

Campus Human-Animal Interaction Management Committee, IIT Bombay

Annexure 2

Policy on Designated Feeding of Community Dogs

The Committee has taken note of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in *In Re: City Hounded by Strays, Kids Pay Price* (Order dated 7th November 2025), particularly with respect to the management of stray dogs in educational institutions.

Pending implementation of appropriate measures by the local municipal authorities, the following policy is issued as an interim framework for the regulation, management, and welfare of community dogs within the campus.

1. A total of 19 designated feeding spots have been identified across the campus, primarily for feeding community dogs only and not for other animals such as monkeys, langurs, etc.
2. For the feeding spot (L3 lake side, L6 near Aravali and L8 at the hillside), consultation with the nearest residential building should be considered before starting the feeding spot.
3. Feeding Spots 4 and 5 near the YP Gate shall be operated between 9:30 PM and 5:00 AM only.
4. In cases where residents are of the view that no suitable feeding location exists within the territorial range of specific dogs, particularly in high-density academic areas, such concerns may be submitted by the group of concerned resident(s) to the Institute authorities in writing (physical letter format to PHO), along with appropriate justification and suggested alternatives. Such representations may be examined by the competent authority/Committee from time to time, as and when required. However, the submission or pendency of such representation shall not be construed as a waiver of, or exemption from, the requirement to feed only at the designated feeding locations notified by the Institute, and shall not justify any deviation from the prescribed norms.
5. The Institute has engaged M/s IndieCare AI Solutions Pvt. Ltd. for the management of stray dogs, including sterilisation, vaccination, and related welfare measures.

The agency shall undertake appropriate and time-bound measures to gradually condition and train dogs to utilise designated feeding locations; and to ensure humane and safe management of the stray dog population within the campus.

6. Feeding shall be strictly restricted to designated feeding locations.
7. No pet dogs or dogs from outside the campus shall be permitted to feed at the designated feeding locations.
8. Non-residents of the campus and temporary visitors are not permitted to engage in feeding activities on campus.
9. All designated feeding spots shall be maintained in a clean, hygienic, and safe condition to safeguard animal welfare, public health, and campus sanitation. All stakeholders shall strictly adhere to these requirements.
10. The feeding of rotten, spoiled, contaminated, or unsafe food to community dogs is strictly prohibited. Any such act shall be treated as misconduct and attract appropriate action.
11. Students shall not bring or feed stray animals using food from hostel mess facilities & other food outlets. Feeding stray animals inside the Hostel premises is strictly prohibited. Any violation shall attract disciplinary action, as determined by the concerned Warden and the Dean (SA) Office.
12. In view of the increased student population and academic activities, the Academic Area has become a high-density zone. Feeding in densely populated academic areas raises significant safety and accessibility concerns, particularly for Persons with Disabilities (PWD). Accordingly, no feeding spots shall be permitted within the Academic Area and other identified sensitive zones, in order to ensure safety and proper institutional functioning.
13. Notwithstanding the above point, if any stray dogs are currently fed in the academic areas, M/s IndieCare AI Solutions Pvt. Ltd. is requested to undertake time-bound and humane measures to gradually condition and train these dogs to utilise nearby designated feeding spots. Such measures shall be initiated and substantially implemented within 10 days from the date of enforcement of this policy.

14. Any violation of feeding norms (including location, timing, or quality of food) shall attract penalties, as determined by the Institute authorities from time to time.
15. Enforcement of this policy shall be carried out by the designated Institute Task Force/ appropriate authorities.

All previous guidelines or practices inconsistent with this policy shall stand superseded. Any matters or aspects not expressly provided for in this document shall be addressed by the competent Institute authorities, who shall have the authority to take such reasonable measures and decisions as may be deemed necessary in the interest of safety, compliance, and proper administration. The Institute further reserves the right to review, modify, amend, or update the provisions of this policy from time to time, as may be required based on operational needs, legal developments, or directions of competent authorities. This policy shall come into force **with immediate effect**.

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