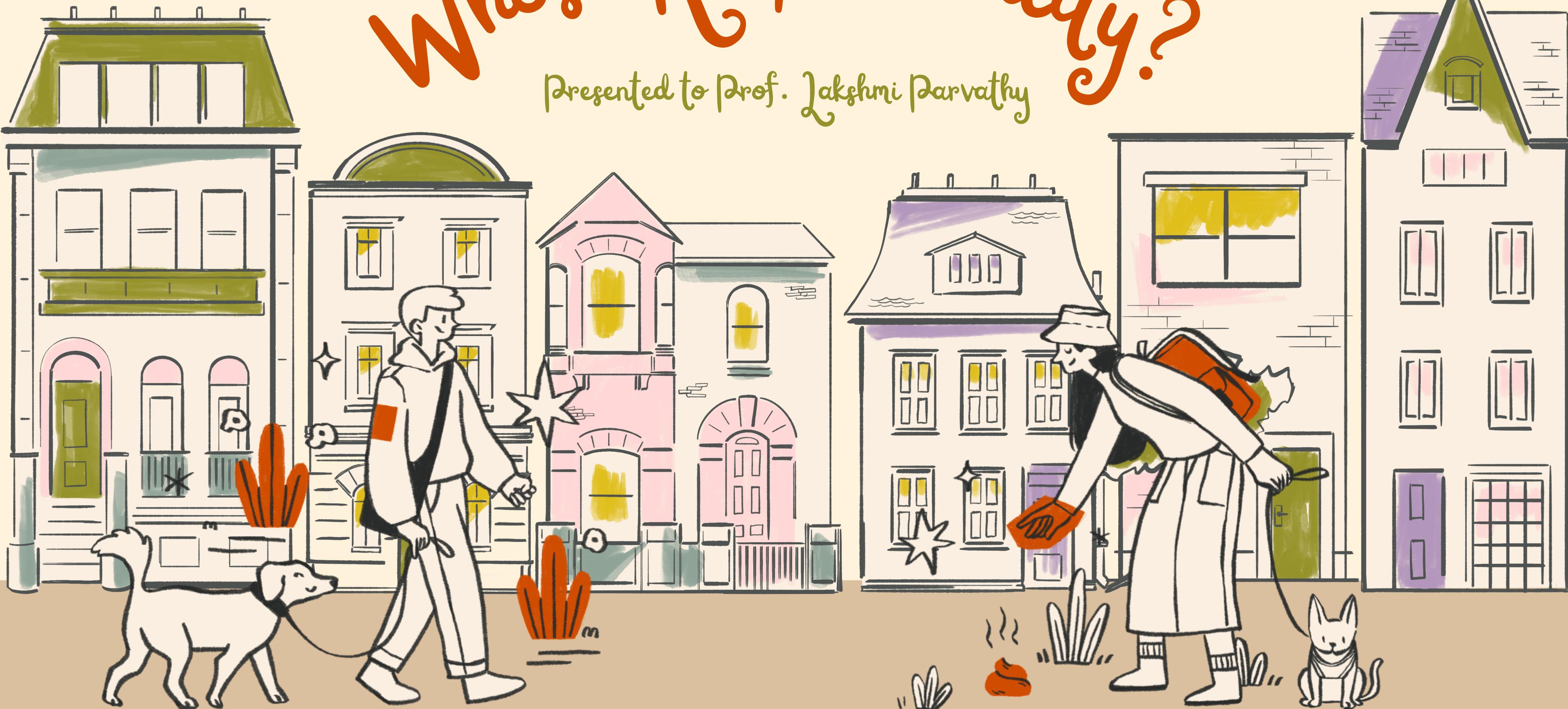


Whose Responsibility?

Presented to Prof. Lakshmi Parvathy



Overview

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A Policy driven analysis of Human-Animal conflict

Uninsured Risk and Policy Paralysis on the
IIM Sirmaur Campus

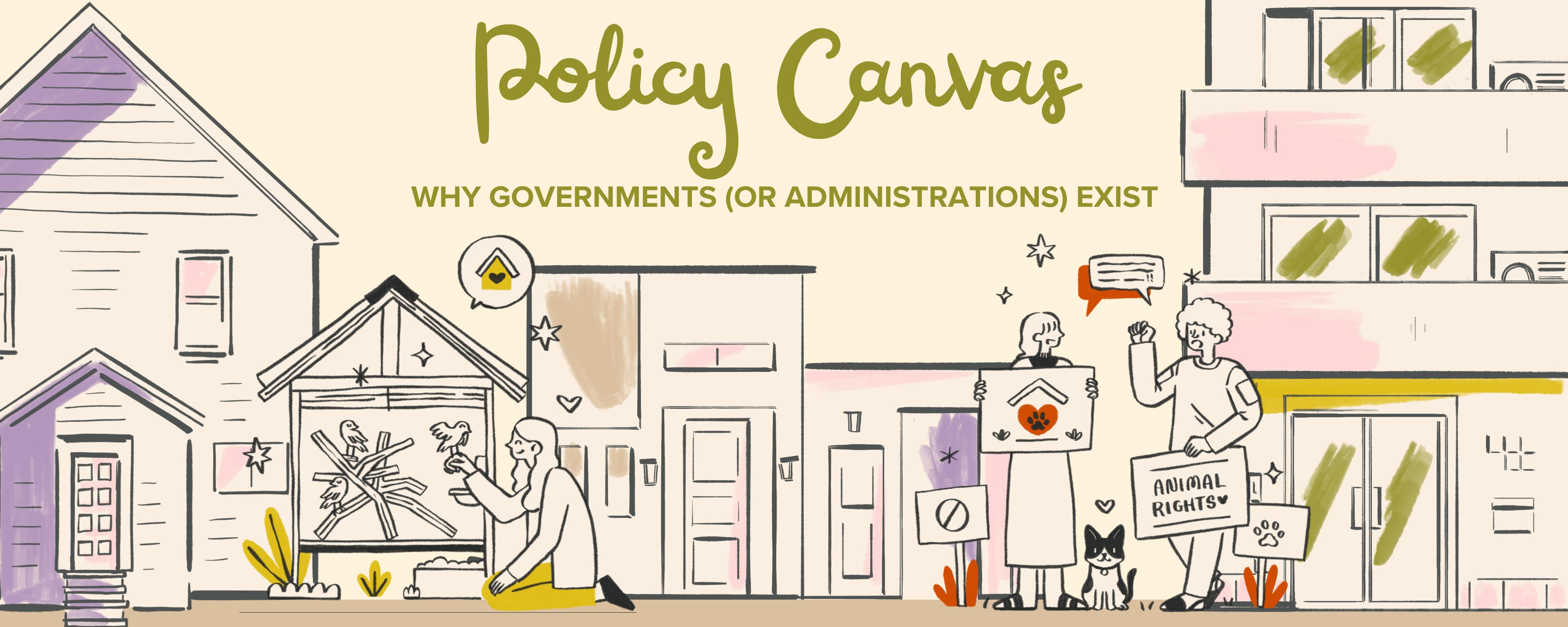
Problem Statement – The "Wicked" Dilemma



- **The Crisis:** An uncontrolled population of stray dogs has led to increased bite incidents and widespread anxiety.
- **Policy Perspective:** This is a classic "wicked policy problem"—complex, intractable, and involving failed implementation.
- **Core Conflict:** The tension between safety mandates and the ethical actions of individual interest groups.

Policy Canvas

WHY GOVERNMENTS (OR ADMINISTRATIONS) EXIST



GOAL OF THE STATE

Public policy aims to provide security and welfare to its constituents.

THE SOCIAL CONTRACT

The administration acts as a governing body to manage "collective spaces" and common-pool resources.

MARKET/POLICY FAILURE

When the administration justifies withholding medical coverage for victims, it raises fundamental questions about equity and risk allocation.

Policy Tools

COLLECTIVE ACTION & THE COMMONS

MANAGING THE COMMONS

The campus environment is a "commons" where individual actions (like uncontrolled feeding) impact the safety of the whole community.



OSTROM'S PRINCIPLES

Exploring why self-regulation and current rules have failed to sustain the "commons" of a safe campus.

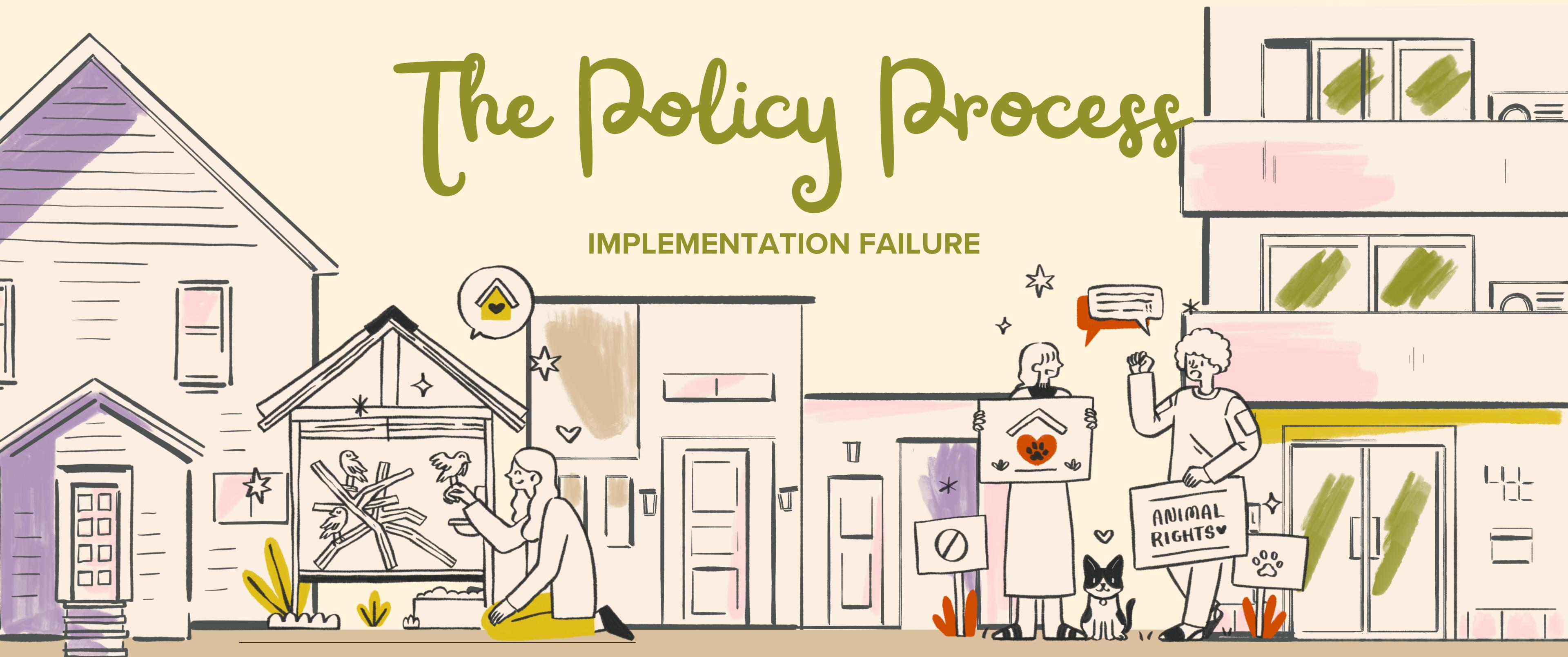
PRISONER'S DILEMMA

Individual empathy (feeding) creates a sub-optimal outcome for the collective (increased risk and biting incidents)



The Policy Process

IMPLEMENTATION FAILURE



CURRENT POLICY

A "no pets on campus" rule is officially in place.

IMPLEMENTATION GAP

The policy is compromised by a subset of students who resist enforcement

THIRD-TIER GOVERNANCE

Analysing how campus rules intersect with state-level animal welfare policies

Multi Stakeholder Partnership Breakdown

INTEREST GROUP MATRIX

THE CONFLICT INVOLVES THREE DISTINCT GROUPS WITH CONTRASTING PERSPECTIVES:



- 1. Administration:** Focused on institutional liability and enforcing "no pets" rules.
- 2. Safety-Focused Students:** Concerned with the financial and emotional cost of risk.
- 3. Animal Sympathy Students:** Prioritizing animal welfare through feeding and resisting relocation.

Behavioural Approach & Design Thinking

- **Nudging and Human-Centred Design:** Can behavioural aspects of policy-making resolve the conflict better than strict mandates?
- **Customer Journey Mapping:** Our research will map the "incident-to-recovery" journey for bite victims to identify gaps in medical coverage and safety.
- **Agile Policy:** Using user-centred data to address the "uninsured risk" of student victims.



Methodology & Data Collection



- **Empathetic Fieldwork:** Conducting anonymized conversations with representatives from all three stakeholder groups.
- **Quantitative Data:** Collecting incident rates and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) costs.
- **Policy Analysis:** Reviewing institutional safety clauses against the actual financial burden on students.

Proposed Deliverables



THE DATA SHEET

A comprehensive connection between fieldwork data and relevant policy clauses.



THE REEL

A dynamic narrative using conflicting viewpoints to show how interest groups derail organisational policy.



GOAL

Moving from policy paralysis to an equitable allocation of risk.

Dog bite cases in Himachal pradesh

District	Reported Dog Bite Cases	Suspected Rabies Deaths
Kangra	54,649	6
Shimla	52,695	3
Solan	43,777	0
Una	31,124	0
Sirmaur	26,794	1
Chamba	26,246	0
Mandi	25,072	0
Kullu	24,522	0
Hamirpur	16,976	1
Bilaspur	15,801	0

Dog bite cases in IIM Sirmaur

Respected sir,

I am writing to bring to your urgent attention a concerning incident that occurred recently on campus. I was bitten by the same white colour dog with one eye infected within the premises, which has caused not only physical injury but also considerable distress.

This incident highlights the growing issue of stray dogs roaming freely across the campus. While some may appear harmless, their unpredictable behavior poses a serious threat to the safety of students, faculty, and staff. Many members of the campus community have expressed fear and discomfort due to the increasing number of dogs in open areas, I strongly request the higher authorities to take immediate action to address this issue. It is essential that necessary steps be taken to remove or relocate these dogs from the campus and to ensure that such incidents do not occur again. .

I hope this matter will be treated with the urgency it deserves, keeping in mind the safety and well-being of everyone on campus.

Thank you for your prompt attention and understanding

Respected Sir,

I hope this message finds you well. I am Akriti Sharma (MBA25150), a first-year MBA student. I am writing to bring to your attention a concerning incident that took place on the night of 2nd November.

After returning from an Alumni Relations Committee event around 1:30 a.m., while heading to my room, I encountered a stray dog in the corridor of A1 Block. The dog, which appeared to be one-eyed, white coloured, suddenly bite me as I was passing by. The bite caused a deep injury, due to which I had to miss two lectures the following day because of the pain and discomfort.

I would like to highlight that this is not an isolated incident — several similar cases of dog bites have been reported recently. It has become quite difficult for many students to move freely around the hostel premises, especially during late hours, due to fear of stray dogs.

I kindly request you to look into this matter and take appropriate measures to ensure the safety of students within the campus premises.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Dog bite cases in IIM Sirmaur

Dear All,

I've been concerned about the stray dog situation on campus for some time now. Their behavior has been increasingly aggressive, and they've been accessing areas like the ground and first floors, causing messes. Today, the situation escalated when a dog attempted to bite a staff member, and the guard wasn't allowed to intervene.

Given the circumstances, I think it's essential that we take concrete steps to address this issue. Considering the dogs' unpredictable nature and potential health risks, I strongly suggest vaccinating them or allowing the guards to manage the situation effectively.

As per the program manual, it's clear that pets aren't allowed in rooms, and these stray dogs shouldn't be treated as pets. Instead, we should focus on ensuring campus safety. I'd appreciate it if we could discuss possible solutions to prevent such incidents in the future.

Let's work together to find a solution that prioritizes campus safety and well-being.

Current Policy & Legal Response

Following a Supreme Court order in November 2025, the Himachal Pradesh government has issued new directives:

- **Mandatory Registration:** Intensified focus on registering all pet dogs to track vaccination status.
- **Panchayat Accountability:** Gram Panchayats are now required to maintain a Stray Dog Inspection Register and coordinate with the Animal Husbandry department for removals and vaccinations.
- **Infrastructure Gaps:** Many municipalities, including Shimla, are currently facing a shortage of veterinary doctors, leading to proposals to outsource sterilization to private NGOs.



NOTE: IF YOU ARE BITTEN, THE DEEN DAYAL UPADHYAYA (DDU) ZONAL HOSPITAL IN SHIMLA IS THE PRIMARY FACILITY FOR FREE ANTI-RABIES VACCINES (ARV) AND IMMUNOGLOBULINS

Thankyou!

