

## Coimbatore Vizha begins by celebrating the Indian dog

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COIMBATORE: The Coimbatore Vizha started off on a quiet note by celebrating the Indian dog at an event at the animal birth control centre in Seeranaickenpalayam on Friday.

The event saw volunteers and administrators advising people who brought in pedigree dogs for treatment about the advantages of adopting an Indian dog. Free rabies vaccinations were also given to anybody who brought their Indian dog for the event.

"A lot of people bring in pedigree dogs which develop skin, breathing and digestion problems and infections," said Dr R Chandrashekhar, the veterinarian at the centre.

"Though they are educated and know that every breed of pedigree dogs is prone to certain forms of infections, they buy such dogs because of their looks," he said.

"They then spend so much time running to and fro clinics and hospitals," he added.

The event, hosted by Humane Animal Society, displayed around seven of young pups rescued from the street and cured of any infection or injury they might have had.

"We are explaining the advantages of adopting an Indian dog instead because it automatically develops immunity to various infections in the air, is suited for our weather and climate and is low maintenance," said the organization's administrative staff T Babu.