No.9-5/2021-22/PCA

Date: 16.06.2021

To
1. The Commissioner of Police,
MSO Building, Indraprastha Marg,
IP Estate, New Delhi, Delhi 110095
Email: cp.snsbrivistava@delpolice.gov.in
2. The Director,
Animal Husbandry Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi
Animal Husbandry Unit, Zorawar Singh Marg, Tis Hazari,
New Delhi, Delhi 110054 Email: dir-ahdel.nic.in

Subject: Alleged complaint regarding stolen pet dog (Bella) and illegal demand by the NGO - Regarding

Ref: Email dated 15.06.2021 received from Mrs. Rachna Paul

Sirs,

With reference to the above cited subject, it is brought to the notice of the Board through an email by Ms. Rachna Paul stating that an illegal and unauthorized act of theft and confiscation of her pet dog by private individuals namely (Urvi Goyal and Ayesha Christina and Yogesh). Her pet illegal caught in the NGO (Neighborhood Woof Conduct) run by Ms. Ayesha at the premises of MCD Veterinary hospital and she refused to return the dog (Bella). A copy of the email is attached which is self-explanatory.

2. The Cruelty to animals is an offense under Section 3, Section 11(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and IPC.

3. The Hon’ble Supreme Court had directed to take action against the erring officials as per the Para 77 of the S.L.P. No.(C) 11686 of 2007, Animal Welfare Board of India Vs A.Nagaraja & Others and the department of Personnel and Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension had issued guidelines vide F.No.30/9/2006-Welfare dated 26.5.2006 to take action against such personel violating the laws. The copies of the same is attached herewith for your information.

4. The Board vide its letter dated 13.03.2020(copy enclosed) to the District Collector, Municipal Corporation and Superintendent of Police of all the States/UTs that the Board is authorizing the officials of the concerned state Animal welfare Board/Forest Department/District Administration/Police Department/Animal Husbandry Department/Animal/Honorary Animal Welfare Officer(State/legal/District) to carry out such inspection related to the complaints on animal cruelty. The Board does not authorize any other organizations/persons. The copies of the same is attached for your information.

5. Recently, the Board vide its letter dated 15.06.2021(copy enclosed) has requested to the Chief Secretary and Director General of Police of all States/UTs to kindly issue necessary direction to the erring officials to properly implement the provision of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Care and Maintenance of case property Animals) Rules, 2017. Also, no unnecessary seizure on frivolous complaint
may be made from the houses/residences of the citizens unless concerned police officials thinks that an offence under PCA, Act, 1960.

6. It is therefore requested to direct the concerned authorities to proper investigate the matter and take appropriate action as per the law. It is gross violation of the Animal Welfare Board Norms and Law of the land which provide the procedure. A copy of the action taken report be forwarded to the Board within fifteen days from the receipt of this letter.

Kindly treat this as most urgent.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

(Dr. S.K. Dutta)

Secretary

Copy to:
1. The District Collector (South/West), Old Terminal, Tax Building, Kapashera, Delhi Email: dcsww@nic.in
2. The Commissioner, South Delhi Municipal Corporation, Hauz Khas New Delhi. Phone: 011-26245231. Email: commissioner-sdm@mdc.nic.in
3. Mrs. Rachna Paul