



ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

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07.05.2021

To

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

2. The District Magistrate,
Office of the District Magistrate,
Opp Sassoon Hospital, Station Rd,
Pune-411001, Email: dm-dar@nic.in

Subject: Alleged complaint regarding cruelty inflicted to stray animals, relocation, restriction and repeatedly harassment of compassionate citizens – Reg

Ref: Refer to our letter even number dated 25.08.2015, 28.10.2015 and 14.08.20 on the above subject. (Copy enclosed).

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above cited subject, it is Board have received a compliant from Mrs. Malti Gupta dated 07.05.21 stating that RWA Members of Park Infinita Society, Near SP info City Phursungi, Pune has been regularly initiating violence against animals and repeatedly harassment of the compassionate citizens who feed them. The RWA Members imposed their own rules and fines against the Street/Pet dogs who feed them and prohibits residents from feeding the stray animals inside the society's premises with threat and fines and does not provide the feeding pot in their society. A copy of the complaint letter is attached herewith for your ready reference.

2. In this regard, it is stated that it is fundamental duty given under Article 51 A(g) of the Constitution of India and it states that *"It shall be duty of every citizen of India to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wild life and to have compassion for living creatures."* The removal of dogs from its natural habitat or from the owner is a punishable offense under Section 3, Section 11(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and violation of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

3. It is stated that as per Indian law, stray dogs cannot be displaced and relocated to shelters (or beaten or driven away). They can merely be sterilized in the manner envisaged in the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001, vaccinated, and then returned back to their original locations - Rule 7(6). For the area-wise sterilization program that the law mandates shall be followed, dogs have to be returned back to their original habitat after sterilization and immunization. *The rationale behind the same is that dogs, being territorial in nature, tend to fight off other dogs, and keep them from entering their territories; and in this manner, the dog population in each territory / within each locale, stabilizes, and then reduces.* In any event, dogs cannot be displaced or relocated, and have to be returned back to the very localities that they are picked up from, after sterilization and immunization.

4. The Hon'ble Supreme court of India has also issued direction dated 07.05.2014 in matter of AWBI vs. A. Nagaraja & Ors to all the State Governments/UTs for implementation of the provisions of the PCA, Act, 1960 and its

rules effectively so as to prevent unnecessary pain or suffering to animals and also to take appropriate action against the offenders inflicting cruelty to animals. (Copy enclosed)

5. In view of the above it is requested to conduct an enquiry into the matter and take appropriate action as per the provision of law and to allocate multiple feeding area for the street dogs and forward a copy of the action taken report to the Board at the earliest.

“Please treat this as most urgent”.

Yours sincerely,



(Dr. S.K. Dutta)
Secretary

Encl.: as above.

Copy to: The Complainant for information and further necessary action.

1. Mr. Ajay Kudale, Chairman, Email: ajaykudale89@gmail.com
2. Mr. Sampat Shinde, Secretary, Email: sam4133@rediffmail.com
3. Ms. Malti Gupta, awbihdawo259@gmail.com