



ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

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No.9-10/2021-2022/PCA

Dt. 20.04.2021

To,

The Additional Commissioner,
Commissionerate of Animal Husbandry,
Aundh Road, Opposite Spicer College, Pune-411067
Email: cah.addcomm@gmail.com, mahaanimalwelfareboard@gmail.com

Sub: Complaint regarding relocation of stray dogs and cruelty to animals by vasai Virar Municipal Corporation-Reg

Ref.: E-mail dated 07.04.21, 19.04.2021 and 25.04.2021 received from Ms. Pushpa Sabhapati.

Sir,

With reference to the above cited subject, it is stated that the Board has received an e-mail from Ms. Pushpa Sabhapati stating that several people in Vasai Virar area out of fear of dog bites and hatred toward the stray dog have started picking up the stray dogs in their private vehicles or autos and are relocating them to the outskirts or barn area in total violation of the order of the Supreme Court of India and as well as guidelines of AWBI. A copy of the e-mail and letter is enclosed which is self-explanatory.

2. The cruelty to animals is an offense under Section 11(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001 and violation of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

3. It is submitted that the relocation of stray dogs is not allowed as per the provisions of the law and is illegal. This is violation of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules 2001. The Board has already issued an advisory dt.12th July 2018 to all the State Governments/UTs to take steps to prevent unnecessary pain or suffering stray animals which is the responsibility of the Local Bodies.

4. It is stated that as per Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules 2001, it is illegal for any individual, Residents Welfare Association (RWA) or any estate management to relocate or remove dogs. The sterilized dogs to be re-released in the same area from where the stray dogs were caught for ABC/AR Programme. Releasing in the new area may contribute to Man and dog conflicts which will ultimately create hostile environment for both Man and dog.

5. In view of the above, it is requested to investigate on the above complaint and take appropriate action to stop such kind of relocation of stray dog as well take necessary action as per provision of the law. Also, forward your action taken report to the Board to take further necessary action.

“Please treat this as most urgent”.

Yours sincerely,



(Dr.S.K.Dutta)
Secretary

Copy to: for information and further appropriate action.

- 1.The Municipal Commissioner,Vasai Virar Municipal Corporation,Vasai Station Rd, Vishal Nagar, Vasai West,401202,Maharashtra,Email:vasaivirarcorporation@yahoo.com
2. Ms. Pushpa Sabhapati, Email: pushpa2906@yahoo.com