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VMC looks to Pink City to curb stray dog menace VADODARA: With the stray dog menace in the city refusing to die down, the civic body is contemplating to rope in an NGO, Help in Suffering, working for prevention of cruelty against animals in Jaipur. The organization is being considered even as another city-based organization is working on a sterilization project to control the stray dog population in the city.

According to sources in Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC), the civic body had taken up the sterilization drive since August 2007. However, given the large population of stray dogs in the city, the menace has been unending.

Sources said as many as Rs 29 lakh have been spent on the sterilization project so far and over 9,000 dogs sterilized. While the civic body has decided to pay Rs 425 for the sterilization of one dog in the city, the organization working on the project has sought a larger amount.

Sources said they had come to know about the Jaipur-based organization some time ago. It had also come to light that the organization had a good track record and the stray dog menace in the Pink City was on decline. Representatives of the organization have been called for a meeting following which a decision would be taken.

Officials said they would first study the work done in Jaipur and only then decide if it was to be handed over to the organization. They added that the sterilization drive would bear results only in the long run and not instantly.