

Anti-rabies campaign held

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: As many as 400 dogs were vaccinated during the week-long anti-rabies campaign jointly organised by People for Animals (PFA) and Humane Animal Society (HAS) held at various locations in Coimbatore.

The campaign with the theme rabies-free Coimbatore organised as part of Coimbatore Vizha, focused on vaccinating mongrels and community dogs.

The ARV camps were held at ABC Shelter at Seeranaicken palayam, Kuniyamuthur, Kovai Pudur, Kalapatty, Cheran Managar Nagar, T hudiyalur, and Vellaikinar. Dr. Abhilash Arjunan, resident veterinarian at HAS, headed the team of veterinary assistants and dog catchers at the mobile clinic.

According to the organisers, there were over 1 lakh stray dogs in the city. The campaign aimed to achieve the target of rabies-free Coimbatore by 2015.

Mini Vasudevan, trustee of HAS, said that the campaign also created awareness among people that rabies could be prevented through vaccination. "There are still misconceptions among people about vaccination and spaying. More awareness programmes should be conducted to do away with this, she said.

According to Mini, the organisation would conduct mobile clinics at various locations in the city once in three months.

Anti-rabies vaccination and animal-birth services would be offered throughout the year at the animal shelter at Street Dog Sterility Centre Sugar Cane Breeding Institute Road, Seeranaickenpalayam.

Campaign aims

for rabies-free Coimbatore by 2015