

NGO wants full government aid for sterilisation of dogs

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Trichy: An animal welfare organisation in the city has approached the district collector asking for directions to the corporation to provide adequate compensation for sterilisation of dogs. The members of the NGO claimed that while a government order passed a year ago offered a compensation of Rs 700 for every dog sterilised, the corporation gave just Rs 445 per dog.

The civic body is supposed to hire NGOs registered under the animal welfare board of India to sterilise dogs and offer a price for every sterilised dog. Around 400 dogs were sterilised every year for three years with the help of NGOs in the city. As per the previous guidelines, the organisation was given Rs 445 per dog. However, for the past year, no dog has been sterilised, the NGO claimed.

P Sadesh, member of Karunya Animal Welfare Organization said, "When we approached the corporation to conduct an animal birth control (ABC) camp for stray dogs in the city, we were told that we would only get a compensation of Rs 445 per dog, contrary to the Government Order allowing a compensation of Rs 700."

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Meanwhile, a senior corporation official said a government order was passed by the directorate of town panchayat a year ago allowing a compensation of Rs 700. The corporation should also have issued similar orders based on the directorate's direction. But since it was not issued, the corporation has not raised the compensation amount, the official said.

A corporation official who attended the meeting asked the NGO to speak to the corporation commissioner in this regard and assured them of an amicable solution.