

## **Chennai – Care for Animals Project (C-CAP)**

Greater Chennai Corporation is implementing Chennai – Care for Animals Project (C-CAP), first of its kind in India, as part of Singara Chennai 2.0. C-CAP aims to enhance the overall Animal Birth Control (ABC) programme of GCC and this includes construction of new ABC centres at 3 locations i.e., Puliyanthope, Lloyds Colony and Kannammappettai. The decision of adding new ABC centres comes at a crucial time, as there is a growing need for curtailing the dog population in the city. Each of these new ABC centres will have an entire floor dedicated for individual kennels to accommodate the dogs recuperating after surgery.

GCC has been regularly sterilizing the community dogs within its limits since the year 1996 and now, taking a step further, various facilities have been included in C-CAP such as customised dog catching vehicles, customised cages that would aid minimal human handling, sophisticated operation theatres, dedicated laboratories to do the blood work and technology driven processes from catching to releasing of dogs.

Right from the planning stage of C-CAP, elaborate discussions were held with various stakeholders such as animal welfare organizations, animal volunteers, animal care professionals and Government organisations in-order to assess the ground situation and specific needs pertaining to ABC.