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Date: 04.01.2021

To

The President,
Residence Welfare Association,
Oberoi Springs, Lokhandwala
Mumbai

Subject: Request to take necessary action regarding the issues of stray dogs in Oberoi Springs Co-operative Housing Society, Mumbai – regarding.

Ref.: Email dated 29.12.2020 received from Animal Volunteers, Oberoi Springs (Copy enclosed).

Sir,

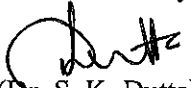
With reference to the above-cited subject, it is stated that the Board has received complaints from Animal Volunteers of Oberoi Springs, stating that the volunteers are denied access to check the well-beings of the stray dogs taken care by them. The stray dogs have been enclosed in an area and not allowed them come out and to roam freely. It has also been reported that the RWA is not providing a suitable place for feeding and indulging the stray animals to chain them. This has created anguish amongst the residence of your society who are compassionate to the animals and exercised their rights under 51 A(g) of Indian Constitution.

2. The Board had earlier requested the issued guidelines to various State Government and resident welfare associations highlighting the duties of Residents living in the gated societies. (copy enclosed). It is clarified that the Dogs are territorial animals and cannot be removed from their natural habitat which creates discomfort lack of feeding and change in their natural behaviour. Doing all such kind of act is a Cruelty to animals under Section 3 and Section 11(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to animals. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has also directed all the State Governments to take action against the erring officials as per the order dated 7.5.2014, AWBI vs A. Nagaraja & others. A copy of the extract of Para 77 of the order is attached for ready reference.

4. It is further brought to the notice that all the stray dogs are sterilized and vaccinated. You are therefore, requested not confine the dogs those are residing in your society. It is further requested to provide designated areas for feeding of Stray dogs by the compassionate persons. For further clarification, a meeting can be arranged to resolve the matter.

“Please treat this as most urgent”.

Yours sincerely,


(Dr. S. K. Dutta)
Secretary

Encl. as above.

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