



Animal Law Cell

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Dog Census Drive Report

The Animal Law Cell, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, has successfully conducted a Dog Census Drive to assess the population and welfare of community dogs. The following areas were covered in the census, and the collected data will support future welfare initiatives like vaccination and sterilization programs.

- Kanad Bhawan
- Examination Block
- Umang Bhawan
- Arts Faculty
- Campus Law Center





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Why Relevant-

A Dog census is relevant for understanding canine demographics, improving public health and animal welfare and informing effective dog population management strategies.

Related Law-

Under **Section 399 of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957**, municipal authorities have the power to conduct a census of dogs.

The Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2023, framed under the **Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960**, emphasize the identification, sterilization, and vaccination of stray dogs.

Relevant Cases:

1) Animal Welfare Board of India v. People for Elimination of Stray Troubles & Ors. (2023)-

- The Supreme Court emphasized the need for stray dog population management, including conducting censuses. The Supreme Court capped off the judgment with the lines: *“Compassion to all living beings, is the enshrined Constitutional value and mandate, and cast obligation on the authorities to maintain.”*
- This refers to **Article 51A(g) of the Constitution of India** which states: *“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.”*
- The court emphasized that Citizens should avoid unscientific and cruel methods like killing stray dogs and instead choose the scientific and humane method of sterilization.



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2) Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai v. People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) & Ors. (2022) -

- The Bombay High Court directed the municipal authorities to conduct a dog census to ensure effective sterilization and vaccination programs. The court direct CPCSEA and other Government bodies to continue to conduct routine inspections to assess animal welfare and well-being and initiate action against defaulting establishments under extant laws and regulations.

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CENSUS DRIVE:- KANAD BHAWAN AND EXAMINATION BLOCK , DELHI UNIVERSITY

[Key: Dorsal=Part Of The Body Facing The Sun, Ventral=Part Of The Body Facing The Ground]

1.



LOCATION :- Near Examination Block Garden

FEATURE :- Black Coloured Dog With Brown Eye And White From Ventral Part Of The Body.

2.



LOCATION :- Near Tiranga , Examination Block

FEATURE :- Black Coloured Body With Brown Paws And Ears.

3.



LOCATION :- Near Tiranga , Examination Block

FEATURE :- Black Coloured Dog With Golden And Black Face , And White Claws.

4.



LOCATION :- Near Tiranga , Examination Block

FEATURE :- Black Coloured Dog With Golden And Black Face , With Golden Claws And Ears , Black Coloured Nose

5.



LOCATION :- Near Tiranga , Examination Block

FEATURE :- White And Golden Coloured Dog With Black Nose .

6.



LOCATION :- Near Tiranga , Examination Block

FEATURE :- 4 Little Puppies One Of Pure Black Colour , Second Of Black Colourwith White Neck , Third Of White Body With Golden Patches , And Fourth Of Golden Body And White Ventral Side .

7.



LOCATION :- Near Gandhi Statue , Gate Number 1

FEATURE :- White Colour Dog With Brown And White Colour Face , With Black Nose .

8.



LOCATION :- Near Gandhi Statue , Gate Number 1

FEATURE :- Golden Colour Dog With Black Colour Nose With White Claws .

9.



LOCATION :- Near Examination Block Garden

FEATURE :- Brown Colour Dog With White Ventralside And Black Nose And Eyes .

10.



LOCATION :- Near Examination Block Garden

FEATURE :- Two Puppies One Of Black And Other Of Golden Colour , Both Having White Ventral Body .

11.



LOCATION:- In Front Of Kanad Bhawan

FEATURE :- Brown Body With White Ventral Side And Brown And Black
Nose

12.



LOCATION:- In Front Of Kanad Bhawan

FEATURE :- Brown Body With White Claws And Black Nose .

Total Number Of Dogs Counted=10

Total Number Of Puppies Counted=6

**CENSUS DRIVE: UMANG BHAWAN AND ARTS FACULTY,
DELHI UNIVERSITY**

[Key: Dorsal=Part of the body facing the Sun, Ventral=Part of the body facing the ground, Basis of Assessment for sterilization=Whether ears are chipped or not]

1.



Location: Front stairs, Umang Bhawan

Features: Dark brown dorsal side, curled up tail, brown-blackish tail

Status: Sterilized

2.



Location: WUS Health Centre, Umang Bhawan

Features: Dark brown body, patchy dark brown colour above nose, white-coloured partition from head to nose

Status: Not sterilized

3.



Location: WUS Health Centre, Umang Bhawan

Features: Black-coloured body, grey scar on front right elbow

Status: Sterilized

4.



Location: WUS Health Centre, Umang Bhawan

Features: Brown-coloured body, old

Status: Sterilized

5.



Location: Back-side stairs, Umang Bhawan

Features: Brown and black body, Brown and black face, all 4 legs are white

Status: Not sterilized

6.



Location: Outside Moot Court Hall exit, on 3 chairs, Umang Bhawan

Features: Female, Brown face white black ring around eyes, white patch on chest,
blackish back

Status: Not sterilized

7.



Location: Outside Moot Court Hall exit, on 3 chairs, Umang Bhawan

Features: Male, Brown, back blackish

Status: Not sterilized

8.



Location: Outside Green Cafeteria, back side of Umang Bhawan

Features: Yellowish body, yellow eyes, blackish ears

Status: Sterilized

9.



Location: Outside electric substation, towards Arts Faculty front gate

Features: Dorsal side yellowish and brown, Ventral side white

Status: Sterilized

10.



Location: Arts Faculty front gate

Features: Front pair of legs white, brown-yellowish body

Status: Sterilized

11.



Location: Arts Faculty front gate
Features: Whitish and golden body, furry tail
Status: Not sterilized

12.



Location: Arts Faculty front gate
Features: Brown Body, Black patches on face, white-coloured around mouth, white paws and brown legs
Status: Sterilized

13.



Location: Left side lawn of central library
Features: Brown body, wearing military print jacket
Status: Sterilized

14.



Location: Left side of central library
Features: half of front left leg is white with black patches, dorsal side black, ventral side white, throat region white
Status: Not sterilized

15.



Location: Outside central library

Features: Brown body, wearing black T-shirt with blue border, H-shaped scar on neck

Status: Sterilized

16.



Location: Back side of central library (towards back gate of Arts Faculty),
Department of Library and Information Science

Features: Light brown body, pink nose, yellow eyes, white horizontal patch/line on neck

Status: Sterilized

17.



Location: Back gate of Arts Faculty

Features: Black body, grey paws

Status: Not sterilized

18.



Location: Back gate of Arts Faculty, inside guard's room

Features: Light Brown, Blackish ear and mouth

Status: Sterilized

19.



Location: Back gate of Arts Faculty, inside guard's room

Features: Blackish-orange body, blackish legs and blackish patch line from head to dorsal side of body

Status: Sterilized

20.



Location: Back gate of Arts Faculty

Features: White body, orange patch on body above tail, brown ears and brownish patches on face

Status: Sterilized

21.



Location: Near statue, opposite central library, Arts Faculty

Features: Black patches inside ears, jet black nose, orange-brown body

Status: Sterilized

22.

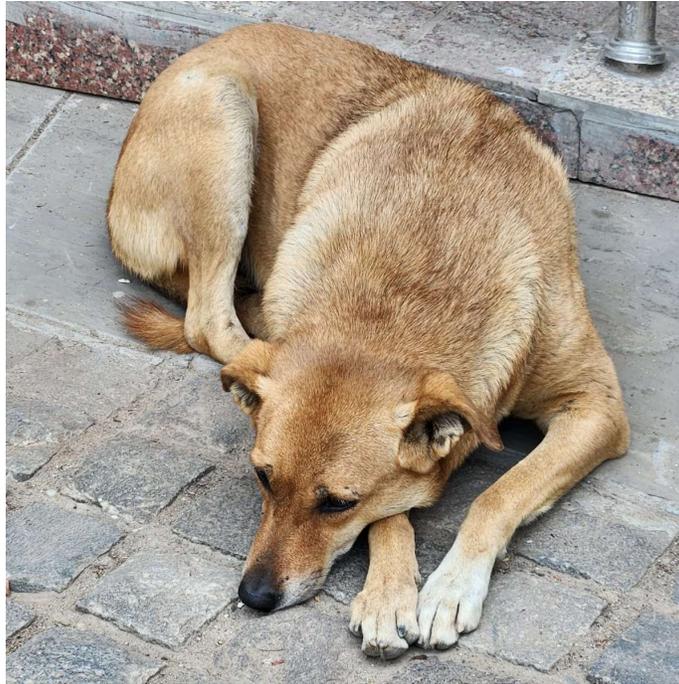


Location: Near statute, opposite central library, Arts Faculty

Features: Black mouth and ears, orange/brown body with light blackish texture

Status: Sterilized

23.



Location: Near statue, opposite central library, Arts Faculty

Features: Orange body, front left leg half white half brown, brown patch above nose towards head

Status: Sterilized

24.



Location: Pathway between CLC and Umang Bhawan, near canteen

Features: Female, black body, yellow eyes

Status: Sterilized

25.



Location: Near Arts Faculty front gate, towards beginning of pathway between CLC and Umang Bhawan

Features: Brown body, pink and black nose, brown and white face, white on ventral side

Status: Not sterilized

26.



Location: Arts Faculty gate (Between Umang Bhawan and CLC)

Features: Black dorsal side and tail, brown head and legs

Status: Not sterilized

27.



Location: Arts Faculty gate (Between Umang Bhawan and CLC)

Features: Jet black body

Status: Sterilized

28.



Location: Arts Faculty back gate (near Bistro cafe)

Features: Black dorsal side, White legs and white line dividing the face into 2 black halves, black and white tail. pink mark above nose

Status: Sterilized

29.



Location: Arts Faculty back gate (near Bistro café)

Features: Black dorsal side, white paws, black line dividing the face into 2 white halves

Status: Sterilized

30.



Location: Near Equal Opportunity Cell

Features: White body with peach patches, face a combination of white, black and peach colours

Status: Not sterilized

31.



Location: Outside Umang Bhawan front gate

Features: Brown body, brown and black ear with black borders, long tail

Status: Sterilized

32.



Location: Outside Umang Bhawan main gate

Features: Golden brown body, white patches on face

Status: Sterilized

Total number of dogs counted=32

Total number of sterilized dogs=22

Total number of dogs not sterilized=10

CENSUS DRIVE: CLC AND CANTEEN AREA, DELHI UNIVERSITY

1)



Location:- CLC
Canteen and Lawn.

Features:- White Body with black spots, face mostly black, white tail end, small black spots on each leg.

Status:- Not Sterilized

2)



Location:- CLC Canteen and Lawn.

Features:- Mostly black body, tip of one ear is black, brown head with black spots and brown legs with white paws.

Status:- Not Sterilized

3)



Location:- CLC Canteen and Lawn.

Features:- Mostly black body ,brown head and brown legs

Status:- Not Sterilized

4)



Location:- CLC Canteen and Lawn.

Features:- All black body with a white mark on chest.

Status:- Not Sterilized

5)



Location:- Outside CLC Library

Features:- white belly, light brown body with white legs and paws. White patch around nose.

Status:- Sterilized

6)



Location:- outside room no. 1 to 5

Features:- White body, black ears and black patch near tail on the back, big size, blue collar around the neck.

Status:- Sterilized

7)



Location:- Near wisdom tree, outside room no. 8

Features:- dark brown body, black ears and white paws, white spot on the end of tail

Status:- Sterilized

8)



Location:- Near wisdom tree, parking area

Features:- Full black body with slightly white paws, white hairs around eyes, old

Status:- Sterilized

9)



Location:- Behind CLC library

Features:- Full black body with black paws, grey scar on elbow and back(near tail)

Status:- Sterilized

10)



Location:- Near LC 1 Library

Features:- Brown body with black ears, black patch near eye

Status:- Not Sterilized

11)



Location:- Near LC 1 Library
Features:- Brown body (aggressive)
Status:- Sterilized

Total number of dogs-7

Total number of puppies-4

Sterilized-6

Not sterilized-1+4(puppies)



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Humane Stray Animal Management: Upholding Compassion with ABC Rules, 2023 & Supreme Court Directives Animal Welfare Board of India v. People for Elimination of Stray Troubles (2024)



- The Supreme Court, in *Animal Welfare Board of India v. People for Elimination of Stray Troubles (2024)*, ruled that indiscriminate killing of stray dogs is illegal, reinforcing the need for ethical and lawful animal control methods.
- Compassion toward all living beings is a constitutional value, and authorities are obligated to follow humane and legally compliant measures in managing stray populations. (Supreme Court Judgment, 2024)
- Public awareness, responsible sterilization drives, and strict enforcement of ABC Rules, 2023, are essential for balancing public safety and animal welfare while fostering peaceful coexistence.
- ABC Rules, 2023 – Section 8(2):-Local authorities are responsible for sterilizing stray animals and may engage recognized Animal Welfare Organizations, ensuring humane capture, safe transportation, and video surveillance at ABC centers.
- Sterilized stray animals must be released back into their original location, preventing displacement and ensuring controlled population management. A 'V'-shaped notch on the right ear marks sterilized dogs for easy identification.

