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District Animal Husbandry Office,
District Veterinary Complex,
Pathanamthitta.

Date: 28/09/2026

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

(For Conducting the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme in Pathanamthitta District under the District Panchayat Project)

The Deputy Director (AH), Animal Husbandry Department on behalf of District Panchayat, Pathanamthitta invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from eligible agencies/organizations capable of undertaking the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme in Pathanamthitta District under the District Panchayat Project.

This Invitation for Expression of Interest is issued solely for the purpose of identifying prospective agencies capable of undertaking the programme and does not constitute a solicitation, offer, or commitment on the part of the District Panchayat to award any contract.

The District Panchayat, Pathanamthitta, reserves the right to modify, amend, suspend, or cancel the EOI process, in whole or in part, at any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever. The District Panchayat also reserves the right to introduce additional eligibility criteria, compliance requirements, terms, and conditions during the subsequent stages of the selection process and while issuing the final solicitation or contract documents.

Submission of an Expression of Interest shall not entitle any applicant to claim selection, empanelment, or award of work. The decision of the District Panchayat, Pathanamthitta, in all matters relating to this EOI shall be final and binding.

ABOUT PATHANAMTHITTA DISTRICT PANCHAYAT

Pathanamthitta District Panchayat is the apex tier of the Local Self-Government system in Pathanamthitta District, entrusted with planning, coordinating, and implementing district-level developmental programmes and welfare initiatives. In collaboration with Government departments, Local Self-Government Institutions, and other stakeholders, the District Panchayat plays a pivotal role in addressing emerging developmental and public health challenges through

evidence-based planning, resource mobilization, inter-sectoral coordination, and effective programme implementation.

One of the significant One Health challenges currently confronting the district is the increasing population of free-roaming (stray) dogs, which has important implications for public health, animal welfare, environmental sanitation, and community safety. Uncontrolled stray dog populations are associated with an increased risk of dog bite incidents, transmission of zoonotic diseases—particularly rabies—reproductive expansion of the population, and growing human-animal conflicts. Sustainable management of this issue requires a scientifically designed, humane, and legally compliant approach integrating population control, disease prevention, animal welfare, and community participation.

Recognizing the multidimensional nature of this challenge, the Pathanamthitta District Panchayat is committed to supporting and strengthening the implementation of the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme in accordance with the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023, and the guidelines issued by the Government of India. The programme emphasizes systematic capture, sterilization, anti-rabies vaccination, identification, post-operative care, and release of healthy dogs to their original locations, coupled with surveillance, public awareness, responsible pet ownership, solid waste management, and continuous monitoring. Through coordinated action involving the Animal Husbandry Department, Local Self-Government Institutions, Health Department, Veterinary institutions, and civil society, the District Panchayat aims to establish a sustainable and scientifically robust strategy for humane stray dog population management while safeguarding public health and promoting animal welfare.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

1. To ensure the effective implementation of the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme throughout Pathanamthitta District, covering all Local Self-Government Institutions/Panchayats.
2. To achieve a gradual and sustainable reduction in the stray dog population through systematic sterilization and vaccination measures.
3. To create public awareness regarding the management of stray dog-related issues and to promote responsible dog ownership practices among the community.

4. To improve public health and safety by reducing the incidence of dog bites and controlling the spread of zoonotic diseases, particularly rabies.
5. To establish a coordinated mechanism involving Local Self-Government Institutions, government departments, animal welfare organizations and the public for the humane management of stray dogs.
6. To ensure compliance with the Animal Birth Control Rules and other applicable guidelines issued by the Government of India and the Government of Kerala.
7. To establish a transparent, digitally trackable and verifiable system for capture, treatment, identification, post-operative care and release of dogs.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Pathanamthitta District Panchayat, through the **Deputy Director (Animal Husbandry), Pathanamthitta**, invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from qualified agencies/organizations approved by the **Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI)** and operating within India for the implementation of the **Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme** in Pathanamthitta District.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE EOI

The purpose of this Expression of Interest (EOI) is to identify and shortlist eligible and competent agencies for the implementation of the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme in Pathanamthitta District. Shortlisted agencies will subsequently be invited to participate in the Request for Proposal (RFP) stage for submission of detailed technical and financial proposals.

INDICATIVE SCOPE OF THE PROGRAMME

- Humane capture of stray dogs from various locations across Pathanamthitta District in accordance with applicable rules and animal welfare requirements.
- Safe transportation of captured dogs to the designated ABC Centre(s) and support for the ABC programme activities in accordance with applicable rules and guidelines.
- Conducting/assisting with Animal Birth Control (ABC) surgeries and Anti-Rabies Vaccination (ARV) through duly qualified and appropriately registered Veterinary Surgeons, as applicable to the programme requirements.

- Provision of appropriate post-operative care, identification, record keeping and digital documentation of animals handled under the programme, as prescribed by the competent authority.
- Release/return of sterilized and vaccinated dogs to the appropriate original capture locations, and maintenance of hygienic and sanitary standards at the designated ABC Centre(s).
- Catching, transportation, handling and release of animals shall be carried out under the monitoring and supervision of the concerned Local ABC Monitoring Committee. Any dispute, complaint, operational difficulty or other issue relating to these activities shall be brought before and addressed in consultation with the concerned Local ABC Monitoring Committee, subject to the directions of the competent authority.

Detailed Target/Quantity, Technical Proposal requirements, Financial Proposal/Rate structure, Payment Schedule and conditions, Performance Security, Insurance, Indemnity and Liability provisions, Penalty provisions, Agreement conditions, detailed monitoring and reporting requirements, Contract Period and Termination conditions, and other detailed contractual requirements shall be specified in the subsequent RFP and/or final contract.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. The applicant agency shall possess the necessary technical capability and operational capacity to implement the ABC Programme across Pathanamthitta District. This includes adequate geographical reach with vehicle along with driver, qualified and experienced manpower, project management expertise and the ability to maintain the required quality standards of service.
2. **The applicant shall be an agency duly approved/recognized by the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) and shall possess valid authorization/licence**, wherever applicable, for carrying out ABC surgeries in accordance with the prevailing rules and guidelines.
3. Shall engage only qualified Veterinary Surgeons having **valid KSVC/VCI registration**, as applicable. Shall submit copies of the **KSVC/VCI registration certificates of the Veterinary Surgeons proposed to perform ABC surgeries**.

4. The applicant shall not have been blacklisted, debarred or declared ineligible by any Central Government Department, State Government Department, Local Self-Government Institution, Public Sector Undertaking, or any other Government agency in India as on the date of submission of the EOI. The agency shall submit a Notarized Affidavit on appropriate non-judicial stamp paper, declaring that the agency has not been blacklisted/debarred.

5. The agency should have prior experience in implementing the ABC Programme and should have successfully conducted a minimum of 2,000 ABC surgeries as an agency involved in the implementation of the programme. The agency shall furnish documentary evidence in support of the above experience, such as completion certificates, work orders, performance certificates, or authenticated records issued by the competent authority.

6. The applicant shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Animal Birth Control Rules, Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) guidelines, and other relevant laws, regulations, and directions issued by competent authorities.

FORMAT OF EOI RESPONSE AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

The Expression of Interest (EOI) response shall be submitted in the format prescribed below and shall include the following documents:

- a) **Forwarding Letter** duly signed by the authorized signatory of the organization.
- b) **Bidder Information** as per **Proforma-1**.
- c) Brief Proposal describing the bidder's profile, relevant experience, available infrastructure, manpower, technical capability and proposed approach for implementing the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme at the EOI stage.
- d) **Letter of Authority** issued by the competent authority authorizing the legal representative/signatory to submit the EOI and act on behalf of the organization.
- e) **Documentary Evidence of Eligibility**, including supporting documents demonstrating compliance with the eligibility criteria specified in this EOI.
- f) Copies of valid Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) **approval/recognition certificates, registration certificates, and other statutory approvals**, wherever applicable.

g) Details of proposed Veterinary Surgeons.

h) Valid **KSVC/VCI registration certificates** of proposed Veterinary Surgeons.

i) A declaration on appropriate notarized non-judicial stamp paper that the bidder has not been blacklisted, debarred, or declared ineligible by any Government Department, Government Agency, Local Self-Government Institution or Public Sector Undertaking in India

j) Any other relevant documents that support the bidder's technical competence, experience, infrastructure, and compliance with the eligibility criteria prescribed in this EOI.

k) Nil Deviation Certificate as per **proforma 2**

The District Panchayat reserves the right to seek additional information, clarifications or supporting documents from any bidder during the evaluation process.

EVALUATION AND SHORTLISTING

The District Panchayat, Pathanamthitta, will undertake a preliminary evaluation of the Expressions of Interest (EOIs) received to determine whether the applicants meet the eligibility requirements prescribed in this document.

The eligibility and suitability of the applicants shall be assessed based on the criteria specified under the **Eligibility Criteria** section of this EOI, along with the supporting documents submitted by the applicants.

The District Panchayat reserves the right to seek clarifications, additional information, or supporting documents from any applicant during the evaluation process.

Based on the evaluation, eligible applicants shall be shortlisted and invited to participate in the next stage of the selection process. The shortlisted applicants will be issued a **Request for Proposal (RFP)** document and shall be required to submit detailed technical and financial proposals within the timeline specified in the RFP.

The decision of the District Panchayat, Pathanamthitta, regarding the evaluation, shortlisting, and selection of applicants shall be final and binding on all participants.

SUBSEQUENT RFP STAGE

Only shortlisted agencies from this EOI process will be considered for the subsequent RFP stage. The RFP will specify the detailed technical and financial requirements and the final contractual conditions for implementation of the ABC Programme.

SCHEDULE OF EOI PROCESS

The schedule for the Expression of Interest (EOI) process is as follows:

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1	Date of issuance of EOI	28/09/2026
2	Last Date for submission of queries	30/09/2026
3	Last date & time for submission of EOI	12/10/2026- 4PM
4	Date & Time of EOI opening	13/10/2026- 4PM

Note: The District Panchayat, Pathanamthitta, reserves the right to modify the above schedule at any stage of the EOI process. Any changes to the schedule shall be communicated through appropriate means.

The responses/queries should be addressed to:

Deputy Director (AH),
District Animal Husbandry Office,
District Veterinary Complex
Pathanamthitta- 689645, Kerala

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF EOI

1. Eligible and interested agencies shall submit their detailed response to this Expression of Interest (EOI) in the prescribed format on or before 04.00 PM on 12.10.2026. Commercial/Financial Proposals shall not be enclosed with the EOI response.
2. Any EOI received after the prescribed deadline shall be summarily rejected.
3. In the event that the last date for submission of the EOI is declared a holiday, the EOI shall be received up to the specified time on the next working day. Any extension of the submission deadline shall be solely at the discretion of the District Panchayat, Pathanamthitta.

4. The EOI response shall be submitted in a sealed envelope superscribed: **"Expression of Interest (EOI) for Conducting the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme in Pathanamthitta District."**
5. EOI responses received through facsimile, electronic mail (e-mail), or any other electronic mode shall not be accepted and shall be rejected.
6. Any interlineation, errors, correction or overwriting in the EOI documents shall be valid only if duly initialled by the authorized signatory of the applicant.
7. Any form of canvassing, lobbying, or attempt to influence the evaluation or shortlisting process shall result in the immediate disqualification of the applicant.
8. The Deputy Director (AH) with the approval of District Panchayat, Pathanamthitta, reserves the right to verify any or all information, documents, and credentials submitted by the applicant.
9. All information contained in this EOI document and its annexures shall be treated as confidential. By accepting this document, the applicant agrees that the information contained herein shall not be reproduced, disclosed or used, in whole or in part, for any purpose other than the preparation of the EOI response, without the prior written consent of the District Panchayat, Pathanamthitta.
10. During the evaluation and finalization of the EOI, the District Panchayat, Pathanamthitta, may, at its discretion, seek clarifications or additional information from any applicant. Requests for clarification and responses thereto shall ordinarily be communicated through e-mail and confirmed in writing.
11. Any assumptions, interpretations or conclusions made by the applicant while preparing the EOI response shall be at the applicant's own risk and cost. The District Panchayat, Pathanamthitta, shall not be liable for any expenses, losses or claims arising out of such assumptions or interpretations.
12. The Deputy Director (AH) with the approval of District Panchayat, Pathanamthitta, reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOI responses, wholly or partly, without assigning any reason and without incurring any liability to the applicants.

13. All detailed contractual provisions, including target/quantity, payment schedule and conditions, performance security, insurance, indemnity and liability, penalties, monitoring and reporting requirements, contract period, termination conditions and other operational requirements, shall be specified in the subsequent RFP and/or final contract.

14. Shortlisting under this EOI shall not constitute an award of work. Final selection shall be undertaken through the subsequent RFP/selection process prescribed by the competent authority.

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Swapna S Paul
Date: 28-09-2026
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Deputy Director (AH)
District Animal Husbandry Office
District Veterinary Complex,
Pathanamthitta- 689645, Kerala

Proforma 1 — Bidder Information

Contact details	
Name of the Bidder	
Address and other contact details of Participant submitting the EOI	
Name, designation, address and other contact details of the contact person to whom correspondence is to be addressed in respect of this EOI	
Date	

Declaration

I/We hereby declare that the information furnished above is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. I/We understand that if any information furnished is found to be false or misleading, the EOI is liable to be rejected.

Place:

Date:

Signature of Authorized Signatory:

Name:

Designation:

Seal of the Organization

Proforma -2**NIL DEVIATION CERTIFICATE**

Date: _____
Ref. No.: _____

To

The Deputy Director (AH),
District Animal Husbandry Office,
District Veterinary Complex,
Pathanamthitta – 689645, Kerala.

Subject: Declaration of Nil Deviation from EOI Terms and Conditions

Sir/Madam,

I/We hereby certify that we have carefully examined the EOI for conducting the ABC Programme in Pathanamthitta District under the District Panchayat Project and confirm that there are no deviations, reservations or modifications from the terms, conditions, eligibility criteria and requirements stipulated in the EOI.

I/We confirm that all the requirements of the EOI, including the prescribed eligibility criteria, AWBI approval/recognition, qualified and registered Veterinary Surgeons, required experience, documentary evidence and compliance with applicable Animal Birth Control Rules and guidelines, are fully acceptable to us.

I/We understand that the EOI responses will be evaluated based on the prescribed eligibility criteria and supporting documents, and that eligible applicants may be shortlisted for the subsequent RFP stage.

I/We further acknowledge and accept the provisions of the EOI regarding evaluation, shortlisting, and the right of the District Panchayat, Pathanamthitta, to accept or reject any or all EOI responses in accordance with the EOI terms and conditions.

Accordingly, I/We declare that our EOI response is submitted with NIL DEVIATION from the EOI terms and conditions.

Yours faithfully,

Signature of Authorized Signatory:

Name:

Designation:

Name of Organization:

Organization seal