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To,

The Commissioner of all the Municipal Corporations
/ Municipalities of all States/UTs

Subject: Request to implement the Guidelines for Birth Control and Immunization of stray cats.

Ref.: This office letter of even number dated 03.06.2021 (Copy enclosed).

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above-mentioned subject, it is submitted that the Board has received several representation and requests to control the population of stray cats in the urban area. The Board is also receiving complaints that the stray cats are being subjected to unnecessary pain or suffering. The cats are also being illegally removed from their natural habitat and relocated to other places.


2. It is submitted that the cats population is all time high and they have non-administered rabies, de-worming, and other medications by the Municipal civic bodies nor they are sterilized/castrated as done for their counterpart i.e dogs, this led to them living in the unhygienic and ailing environment. Thus, these stray cats shall be protected as they are subject to unnecessary pain or suffering as per the mandate of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and its Rules.

3. Further, it is stated that it is the responsibility of the local bodies to take care of stray animals including cats and the Board has issued several advisories to the State Governments/UTs for taking appropriate action in the matter. The process adopted for the sterilization which is being carried out by the local bodies for the stray dogs needs to be expanded to stray cats to save them from unnecessary pain or suffering.

4. Therefore, in view of above, the Board has decided to widen the scope of the current ABC/AR programme and issued the **“Guidelines for Birth Control and Immunization of stray cats”** vide circular dated 03.06.2021 (Copy enclosed) to eradicate rabies from India and safeguard the cats from other diseases fatal to them. This will help to remove the fear of rabies and getting infectious diseases from the cats as well as lower down the population which results in man-animal conflict mostly in urban areas and peri-urban forest areas.

A copy of the action taken report to be forwarded to the Board for information and record.

Yours Sincerely


(Dr. S. K. Dutta)
Secretary

Encl.: as above.

Copy to: for information and further appropriate action please.

1. The Chief Secretary of all States/UTs.
2. The Director General of Police of States/UTs.
3. The Collector(s) of all the Districts in the respective State Governments/UTs.
4. The Member Secretary, State Animal Welfare Board of all State/UTs
5. The Director, Animal Husbandry Department of all States/UTs.