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Dog bite cases in the country's cleanest city are witnessing a steady rise. The number of cases reported at Hukumchand Polyclinic (Lal Aspataal) has increased by more than 1500 in the past nine months of this year in comparison to last year in the same period.

The city has witnessed 21,507 fresh cases of dog bites between January and September this year as compared to 20,061 cases during the same period last year Hukumchand Polyclinic in-charge Dr Ashutosh Sharma told TOI.

In the year 2020, total 27,647 dog bite cases were reported in Indore, he added.

"There has been a gradual increase in dog bite cases. We were attending 60-70 cases of dog bites a day about two years ago, now it has gone up to over 100," he said.

At least 2500 fresh cases of dog bites are attended in the hospital every month. Dwarkapuri, Chandan Nagar, Palda, Banganga, Khajrana, MR-10 are among the

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areas with maximum number of cases of dog bites reported during this period, officials said.

"Among the fresh cases, 60% are kids, 20% are people, who were bitten by stray dogs during morning walk and other victims are youth, who were attacked by dogs while riding," pointed out Sharma.

"Maintaining adequate stock of anti-rabies vaccines is another issue that we face due to the increase in the number of dog bite cases," said Sharma, adding that more efforts were required to control increasing population of stray dogs in the city.

Indore Municipal Corporation's animal birth control programme officials said that efforts were on to control the dog population. "We are already running a mega sterilization drive in all 85 wards of the city. At least 70 % of the stray dog population has been sterilized," said ABC programme in charge Dr Uttam Yadav.

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