

10 dogs poisoned to death in Peelamedu

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Coimbatore: Residents of Duraisamy Layout in Peelamedu woke up to the morbid sight of dead dogs lying in various spots in their area on Sunday morning.

The carcasses of at least 10 dogs and a cat were found in the area. Residents suspect miscreants to have poisoned the animals.

“You could tell that the victims had frothed and lost bowel control just before their death. They were lying in excreta. We also found a plantain leaf with remains of mutton curry which may have been laced with poison,” said K Ramesh, a resident of Duraisamy Layout. Most of them were not stray dogs but domesticated Indian mongrels that were free to roam the streets at night.

At least three dogs were found dead inside a drain that runs through Duraisamy Layout. N Ravichandran, a resident, claimed that his five-year-old dog Parky which was tied inside his compound near the main en-



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trance was also found dead in the morning. The miscreants may have slipped him the poison too. “We were shocked but only later realised that it was not an isolated incident and several dogs in the locality were found dead in a similar manner,” said Ravichandran.

V Vijayakumar residing at Dhukkianar Street also lost his dog in the incident. He believes the crime must have happened around 3 a.m. He thought it was peculiar that he had not heard any barking during the night. “Our dog was fine till around mid-

night. We usually keep him tied behind the house as the front portion of the compound is open without a wall but unfortunately it was tied in the front area last night,” said Vijayakumar.

On being notified about the incident, volunteers from Humane Animal Society sent their vehicle to collect the carcasses. They also wanted to conduct a post-mortem to ascertain cause of death but corporation officials reportedly refused to oblige and removed the carcasses in their vehicle. “If we were allowed to conduct a post-mortem we could have figured out the cause of death,” said Mini Vasudevan, managing trustee, Humane Animal Society Coimbatore.

According to police, some antisocial elements may have killed the dogs to facilitate burglary. Or someone using the stretch frequently may have killed them to get rid of the dog menace. “We have also lodged a complaint with the local police,” said PK Rajendran corporation councillor, ward no 39.