

# ABC – AR: Scientific & Humane Management of Dog Population



# Sentient Beings



- **Animals are sentient beings who like us feel pain and pleasure.**
- **Animals love life as much as we do and wish to live.**
- **Animals have their own world where they wish to be left alone.**

# **The Constitution of India**

- **The Directive Principles of State Policy – Part IV – Art. 48 & 48A**
- **The Fundamental duties – Part IVA – Art. 51A (g)**  
**“It shall be the duty of every citizen of India ... to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wildlife, and to have compassion for living creatures.”**
- **Fundamental to governance – so – highest priority**

# **Animal Rights & Laws**

- **There are many laws in our country to protect the rights of animals.**
- **PCA Act 1960**
- **Wildlife Act 1972**
- **IPC**
- **CPC**
- **Police Acts**
- **Municipal Acts**

# ABC - AR

- **To manage the population of our Indian dogs living on the streets, the government of India has adopted a program suggested by the WHO.**
- **And has come out with a gazette notification in 2001 banning completely the killing of dogs.**
- **Killing of dogs is no more an option in the management of stray dog population.**
- **Let us understand some facts about the dogs on our streets**

# WHY THERE ARE DOGS ON THE STREETS



- Where there is food, there are animals.
- In nature vacuum does not exist
- More the food, more the animals

# WHO FEEDS THE STRAYS



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- No one feeds the huge number of dogs living on the streets.
- It is only the garbage disposed by us that feeds them
- More the garbage, more the food, more the dogs.

# **WHAT DID WE DO TO CONTROL DOG POPULATION?**

- **For over 100 years we only killed stray dogs in our attempt to manage the dog population.**
- **In earlier times (British times), dogs were killed by civic bodies all over the country**
- **Killing totally failed as a measure of controlling the dog population**

# **SOLUTION**

- **The World Health Organization, after extensive studies in various developing countries, recommended the ABC- AR Program. This is relevant for all countries with fast growing human population and urban centers.**
- **The Supreme Court, headed by Justice Dipak Misra, observed that there is a need to balance compassion for animals and the existence of human beings directed the states and the local bodies to take steps to sterilize and vaccinate stray dogs, under the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.**

# WHAT IS THE PROGRAM?



- Sterilize all street dogs
- Vaccinate them to protect them against rabies
- Release them back in the same area they were caught from
- All this to be done in a scientific and organized manner

# RESULT



- No more pups being born in every reproductive cycle.
- Vaccination ensures no fear of rabies
- Sterilised dogs are calm & friendly
- Dogs being territorial in nature, ensure that no new dogs enter their area

# CHALLENGES

- **Improper implementation: ABC Program stipulates that dog catching should happen in concentric circles of any given area beginning with the peripheries and ending at the centres. At present, only complaint dogs are being picked up leaving a huge vacuum in the area**
- **AWBI set SOP's not being followed.**
- **ABC program being implemented by GHMC and not AWO's as in other cities**
- **Lack of public awareness**
- **Lack of public support**

# WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

- **Garbage management: Link ABC Program to Swach Bharat. Cleaner the colony, lesser the number of dogs.**
- **Every RWA (Resident Welfare Association) registered with GHMC to be enrolled into having Colony Caretakers (CCT).**
- **Take the help of the Colony Caretakers across the city in the implementation of the program. CCTs could be responsible for issues related to other animals too.**

# **AREA WISE ABC-AR**

- **Dog catching on the basis of complaints alone to be stopped and area wise catching to be made compulsory.**
- **Releasing the dogs back into the same area is critical.**
- **It is important to ensure that at least 90% of the dogs in any given area have to be sterilized for seeing any positive results.**

# **MONITORING COMMITTEES**

- **Let there be an active monitoring committee in every zone. This will make it easier for MC to be closely and efficiently involved.**
- **Let there be at least 50% of the MC be from the animal welfare lobby.**
- **The monitoring committee to meet every quarter mandatorily for review.**

# Let us concede....

- **ABC-AR is a proven program with 100% success rate. Let us move forward positively to make it happen.**

**Yes we can!**