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Dear Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka,

India gave the world the concept of Ahimsa – non-violence in thought, word, and deed. It is, therefore, most ironic that to welcome Mr. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, the government agencies of your country are trying to remove the community dogs from your streets.

Our Prime Minister is known for his genuine compassion towards all life and his government has the only statutory body in the world to do the right thing by our animals – Animal Welfare Board of India, set up by an Act of Parliament in 1962.

As recently as two weeks ago, the AWBI issued a public warning that all community dogs must be taken care of by the communities in which they live and issued a stern warning that these cannot be removed or relocated.

It was India, once again, that was the point of origin of the now well known ABC programme, short for Animal Birth Control programme which mandates that every local body or municipality must implement sterilising the dogs in their areas. The ABC programme has been endorsed by all the three major UN Agencies, the WHO, OIE, and FAO as the only sustainable and humane method to control the number of dogs on the streets and to control the incidence of rabies in humans. This programme has been considered as a milestone in world environmental history – please visit www.environmentalhistory.org and go to 1959.

As a former Vice Chairman of the Animal Welfare Board of India, may I implore you to please issue directions to the municipalities to please follow the ABC rules of India and not to resort to a knee-jerk reaction of resorting to the removal of dogs just because our Prime Minister is visiting your beautiful country.

Thank you in advance and with warmest regards,

Sincerely,

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