

# Free anti-rabies vaccination campaign conducted

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**PREVENTIVE MEASURE:** A free anti-rabies vaccination camp was organised by Humane Animal Society and People For Animals in the city on Sunday. - PHOTO: M. PERIASAMY

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**COIMBATORE:** A free anti-rabies vaccination campaign was organised by Humane Animal Society (HAS) and People for Animals (PFA) at Coimbatore Corporation Street Dog Sterility Centre, Seeranacikenpalam on Sunday.

The campaign conducted as a follow up to the World Rabies Day (September 28) and World Animal Day (October 4), was intended to vaccinate community dogs and

mongrels that are bred at home.

The organisers picked up stray dogs from nearby areas and vaccinated them.

"This is an effort to let people know that rabies is entirely preventable through vaccination, spay / neuter programmes, controlling stray dog population, increased awareness on proper wound management and immunisation after dog bite incidents," said Dr. Mini Vasudevan, Managing Trust-

ee, HAS. "The dogs that are three-months and above should be vaccinated and it should be done once a year. People should realise that a simple vaccination could prevent a fatal disease like Rabies," said Viju Vijayan and Abhilash Arjunan, Resident Veterinarians, HAS.

## Awareness

According to Madhu Ganesh, Managing Trustee, HAS, there is a need to create awareness among people

about rabies. Usually when the menace of stray dogs increase, people resort to killing the dogs.

But culling is not the solution and it is meaningless when the efforts to sterilise dogs are being encouraged on one side, he said.

The sterility centre, run by HAS with the infrastructure provided by the corporation, also does Animal Birth Control operations and treatment for other ailments among animals.