



ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA
(Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India)

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TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

Animal Welfare Board of India, a statutory body was constituted under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, 1960, an act of Parliament in order to promote of animal welfare generally and for protecting animals from being subjected to unnecessary pain or suffering. AWBI has been implementing various animal welfare schemes and enacting and implementing various acts and rules framed under Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, 1960.

As you are aware that Govt. of India Notified the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001, under the PCA Act, 1960 vide the Gazette of India: Extra Ordinary Part II – Sec. 3 – sub. II dated 24th Dec. 2001 to implement sterilization and vaccination of stray / community dogs to control the dog population.

As per the Department of Personnel & Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, New Delhi letter no.F.No.30/9/2006-WELFARE dated 26.5.2006, it is informed that “if any Govt. Servant indulges in act of cruelty to animals he will be making himself liable for action under Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. Besides, punishment under the Act, he would also make himself liable for action under CCS (Conduct) Rules for conduct unbecoming of a Govt. Servant.

It may be noted that for dealing with the problem of stray animals, there are designated agencies in Govt./local self-government organizations etc. Such Organisations regularly undertake inoculations, sterilization of female animals etc. Recognised Associations in Govt. colonies may approach such Institutions for redressal of their grievances.

All the problems of stray animals have to be handled within the institutional framework available and no association, recognized or unrecognized, shall take recourse to action on their own, either themselves or through any person employed by them like security guards etc.

Therefore, you are directed not to remove the community dogs from the any place as it is illegal and violation of above said rules. This amounts to cruelty to animals as per PCA Act and is a punishable offence. However, it is suggested that you may take help of recognized NGOs (List of AWO's in your state is available in the website www.awbi.org) conducting ABC Programme for taking up Sterilization and immunization of stray dogs in the place to manage their population and to implement the provisions of Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001 in letter and spirit.

You are requested to issue proper instructions to the concerned authority in this regard.

Yours truly

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