“Effective Handling of Stray Animals”

(Collective Inputs from 335,000 strong Swachh Bharat Circle)

1. The local municipalities should take steps to remove all stray canines and cattle from the roads
2. Sterilisation campaigns should be done so that their population does not increase
3. A fine should be imposed on people who leave their cattle on the roads
4. Animal shelters should be built in different areas
5. Municipalities should tie up with NGOs to train these stray animals
6. NGO’s should be involved in working towards adoption of the stays
7. A municipal helpline should be started to report dangerous stray animals
8. Stray Animal helpline could be started to report them to the municipal corporation.
9. A special team should also be established to act quickly on these complaints
10. Stray cows should be picked up by the municipal team and the owner should be charged heavily for their release
11. People have a misplaced sense of charitable attitude towards animals and they should be effectively educated of the negative impact on cleanliness and safety
12. Owners of cattle especially cows, horses must register ownership and the animals should have the registration locket, failing which the animals on the roads may be impounded
13. Relevant Government or NGO agencies should take the cows to villages and auction them off to recover costs or make profit
14. Stray animals should be caught and rehabilitated in separate enclosures in the outskirts off the towns and cities
15. "Adopt a Pet" campaigns will help eradicate this menace on roads
16. Animal Husbandry Department of the state Government could be nodal agency to manage stray cattle and canine population as they are fully equipped to handle them.

This checklist is prepared from the responses received in the 335,000 strong Swachh Bharat Circle, the largest national community for the cause. Visit http://tinyurl.com/SwachhBharat-NationalCircle for more.