Animal Birth Control (ABC)

Delhi

RULES
In view of the enactment of the Animal Birth Control (Dog) Rules, 2001, under Section 38 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, which contains mandates that are at complete variance with Section 399 (1) (b) of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi cannot destroy dogs at will.


The relevant portions, i.e. Rule 6 and Rule 7, are highlighted.

Rule 6 clearly envisages that even if the Municipal Corporation thinks it expedient to control street dog populations, IT CANNOT RESORT TO KILLING OR DISLOCATING. It can only sterilize and immunize the dogs, and then leave them at the locations that they had been picked up from.

Rule 7 deals with the procedure to be followed upon receipt of a complaint. Please also note, the M.C.D. cannot just pick up dogs, simply because some persons don’t like their being around. Even the dogs that are complained about can only be sterilized and immunized, and then left back at the locations that they had been picked up from.