

**REPORT**  
**STRAY CANINE BIRTH CONTROL**  
**CHANDIGARH ABC CENTRE**  
Run by Dr. Amandeep Kamboj

31st October 2020 - Observation of surgical protocol  
2nd November 2020 - Observation of actual surgeries

A report has already been submitted on how the Dog Sterilisation Centre, Sector 38 West, Chandigarh is run. However, previously there was no veterinarian with me, so I requested Dr. Devi to accompany me to understand how the surgeries were being conducted at this centre, as there were some complaints around botched surgeries.

Dr. Devi has been running ABC programs over the last 18 years and has also been a trainer with WVS and trained a number of vets on surgeries for ABC.

## **CASE : DOG STERILISATION CENTRE CHANDIGARH**

The ABC Unit is not under any organisation and is run by **Dr. Amandeep Kambhoj**. Dr. Devi's findings are explained below.

### **OBSERVATIONS:**

1. The vet had a wrong anesthesia protocol. He was using zylaxine, ketamine, atropine and thiopentone at the same time for all dogs, which is mix of two different protocols and a lethal concoction. He was then corrected and given the right protocol.
2. The amount of pain killer 'meloxicam' was 4 times the normal amount to be administered, and that can compromise the kidney of the animal.
3. He was also using unsterile surgical gloves.
4. The vet in spite of a given corrected anesthesia protocol would not follow it and tried to give the wrong doses.
5. He was handling the surgical instruments with bare hands, which is against all the asepsis protocols.
6. The size of the surgery drape was very small, the suture materials and instruments were touching the bare table, even touching unsterile parts of the body. This is also against the asepsis protocol.
7. There was no OT light for surgeries which is dangerous to the life of the animal.
8. Ear cutting haemocautery machine was not used and they were using cheap electrical instruments not meant for tissues.
9. In spite of the suggestion to not use unsterile leftover suture material dipped in alcohol, the vet continued to use it. We had suggested that the leftover suture material can be kept inside the drum instead of being kept outside.
10. The vet was taught the minimum number of surgical knots for chromic catgut and vicryl, but during the surgery he did not follow it. This is the problem for operated dogs, who have their sutures coming apart and organs falling out, days after surgeries.
11. He also uses unsuitable suture materials trying to cut corners. This may pose hindrance for healing of surgical wound.

12. They did not have an instrument trolley. At least one trolley is required to keep the instruments. The vet was keeping the instruments on the OT table next to the dog, which makes it prone to contamination.

13. Overall his surgical skill was okay, for both male n female midline surgeries. Although, he does not know flank surgery for females.

14. Before surgeries, the vet needs to wash his hands properly and put surgical gloves in the correct way.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. I would recommend that Dr. Amandeep undergoes a two-week long training with Dr. Devi in Delhi.
2. I also think it is important that the unit has visiting hours for the public as I am continuing to get complaints on lack of transparency. The concerns that were raised by the unit about feeding being done to dogs during visiting hours and too many people rushing into the unit can be taken care of. As a matter of fact, they have never had visiting hours, making this a moot point. For instance, I was at SPCA, which is right next to this unit where people were looking for their dog that they couldn't find at SPCA, so they went to the ABC unit to have a look. They informed that it was impossible to check inside as they wouldn't let anyone into the unit. I would like to stress on the importance of tackling this issue because for the ABC program to work, there has to be synergy between people who take care of dogs on the street and the unit itself.
3. The surgery space is very small and restricted. The present office can be made into the surgery.