PUBLIC NOTICE

Implementation of Hon'ble Supreme Court's Modified Order - Invitation for Applications & Suggestions for Identification and Establishment of Dog Feeding Points in Sri Vijaya Puram.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, vide its Modified Order dated 22nd August 2025 in Suo Motu Writ Petition (Civil) No. 5 of 2025 titled "City Hounded by Strays, Kids Pay Price", has issued comprehensive directions to all states/UTs and Municipal Authorities across the country for management of stray dogs. The Key Directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court are:

- 1. Municipal authorities shall pick up and round up stray dogs from all localities and relocate them into designated shelters/pounds.
- Concerned authorities shall immediately create dog shelters/pounds for housing the strays.
- 3. Dogs so picked up shall be sterilised, dewormed, vaccinated, and released back to the same locality from which they were picked up. However, infected dogs or suspected to be infected with rabies, and dogs displaying aggressive behaviour, shall not be released back. Such dogs shall be sterilised, immunised, and housed separately in shelters/pounds.
- 4. Municipal authorities shall commence creation of dedicated feeding spaces for stray dogs in each ward. These areas shall be identified based on dog population and density in the ward, away from parks, playgrounds, busy streets, and public congregation areas. Gantries/notice boards shall be erected near these feeding spaces. Feeding of stray dogs on streets or public places is strictly prohibited. Persons found feeding dogs outside the designated feeding points shall be liable for action under the relevant legal framework.
- 5. No individual/organisation shall cause hindrance or obstruction in the implementation of these directions. Obstructing a public servant in discharge of duty shall invite prosecution.
- 6. Any animal lover desirous of adopting a stray may apply to the Municipal Council. Such dogs shall be tagged and handed over to the adopter, who will be responsible for ensuring that the adopted dog does not return to the streets.

The aforesaid directions have been issued in light of repeated untoward incidents arising from unregulated stray feeding and to ensure safety and convenience of the general public. In compliance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Modified Order, the Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council (SVPMC) has begun identifying safe designated feeding points across all 24 wards of Sri Vijaya Puram. These areas will be mapped away from residential colonies, parks, schools, and playgrounds to avoid public inconvenience and health & Safety concerns.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court has reinforced the need for a structured and humane management of stray dogs, balancing public health and animal welfare. SVPMC appeals for active cooperation of citizens, RWAs, NGOs, and animal lovers to jointly create safe and designated feeding points, and to strengthen sterilisation and vaccination.

In this regard, SVPMC invites applications and suggestions from citizens, Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs), animal lovers, and Animal Welfare NGOs for to finalise and operationalise feeding spaces in a planned manner. Identification of suitable land/space for establishment of designated dog feeding points in their respective wards. Suggestions to strengthen sterilisation, vaccination, and shelter management under the ABC Programme. Further, any dog lover or animal activist willing to provide proper space for feeding strays may submit their proposal to SVPMC. To ensure wider participation, a consultative meeting has been scheduled as under:

Date

:06/10/2025

Time

: 3.00 PM

Venue

: Conference Hall, SVPMC

All interested citizens, NGOs, RWAs, and animal welfare activists are requested to attend and present their applications/suggestions for identification of feeding points. "No applications will be entertained once the feeder points are finalized."

Citizens are hereby informed that feeding of stray dogs will be permitted only at designated feeder points once notified. Thereafter, any feeding of stray dogs on streets, public spaces, or outside notified areas shall be treated as a punishable offence. For reporting violations of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's directives, please contact SVPMC Helpline: 03192-231179.

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