

## PRESS NOTE

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### **AWBI Launches Street Dog Cull Preventing Tip Line**

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Following the Governments of Kerala's initiative to implement the Animal Birth Control program, the Animal Welfare Board of India has launched a Kerala street dog anti-killing tip line.

Anyone who has video or photo evidence of dog killers or concrete information regarding any such activity in any part of Kerala is encouraged to call **8590380390** and give information immediately. Names of callers will be kept confidential. Alternatively, an email can be sent to [awbikeralahelpline@gmail.com](mailto:awbikeralahelpline@gmail.com) with any information regarding dislocation or killing of dogs.

The information collected will be shared with the state police. This systematic approach will boost the animal birth control program and assist the law enforcement agencies in nabbing those who indulge in illegal dislocation and killing of dogs. Anyone who kills or dislocates dogs will be causing severe damage to the safety and health of the people of that area and it is the duty of every responsible citizen to call on the tip-line number and inform if any illegal killing of dogs are being planned or executed.

The law prohibits killing of dogs or dislocation of dogs. Any such killing of animals is a cognizable offence under the Indian Penal Code. The orders from the Police Department and the Local Self Government Department clearly state that any killing of dogs will interfere with the Government program and will be completely illegal.

The Government of Kerala has initiated a systematic Animal Birth Control Program to manage the dog population. The World Health Organisation has suggested ABC-AR as the only means to control rabies. It has been observed that in places where the animal birth control has been implemented for a prolonged period of time, rabies has been eradicated completely and dog bite incidents have been controlled to a large extent. Killing of dogs could make the other dogs more aggressive and leads to more bites. Catching dogs from one location and leaving them somewhere else will also make them more aggressive. It is in the interest of society and safety of people, and advisable that dogs be treated kindly and with compassion. This program is based totally on science and focused on disease eradication.

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