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ABC SURGERIES

22030 DOGS

CENSUS COMPLETED

65 WARDS

DOG CATCHER  
TRAINING IN TN

1st with  
TNAWB

CATCHING SERVICE

24 HOURS

UNVEILING A YEAR OF REMARKABLE  
ACHIEVEMENTS IN ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL  
PROGRAMME, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI



# 2024

## ANNUAL REPORT

ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL PROGRAMME  
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI CITY CORPORATION



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THE ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL (ABC) PROGRAMME IN TIRUCHIRAPPALLI CITY CORPORATION (TCC) HAS SEEN REMARKABLE PROGRESS OVER THE PAST YEAR, STRENGTHENING ITS IMPACT THROUGH DEDICATED EFFORTS IN STERILIZATION, VACCINATION, AND HUMANE STRAY DOG MANAGEMENT. FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF OUR PREVIOUS ANNUAL REPORT, WE TAKE PRIDE IN PRESENTING THIS UPDATED CHRONICLE, HIGHLIGHTING THE KEY DEVELOPMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PAST YEAR.

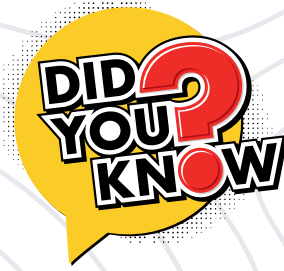
UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MAYOR THIRU. M. ANBAZHAGAN, COMMISSIONER THIRU. V. SARAVANAN, I.A.S., AND CITY HEALTH OFFICER DR. VIJAY CHANDRAN, THE ABC PROGRAM HAS EXPANDED SIGNIFICANTLY. THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT HAS PLAYED A CRUCIAL ROLE IN SUSTAINING THESE OPERATIONS AND FURTHERING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO RESPONSIBLE ANIMAL WELFARE.

WE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MS. SHRUTHI VINODRAJ AND DR. A.P. NAMBI, HONORARY MEMBERS OF TAMIL NADU ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD WHOSE EFFORTS IN EXPANDING ABC CENTERS ACROSS TAMIL NADU HAVE STRENGTHENED THE FOUNDATION OF HUMANE STRAY POPULATION MANAGEMENT.

THIS REPORT SERVES AS A RECORD OF THE COLLECTIVE EFFORTS OF TCC, I-PEACE, AND ALL STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED IN MAKING TIRUCHIRAPPALLI A MODEL FOR EFFECTIVE AND HUMANE ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL. AS WE REFLECT ON THE PAST YEAR, WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THESE EFFORTS WITH THE SAME DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO ANIMAL WELFARE.

THE TEAM OF I-PEACE





# IMPORTANCE OF ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL

Population Control



Healthy and  
Welfare of  
dogs



Rabies  
Control

Human  
Safety



Environmental  
impact

Responsible  
ownership



## IMPORTANCE OF ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL



Community  
Harmony

Social  
Responsibility



Long term  
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One Health



Aligns with  
Government's  
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# FOUNDATION



# THE FOUNDERS



**DR. S. K. RAMESH, B.V.SC.,**  
MANAGING TRUSTEE

Dr. Ramesh is the Managing Trustee of the International Trust of Peace (I-Peace), the non-profit organization, which was founded by his father, the late Rtd. Head Constable Dr. S. Karuppiyah, Ph.D., in 2002. Dr. Ramesh remains steadfast in his commitment to fostering harmony between humans and animals.



**DR. L. ARIEL BENHUR, B.V.SC.,**  
FINANCING TRUSTEE

Dr. L. Ariel Benhur serves as the financing trustee of I-Peace, and is dedicated to advancing its mission of animal welfare through his expertise and commitment.



**DR. A. MARIA ARUL IRUDAYARAJ, B.V.SC.,**  
FINANCING TRUSTEE

Dr. A. Maria Arul Irudayaraj serves as the financing trustee of I-Peace and is dedicated to advancing its mission of animal welfare through his expertise and commitment.



**DR. D. KUMARAN, M.V.SC.,**  
FINANCING TRUSTEE

Dr. D. Kumaran holds a masters degree in Veterinary Surgery and is a dedicated team member of I-Peace striving towards the welfare of community animals.



# THE PILLARS



## **THIRU. M. ANBAZHAGAN M.A**

HONARABLE MAYOR OF TIRUCHIRAPPALLI CITY CORPORATION

The Mayor of Tiruchirappalli City Corporation demonstrates his unwavering commitment to animal welfare through his enthusiastic support and partnership with I-Peace. His dedication is reflected in his efforts to make the city rabies-free by implementing the ABC program and ARV drives. He aims to control the stray dog population, eliminate rabies transmission, and achieve zero human deaths from the disease.

## **THIRU. V. SARAVANAN, I.A.S.**

COMMISSIONER OF TIRUCHIRAPPALLI CITY CORPORATION

The Commissioner has provided valuable support to the partnership between TCC and I-Peace, strengthening the implementation of effective ABC programs. During his tenure, 12 CCTV cameras were installed across four ABC shelters in Tiruchirappalli to enhance monitoring and efficiency. Additionally, he introduced evening dog catching operations to accelerate efforts in controlling the stray dog population.



## **Dr. M. VIJAY CHANDRAN, M.B.B.S.**

CITY HEALTH OFFICER

The City Health Officer has been of immense support to I-Peace and ABC programs in TCC, exemplifying the seamless integration of public health and animal welfare. His efforts have significantly strengthened stray population management, ensuring a humane and effective approach. Through his dedication, both animal welfare and community well-being have been greatly enhanced.

# THE TORCHBEARERS



Ms. Shruthi Vinodraj, Honorary Member of Tamil Nadu Animal Welfare Board (TNAWB) has been instrumental in establishing several ABC centers across the state, which play a critical role in managing stray dog populations ethically and effectively. Her leadership extends to rescue operations, where numerous animals were saved from abusive conditions. She consistently advocates for stricter enforcement of animal cruelty laws while promoting community awareness about responsible animal care. Through her work, she has strengthened the foundations of humane animal care and set an inspiring example for activists across India.



A pioneer in her field, Shruthi collaborated with Dr. A.P. Nambi to initiate the first formal dog catchers and animal handlers' training program in Tamil Nadu under TNAWB. This initiative aimed to equip personnel with the skills and knowledge to handle animals safely and compassionately, setting a new standard in animal control practices.

# THE SUPPORT SYSTEM



The Sanitary Officers and Sanitary Inspectors in Tiruchirappalli City Corporation have played a pivotal role in supporting the ABC activities across all five zones of the city. Their consistent dedication and cooperation have been invaluable in ensuring the smooth execution of the ABC programme. From facilitating logistical arrangements to ensuring that the necessary hygiene protocols are followed during the operations, their efforts have been crucial in maintaining the overall success of the initiative.



Additionally, they have actively participated in the census meetings, contributing to the planning and coordination of the ABC programme. Their involvement in these meetings has ensured that the census data, which is essential for tracking and managing the animal population, is accurate and reliable. Their partnership has helped strengthen the collaborative efforts between the local authorities and the ABC programme, leading to a more organized and efficient approach to managing stray animal control in the city.



# FACILITIES

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# INFRASTRUCTURE

## OVERVIEW

The infrastructure of the TCC ABC Centres is designed to meet the needs of both the animals and the dedicated professionals who care for them.

## KENNELS AND ANIMAL HOUSING

Each zone is equipped with 12 kennels, except Zone I, which has 17 kennels. These kennels provide temporary housing for animals before and after surgeries, ensuring a safe and comfortable recovery environment.

## ZONE-WISE SPACE ALLOCATION

ZONE	Location	Space (in sq.ft.)	Built-up area (in sq.ft.)
I	Srirangam	5000	2000
II	Ariyamangalam	4000	2000
III	Thiruverambur	4500	2000
IV	Ponmalaipatty	4500	2000
V	Abhishekapuram	8000	4500



### Other essential facilities

Isolation Room Storage Room Surgery Theatre Doctor's Room Grooming Space Medicine Storage Room, Kitchen.



### Security and Monitoring

All shelters are now equipped with CCTV cameras, ensuring real-time monitoring of shelter activities



### Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

SOPs have been displayed in all shelters, ensuring uniformity in animal care, hygiene, and management

## ZONE I

### SRIRANGAM ABC CENTRE



## ZONE II

### ARIYAMANGALAM ABC CENTRE



## ZONE IV

### PONMALAIPATTY ABC CENTRE



## ZONE V

### ABHISHEKAPURAM ABC CENTRE



# DISPLAY OF SOP IN ABC SHELTERS



# EQUIPMENT



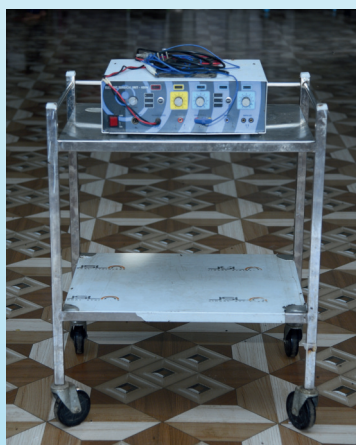
**DOUBLE BIN AUTOCLAVE**



**AUTOCLAVE BIN**



**AUTOCLAVED SET**



**DIATHERMY**



**INSTRUMENT TROLLEY**



**IV STAND**



**ORGAN STORAGE BIN**



**REFRIGERATOR**



**CATCHING NET**

# EQUIPMENT



**STRETCHER**



**MOBILE OPERATION THEATRE LIGHT**



**SURGICAL HYDRAULIC TABLE**



**FEEDING BOWL**



## SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS

ARTERY FORCEPS	120 NOS.
ALLEY'S FORCEPS	120 NOS.
NEEDLE HOLDER	30 NOS.
RAT TOOTH FORCEPS	30 NOS.
MAYO SCISSORS	30 NOS.

## DOG KENNEL FACILITIES



# MANPOWER





# TEAM OF VETERINARIANS



## DR. M. RAMYA DEVI, B.V.SC. & A.H.

Dr. Ramya completed her undergraduate degree in the year 2013 from Madras Veterinary College, Chennai. She embarked on a journey with I-Peace, assuming responsibility for the activities at I-Peace in October, 2022. She is presently spearheading the ABC program for stray dogs within Tiruchirappalli district.

## DR. M. HARSHINI, B.V.SC. & A.H.

Dr. Harshini completed her undergraduate degree in the year 2022 from Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal. She worked for one year in a pet clinic after which she joined ABC Centre, Tiruchirappalli team in July, 2024.



## DR. T. BHUVANESWARI, B.V.SC. & A.H.

Dr. Bhuvaneshwari completed her undergraduate degree in the year 2023 from Veterinary College and Research Institute, Orathanadu. She worked for five months in a pet clinic after which she joined ABC Centre, Tiruchirappalli team in April, 2024.



### **DR. S. MANONMANI, B.V.SC. & A.H.**

Dr. Mano completed her undergraduate degree in the year 2024 from Veterinary College and Research Institute, Orathanadu. She worked as a large animal practitioner, after which she joined ABC Centre, Tircuchirappalli team.



### **DR. G. JOTHILAKSHMI, B.V.SC. & A.H.**

Dr. Jothi completed her undergraduate degree in the year 2024 from Veterinary College and Research Institute, Orathanadu. She joined the ABC Centre, Tircuchirappalli team in October, 2024.



### **DR. S. JAYABHARATHI, B.V.SC. & A.H.**

Dr. Jayabharathi completed her undergraduate degree in the year 2024 from Veterinary College and Research Institute, Tirunelveli. She joined the ABC Centre, Tircuchirappalli team in October, 2024.



### **DR. SUNDARAPREM, B.V.SC. & A.H.**

Dr. Prem completed his undergraduate degree from VCRI Tirunelveli in the year 2023. He began his career as an ambulance relieving veterinarian before working as a Research Assistant at NIANP, Bangalore. He joined the ABC Centre, Tircuchirappalli team in December, 2024.



# DEDICATED SUPPORT STAFF



The dedicated staff of ABC, Tiruchirappalli City Corporation form its backbone, embodying compassion and commitment. With expertise in animal behaviour, they skilfully manage stray dogs, ensuring both public safety and animal welfare. Their tireless efforts under challenging conditions highlight their empathy and sense of responsibility. By contributing positively to the well-being of humans and animals alike, they exemplify our mission and inspire a harmonious world



## ZONE I – SRIRANGAM

PARAVET	S.PRABHU
TEAM HEAD	J.BANMALI
DOG CATCHERS	S.PRABHAKARAN
	B.TUNNA
	S.TUNNA DAS



## ZONE II – ARIYAMANGALAM

PARAVET	J. NARESH
TEAM HEAD	K.SIVA
DOG CATCHERS	K.RAMU
	R.KALINGA
	P.MAHENDRA



## ZONE III – THIRUVERAMBUR

PARAVET	D.ARUN
TEAM HEAD	RAJU
DOG CATCHERS	DHURAISSINGAM
	VIJAY
	MANI
	RAMESH



### ZONE IV – PONMALAIPATTY

**PARAVET  
TEAM HEAD**

**DOG CATCHERS**

**K. DEBASIS**

**N. SURYA**

**S. NARASIMA**

**K. GHAYANA**

**N.PONCHANNA**

**DAS**

### ZONE V – ABHISHEKAPURAM

**PARAVET  
TEAM HEAD**

**DOG CATCHERS**

**S. KUNNA**

**A. PAVITHRAN**

**N. SAMBARA DAS**

**B. MITTU**

**T. MADHEVAN**



**MR. P. RANJITH, B.E.**  
MANAGER



**MRS. P. SHARMILA, B.COM.**  
DATA ENTRY OPERATOR

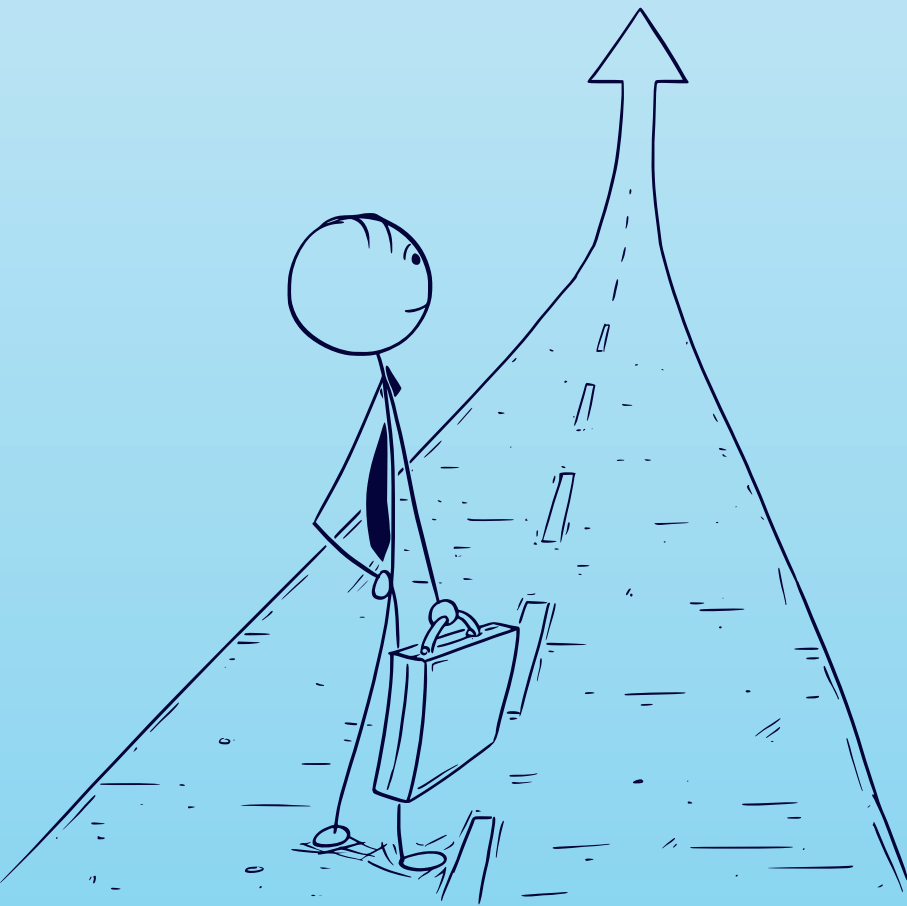


**M. SUGUMARI**  
FOOD PREPARATION





# **EVERYDAY ABC JOURNEY**





# DAY-WISE ACTIVITY



## DAY 1 – DOG CATCHING

- DOGS ARE HUMANELY CAPTURED AND TRANSPORTED TO THE ABC CENTER.
- EACH DOG UNDERGOES A HEALTH CHECK AND IS PROVIDED FOOD AND WATER.



## DAY 2 – ABC SURGERY

- FIT DOGS ARE STERILIZED FOLLOWING STRICT SURGICAL PROTOCOLS.
- EAR NOTCHING IS PERFORMED TO IDENTIFY STERILIZED DOGS.



## DAYS 3-6 – POST-OPERATIVE CARE

- DOGS RECEIVE WOUND CARE, FEEDING AND HYDRATION TO ENSURE PROPER RECOVERY.
- ON DAY 6, ANTI-RABIES VACCINATION IS DONE.



## DAY 7 – DOG RELEASE

- FULLY RECOVERED DOGS ARE RELEASED AT THEIR ORIGINAL LOCATIONS.
- THIS HELPS MAINTAIN A STABLE, STERILIZED STRAY DOG POPULATION.

## SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS CATCHING AND RELEASING

**7:00 AM – 11:00 AM**



**MORNING DOG CATCHING OPERATIONS**

**3:00 PM – 7:00 PM**



**EVENING DOG CATCHING OPERATIONS**

**7:00 PM – 8:00 PM**



**RELEASE OF DOGS RECOVERED AFTER SURGERY**





**6:30 AM**

COMMENCEMENT OF  
SHELTER CLEANING



**7:30 AM**

MORNING HYDRATION  
OF DOGS



**8:30 AM**

PREPARATION OF STERILE  
SURGICAL KITS USING AUTOCLAVE



**9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

MORNING FEEDING SESSION  
– MILK AND BREAD



**12:00 NOON**

NOON MEAL PREPARATION  
FOR DOGS – CHICKEN FEAST



**4:30 PM**

AFTERNOON HYDRATION  
FOR DOGS



**5:30 PM**

EVENING DINNER FOR DOGS  
(EXCLUDING POST- SURGERY DOGS)  
– CHICKEN MEAL



**6:30 PM**

EVENING CLEANUP OF SURGERY  
FACILITIES – DRAPES, THEATER AND  
EQUIPMENT



# DOG CATCHING

DAY

1



GPS Map Camera

Check In

Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, India

RP4C+8Q7, West Ambikapuram, Malayappa Nagar, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu 620004, India



# DOG CATCHING



Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, India  
RP4C+8Q7, West Ambikapuram, Malayappa Nagar, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil N  
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## PREPARING THE DOG FOR SURGERY

DAY

2



## EAR NOTCHING

DAY

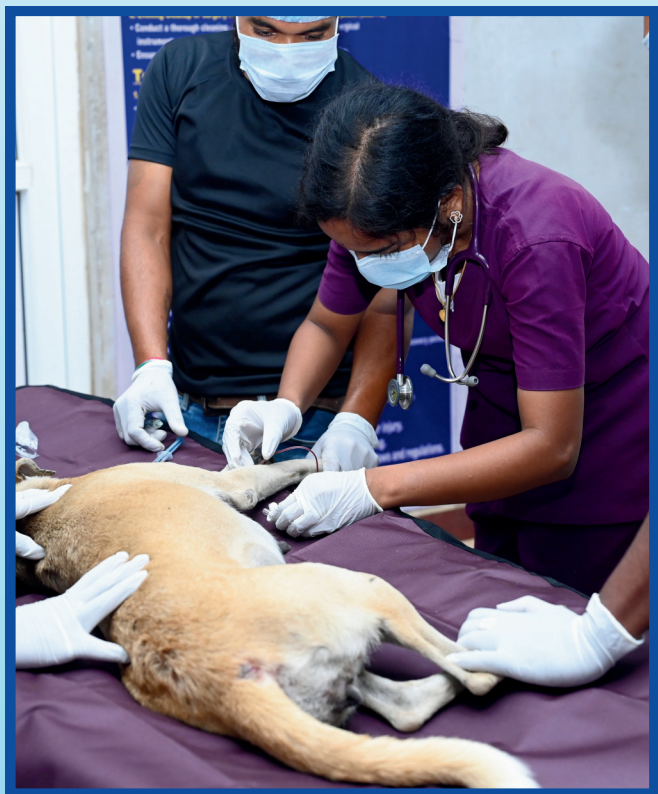
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## POST-OPERATIVE CARE

## DAY 3 TO 6



# DOG RELEASE

DAY

7



## FEEDING OF DOGS



## TOKEN SYSTEM

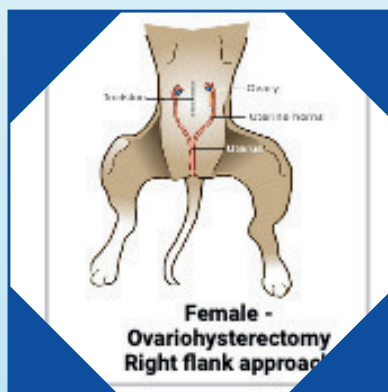
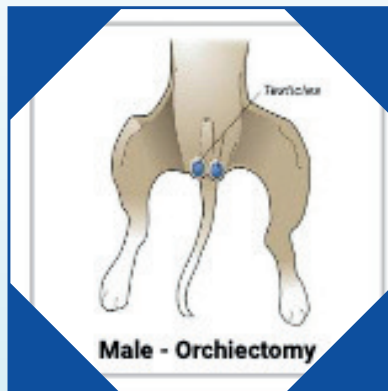


# ABC SURGERY PROTOCOL



## SURGICAL PROCEDURE

### GENERAL ANAESTHESIA



### SUTURE MATERIALS



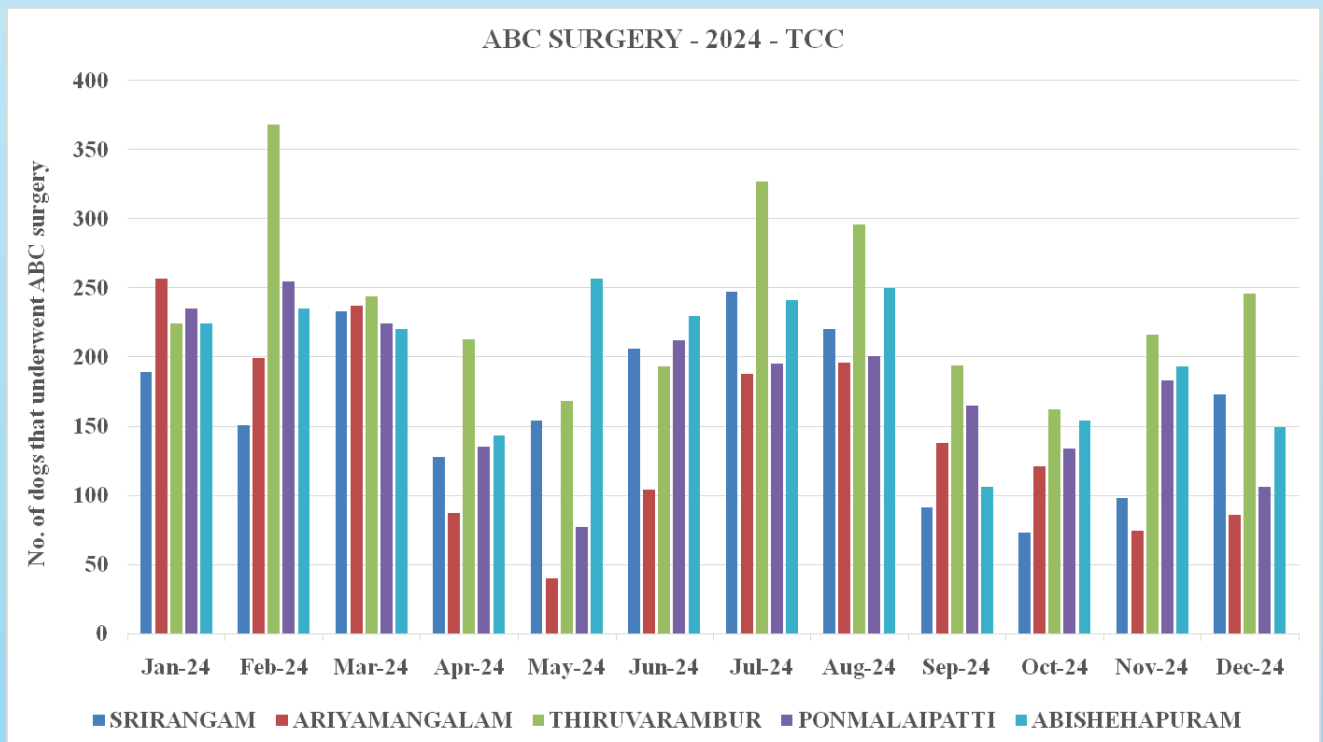
## RECORDS MAINTAINED

- 1 Catching Records
- 2 Surgery Records
- 3 Release Records
- 4 Medicine Records
- 5 Post-Operative Care Records
- 6 Quarantine Records
- 7 Mortality Records
- 8 Feeding Records
- 9 Vaccination register
- 10 Complaint register
- 11 Organ Counting Records
- 12 Visitors Insight Records
- 13 Month -wise GSP Photos for Catching
- 14 Month -wise GPS Photo for Surgery
- 15 Staff Attendance

## DATA ON ABC SURGERY IN 2024



MONTH	ZONE - I	ZONE - II	ZONE - III	ZONE - IV	ZONE - V	TOTAL
JAN - 24	189	257	224	235	195	1100
FEB - 24	151	199	368	255	235	1208
MAR - 24	233	237	244	224	220	1158
APR - 24	128	87	213	135	143	706
MAY - 24	154	40	168	77	257	696
JUN - 24	206	104	193	212	230	945
JULY - 24	247	188	327	195	241	1198
AUG - 24	220	196	296	201	250	1163
SEP - 24	91	138	194	165	106	694
OCT - 24	73	121	162	134	154	644
NOV - 24	98	74	216	183	193	764
DEC - 24	173	86	246	106	149	760
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1963</b>	<b>1727</b>	<b>2851</b>	<b>2122</b>	<b>2373</b>	<b>11036</b>





# MILESTONES

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# FIRST DOG CATCHERS AND ANIMAL HANDLERS TRAINING PROGRAMME IN TAMIL NADU



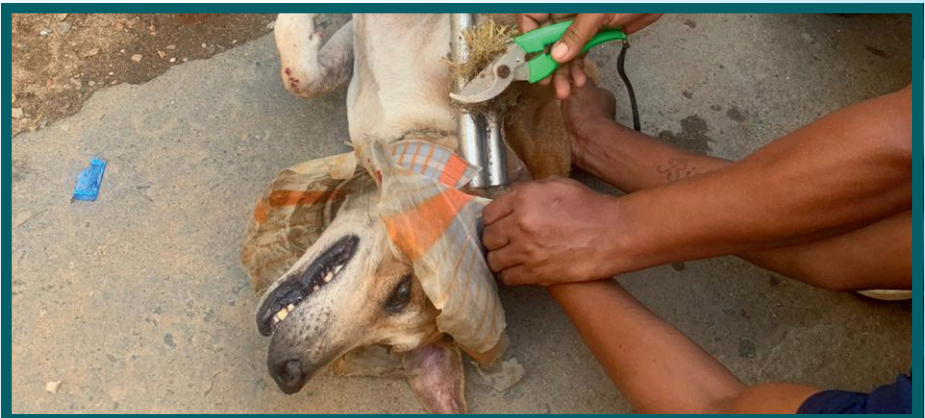
THE FIRST TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR ANIMAL HANDLERS AND DOG CATCHERS, ORGANIZED UNDER TNAWB'S 2023-24 INITIATIVE TO ENHANCE ABC FACILITIES, WAS INAUGURATED ON 23.04.2024 AT THE VETERINARY UNIVERSITY TRAINING AND RESEARCH CENTRE, TIRUCHIRAPALLI. MS. SHRUTHI VINODRAJ, A KEY HONORARY MEMBER OF TNAWB, HIGHLIGHTED THE PROGRAMME'S OBJECTIVES AND ITS ROLE IN STRENGTHENING HUMANE ANIMAL CONTROL PRACTICES. ALONG WITH DR. A. P. NAMBI AND OTHER OFFICIALS, SHE EMPHASIZED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ETHICAL ANIMAL HANDLING IN PUBLIC HEALTH EFFORTS.



# PIONEERING ANIMAL CARE AROUND THE CLOCK



IN 2024, OUR ORGANIZATION ENHANCED ITS ANIMAL WELFARE EFFORTS BY INTRODUCING EVENING CATCHING INITIATIVES, ENSURING SWIFT RESPONSE TO CANINE-RELATED COMPLAINTS AND EMERGENCIES EVEN DURING NIGHTTIME. THIS MILESTONE REFLECTS OUR DEDICATION TOWARDS ACHIEVING ZERO RABIES DEATHS. BY OPERATING TIRELESSLY AND ADDRESSING EMERGENCIES PROMPTLY, WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO FOSTERING A HARMONIOUS COEXISTENCE BETWEEN HUMANS AND ANIMALS



# DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT SURVEY



THE DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT (DPM) SURVEY IN TCC WAS CONDUCTED IN SEPTEMBER 2024 BY THE WORLDWIDE VETERINARY SERVICE (WVS) IN COLLABORATION WITH TCC AND ANIMALS HELPING HANDS (AHH). THE SURVEY AIMED TO ASSESS THE FREE-ROAMING DOG POPULATION, STERILIZATION COVERAGE, AND OVERALL ANIMAL HEALTH, PROVIDING ESSENTIAL DATA FOR FUTURE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES.

## KEY FINDINGS

- ◆ COVERED ALL 65 WARDS OF TCC, SPANNING 164.70 KM<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ ESTIMATED FREE-ROAMING DOG POPULATION : 43,767 (95% CI: 36,538 – 50,997)
- ◆ DOG DENSITY: 56 DOGS/KM<sup>2</sup>, DOG ABUNDANCE: 12 DOGS/KM
- ◆ HUMAN-TO-DOG RATIO: 19.36 (~5 DOGS PER 100 HUMANS)
- ◆ STERILIZATION/NEUTER COVERAGE: 47%, HIGHEST IN WARD 30 (91%), LOWEST IN WARD 64 (7%)
- ◆ MOST ADULT DOGS WERE IN GOOD HEALTH, BUT SOME HAD SKIN DISEASES OR OTHER HEALTH ISSUES

## SURVEY IMPLEMENTATION & METHODOLOGY

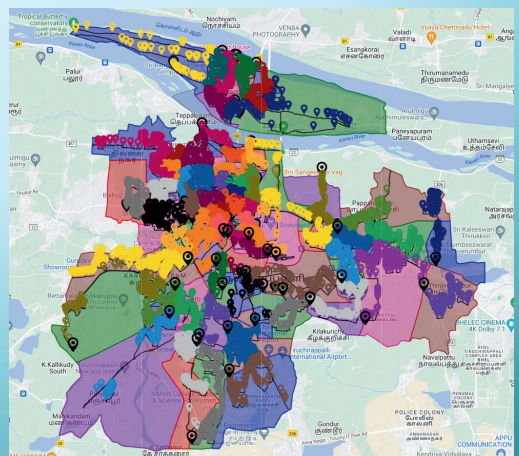
- ◆ CONDUCTED 195 SURVEYS (THREE PER WARD) USING SMARTPHONE BASED DATA COLLECTION APPS (WVS APP & STRAVA)
- ◆ SURVEYS INVOLVED DIRECT OBSERVATION OF FREE-ROAMING DOGS ACROSS PRE-MAPPED TRANSECT ROUTES.
- ◆ COLLECTED DATA ON DOG DEMOGRAPHICS, HEALTH STATUS, NEUTER COVERAGE, AND POPULATION ESTIMATES.

## KEY PERSONNEL INVOLVED

- ◆ DR. KARLETTE ANNE FERNANDES (WVS)
- ◆ DR. M. VIJAY CHANDRAN (TCC)
- ◆ DR. S. DHANABAL (AHH)
- ◆ DR. M. RAMYA DEVI (AHH)

## COLLABORATION

- ◆ TCC FACILITATED: PERMISSIONS, LOGISTICS, AND VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT.
- ◆ AHH PROVIDED: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT.



## RECOGNITION FOR DEDICATED EFFORTS IN DOG POPULATION CENSUS



WVS, GOA PRESENTED A MEMENTO TO THE TCC AND AHH AS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION FOR THEIR DEDICATED EFFORTS IN CONDUCTING THE DOG POPULATION CENSUS IN TCC. THIS RECOGNITION ACKNOWLEDGES THE HARD WORK AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATIONS IN CARRYING OUT SUCH AN ESSENTIAL TASK FOR THE CITY'S ANIMAL MANAGEMENT



## TRAINING AT WVS OOTY FOR ABC TEAM

THE TCC ABC TEAM WAS FORTUNATE TO RECEIVE SPECIALIZED TRAINING WHICH INCLUDED 6 DAYS THEORETICAL AND 6 DAYS HANDS-ON TRAINING AT WVS OOTY TO ENHANCE THEIR SURGICAL SKILLS. THE PROGRAM EMPHASIZED ADVANCED TECHNIQUES AND ASEPTIC SURGICAL PROTOCOLS, FOSTERING GREATER EXPERTISE AND CONFIDENCE AMONG THE TEAM. THIS HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN ELEVATING THE QUALITY OF ABC SURGERIES CONDUCTED. WE SINCERELY THANK **MR. NIGEL OTTER**, WVS CHAIRMAN INDIA, **DR. ILLONA OTTER**, CLINICAL DIRECTOR, WVS OOTY, **DR. LUKE GAMBLE**, CEO OF WVS AND MISSION RABIES FOR THIS INVALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW AND EXCEL



## DISTINGUISHED VISITORS



**THIRU. M. ANBAZHAGAN, M.A.,**  
MAYOR OF TCC VISITED THE ABC CENTRE,  
ABISHEKAPURAM.



**DR. GANAPATHY MARAN,**  
REGIONAL JOINT DIRECTOR,  
TIRUCHIRAPALLI VISITED THE ABC CENTRE,  
ABISHEKAPURAM



**SUB-COLLECTOR (TRAINING)**  
**MR. AMIT GUPTA IAS**  
VISITED THE ABHISHEKAPURAM ABC  
CENTRE ALONG WITH ASSISTANT CITY  
HEALTH OFFICER **DR. EZHIL.**



**SANITARY OFFICER MR. ELANGO**  
**AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DR.**  
**GANAPATHY PRASATH,**  
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY SRIRANGAM DIVISION  
VISITED ABC CENTRE, ABHISEKAPURAM AND  
INSPECTED THE PRESERVED ORGANS.



# **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**



## GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO SUPPORTED US

Pawprint – 2024, the chronicle of the activities at I-Peace and its collaboration with TCC stands as a testament to the power of collective action and unwavering dedication. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to every individual and entity whose support, commitment, and contribution have woven the fabric of compassion, care, and unity in I-Peace's journey.

First and foremost, we acknowledge the **divine essence** that connects us all, serving as a guiding light on our journey.

We acknowledge the visionary astrologer **Dr. S. Karuppiah** whose profound commitment laid the foundation for I-Peace's mission. His legacy continues to inspire us as we work towards a world where animals are treated with kindness and respect.

To **Dr. S. K. Ramesh, Managing Trustee** of I-Peace, your dedication and leadership uphold the torch of compassion lit by your father. We express our gratitude to all the **founders, volunteers, veterinarians, animal behaviourists, and supporters** who have played an integral role in nurturing I-Peace's growth and success.

WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO **THIRU. V. SARAVANAN, I.A.S., COMMISSIONER OF TIRUCHIRAPPALLI CITY CORPORATION**, FOR HIS UNWAVERING SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO ANIMAL WELFARE. HIS LEADERSHIP HAS STRENGTHENED THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN TCC AND I-PEACE, ENSURING THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF ABC AND ARV PROGRAMS.

**DR. R. VAITHIANATHAN, FORMER COMMISSIONER OF TCC**, PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN EXPANDING ABC OPERATIONS FROM ONE CENTER TO FOUR, INCREASING DOG-CATCHING VEHICLES FROM ONE TO FIVE, AND RAISING THE STERILIZATION CAPACITY FROM 250 TO 1,200 DOGS PER MONTH. HIS TIRELESS EFFORTS TOWARD MAKING TIRUCHIRAPPALLI A RABIES-FREE CITY HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT A LASTING TRANSFORMATION IN BOTH PUBLIC HEALTH AND ANIMAL WELFARE.



**Dr. Vijay Chandran, City Health Officer**, has been instrumental in overseeing the execution of ABC programs and rabies control measures.

**Ms. Shruthi Vinodraj** has contributed immensely through her dedicated efforts in managing operations and supporting ABC programs. Dr. A. P. Nambi has played a crucial role in guiding and mentoring the veterinary team, ensuring adherence to high surgical standards and ethical animal welfare practices.

**Assistant CHO Dr. Ezhil** plays an essential role in monitoring ABC activities, verifying records, and conducting periodic shelter inspections.

**Former City Health Officer Dr. T. Manivannan** was deeply committed to strengthening ABC operations and enhancing veterinary infrastructure. His efforts laid a strong foundation for expanding sterilization programs and increasing capacity, which continue to benefit the city's animal welfare initiatives.

The efforts of **Zone Sanitary Officers and Sanitary Inspectors** have been crucial in coordinating field activities and ensuring seamless operations in ABC centers.

The **Joint Engineer of the Transport Department** has provided critical support in allocating and maintaining dedicated vehicles for dog-catching operations.

We extend our warm gratitude to the veterinary team at I-Peace, and all supporting veterinarians, who have been at the forefront of ABC initiatives.

We thank **Dr. Ilona Otter, Mr Nigel Otter, Dr. Luke Gamble** of WVS for their invaluable support and training.

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Our acknowledgment goes to **Tiruchirapalli City Corporation** for their invaluable support and collaboration. Your commitment to animal welfare and community well-being has made a lasting impact on I-Peace's initiatives.

## A NOTE OF THANKS FOR THE KEY CATALYST OF ABC CENTRE, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

**Dr. S. Dhanabal**, a graduate of the prestigious Madras Veterinary College (MVC), embodies a deep love for animals and a commitment to aseptic surgery. As a trustee of the WVS in Ooty, he has conducted over 15,000 surgeries across Tamil Nadu and Goa, transforming countless lives.

His role extends beyond surgery, as he plays a crucial part in the success of the ABC Centre, Tiruchirappalli. By coordinating teams and fostering strong relationships among workers, he ensures the smooth operation of the programme.

Dr. Dhanabal's guidance has greatly enhanced the surgical skills and teamwork of the Tiruchirappalli ABC team. His dedication to animal welfare and aseptic practices sets an inspiring example for all.

A true leader in veterinary care, his contributions are indispensable to the centre's success. We are profoundly grateful for his unwavering support and expertise.



