

# Inhumane Towards Stray Dogs and Responsibility of Society

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## Abstract:

With Most of the peoples in India looks at stray dogs as a menace and a threat. A few unexpected events of dog bites may be to turn public against stray dogs and consider them all as cruel. A dog does not attack human unless disturbed, sick or in pain. In fact, according to a study conducted by The American College of Veterinary Behaviourists published in Psychology Today, sometimes dogs might not even prefer to interact physically. But another way, dogs are often kind and social animals.

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## Introduction

Dogs are one of the animals who get adopted as pets. Which are estimated around 920 million. Even though dogs are considered to be the most petted animal, most of them are left in street which is an ever-increasing global problem. There are around 6.2 crore street dogs in India. Maximum human being considers stray dogs as a frighten and a threat. The life of stray dogs in India are depends heavily influenced by their early experiences, socialization and background. Some stray dogs are indeed abandoned by pet owners due to various reasons, and some are categorized as "nomads" because their owners neglect their movement and well-being. Some of the dog spend most of their day in outside and return home only for food and safe shelter. In India Street dog population is firmly accompanying with local administration. Because, these unowned dogs always get through with scavenging rubbish, exposed garbage. Absurdly, this makes the dogs an advantage to public sanitation. Through scavenging garbage, they reduce utter waste otherwise which could be a source of disease for people. And their presence around garbage keeps away other worst and dangerous scavengers, such as rats and mice. Unfortunately, lack of unawareness has led to many Public and Officials to see stray dogs as nothing but a formidable and to seek eliminate using inhumane ways such as poisoning, stone belting and beating. But each and every dog killed, another typically comes in to take over that dog's enclave. Here we focus on the problem of stray dogs in India, the reasons for being homeless and an approach to safeguard them.

**Reason for the attack & abuse happen:**

People normally charge stray dogs and take away their puppies and try for their mass extermination if they bite in revenge. In his book "The Anatomy of Human Destructiveness," Erich Fromm attest that humans are inherently pernicious and cruel, far outstanding animal aggression. He uses the term "killer" to highlight this distinction, implicit humans are capable of much torment than animals.

The bond between humans and dogs has existed since more than 14,000 years. Humans have raised canines to be their friendly and eager companions with an added talent of interpreting emotions. According to the National Geographic, a new study quoted that even stray dogs who are untrained, homeless and abused can understand our body language.

**Stray dogs biting & mulling:**

Fortunately, there are a most of people who passion their own pets but are coincidently cautious of stray dogs. Their reasons could range from common beliefs that strays are dirty, dishevelled and can't be trusted. Viral stories on social media on how a dog or a group of dogs were seen brutally mauling a child are a big reason for this kind of a behaviour. Sometimes, we just need to stop & analyse these stories and question ourselves before jumping off to conclusions some of them just stand there, watching the incident, and taking video coverage instead of saving the child/victim or informing to respective parents. The animals unfortunately, would never be able to reveal their side of the reality, thus giving another reason to torture those animals.

**Need of the Hour:**

Stray dogs on the streets have an average life span of 3-5 years, struggle to survive and have very low fertility chance. Starvation is the first and foremost problem faced by dog is struggling for food. The street dogs subsist on discarded food from restaurant and public. They don't get proper food for the survival. Due to lack of food, they starve and succumb to death. Dehydration is the next important problem water is highly essential for the survival of an organism. To avoid dehydration, dogs depend on sewage water. Consumption of sewage water would reason many diseases which results in fatality. Because the streets of India are littered with garbage. The dogs are not only attracted to the leftovers but also to uncollected garbage. The core idea is that stopping the habit of throwing away garbage on the streets is crucial for ameliorate street dog health. Street dogs are roaming where there are chances for

them to get food. Responsible waste management is one of the possible methods to care of street dogs. When a stray dog has access to leftover, it increases the dogs' reproductive. Implementing a thoughtful & safe Sterilization drive. Local bodies across the country need to control the population of stray dogs by implementing sterilization programs. Sterilization motivated by the Government have been successful only in a meagre because of multiple reasons. For instance, these drives need to be more attention to handled stray dogs and must be picked up with tenderness, they should be sterilized by experts and there should be proper review and tracking of the same by respective board. These panels must include members from animal welfare organisation, resident associations, stray dog care takers and technical staff.

### **Respect to Volunteers:**

One necessitates to realize that by cater for stray dogs indirectly helps to steer the sterilization. The feeders or volunteers are capable to win the dogs' heart, making it easier way for them to get the dogs vaccinated/ sterilized. Public should therefore not try to create disturb well-meaning volunteers who feed and look after them, even if they are not having compassion with these homeless animals. In the consequent analysis, this habit which in turn leads to sterilization of dogs and therefore reducing of their numbers and helps the society. Of course, more importantly, new born puppy do not have to living on the street with cruel condition without food and water and also getting run over by a vehicle.

### **No Cruelty to Animals:**

Try to avoid bad karma for ourselves by being through not cruel to these voiceless, helpless animals. Not hitting or beating them otherwise turn them aggressive in self-defence, resulting in more attacking or biting. Care them with kind and lovely and you can observe how they will return the same emotion will be reciprocated unconditionally.

### **Animal Rights in our Constitution:**

Feral dogs of India have co-occurred with humans since the Rigvedic ages. In fact, they had been inhabited in some areas long before human settlements there. Then most important about the issue, abhor dogs, smacking them up or put out of place them does not help anyone or sort out the issue in which any way.

### Some Important Legal Facts and Provisions

- I Article 21 of the Constitution of India protects all forms of life, including animal life.
- II In addition, Article 51A(g) urge on all citizens a fundamental duty to have concern for living creatures. The Supreme Court of India has elucidated Articles 21 and 51A(g) to mean that animals have a right to lead a life with intrinsic worth, dignity and security.
- III The Central Government has enacted a law specifically with regard to animals, namely, the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. Under the rules, the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2001 ('ABC Rules') have been draw up and lay down extensive rules relating to stray dogs, amongst others. Under the ABC Rules, stray dogs are to be sterilised, immunize and subsequently released into the same area, from where they were apprehended. The Rules also impart that dogs who are sick are to be medicate, preceding to their sterilisation and vaccination.
- IV The Constitution of India gives precedence to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2001 over state and local laws, such as the Kerala State Municipality Act, 1994, under which Section 438 empower the Secretary to order the "capture and disfigurement" of stray dogs in a local area. In a recent development, Rule 13 of the ABC Rules provides that "in case of any conflict between the Rules and local laws, the provision that is less irksome to the animal shall prevail."

### **Allow them to rest in public and around your home:**

Make a place and allow stray dogs to rest in spaces close to your home, shop and complex, and also allow them in temple premises or trade complexes which are belong to particular society with permission of head of the society It is not good when people extend their boundaries illegally by grabbing public land and out the strays to sit in that space

### **Adopt a Stray:**

Instead of trying for foreign & costly breed of dogs, we can choose a stray. They are low maintenance and are as good and dedicated to their family members throughout life time The best place to adopt a stray is from either a shelter home or just a roadside. They deserve that chance. It would be an upright effort as well. However, after adopting them, do not give up or abandon them due to your personal reason (transfer order or relocation of house etc.)

which would be emotionally disturbed for them, leaving them alone on the public place, resulted depress for the rest of their lives.

### **Conclusion:**

While strays certainly don't have the luxury of a cushy life that house pets fortunately have been blessed with, like cow, goat and pig which have an economical value the stray dog is still adaptable to humans and they too respond to human empathy. Solidly a little kindness and admiration for another species can bring down a lot of conflict and shape the world a delighted place. So, let's try and make our Mother Earth, a peaceful and respectful place for all creatures big or small, with shared thoughts of kindness especially for Stray dogs. The vaccinations and sterilizations are potentially the most sustainable and ethical solutions to the stray dog crisis. it is the duty of every individual come forward to adopt street dogs by these methods and we can make a better world for stray dogs.

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