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## Controlling of Stray Cats and Dogs within Hospital Premises

There are many complaints on stray cats & dogs causing health hazards within the hospitals and other healthcare institutions. Though there is an immunization and sterilization programme, this has not been very effective in most of the places, as new stray dogs & cats are appearing in these premises very often.

Therefore, please ensure that the food waste is securely collected and stored until proper disposal. This will distract all kinds of animals, birds and pests including crows, cattle, rats etc.

In the mean time it was brought to the notice that feeding and providing shelter to these dogs by the healthcare staff is contributing immensely to breeding of stray dogs and cats within hospital premises. Therefore please advise the health staff to refrain from such activities as it is important to maintain the hospital premises free of nuisances of this nature.

Central Environmental Authority too has refused to issue Environmental Protection License to certain hospitals as stray dogs are found in canteens etc.

Visitors, patients and health staff often get bitten by these dogs and the government has to spend on medication unnecessarily.

Therefore, make the staff aware of this issue and take appropriate action to ensure hospital premises are safe in this respect.

Thank you

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