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To

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Subject: Alleged complaint regarding the Banning of Pets in Nature Park Face-9, Mohali –Reg

Ref: Email received dated 12.05.21 from JPS Talwar

Sir,

With reference to the above cited subject, it is stated that the Board has received an email by Shri JPS Talwar from Mohali stating that the illegal boards are installed on the entrance of nature park face-9, Mohali. The Municipal Corporation of Mohali has not removed the old redundant board and not permitting the pet into the park. A copy of the complaint is attached, which is self-explanatory.

- 2. The Dogs and pets required exercise and it has illegal to deny them the exercise they require, Apartment association and Authorities can not pass any law against the pets for using Gardens, Parks, and other Public Spaces, the oppressive circulars and notices that they are issuing, are illegal, and often tantamount to criminal intimidation. Also, the Cruelty to animals is an offense under Section 3 and Section 11(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.
- 3. The Animal Welfare Board of India issued guidelines/Circulars for allowing pet dogs in the public parks in the light of the directions contained in the order dated 12.11.2014 passed by the Hon'ble Hight Court of Delhi in WP(C) No. 7731/2014. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in a detailed judgment pronounced in the matter titled "Animal Welfare Board of India Vs. A. Nagaraja and Ors" in SLP (C) No. 11686 of 2007 has emphasized that 'Animal Rights' (Copy is enclosed)
- 4. In furtherance of the spirit of co-existence and compassion for all living creatures endorsed by the constitution of india, and particularly by Article 51A(g) and 51A(h) thereof, Aricle 21 of the Constitution of India gives every citizen the right to decide how they choose to live, which includes the choice to live with companion animal.

5. In view of the above, it is requested to conduct an enquiry in the matter and take appropriate action as per the provisions of the law and to removed the illegal boards from the entrance of the parks and Forward action taken report to the Board immediately 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.

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