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ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार
(पशुपालन और डेयरी विभाग)

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India
(Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying)

No. 24-2/2020-21/ABC

Dated, 18th August. 2020

To,

All the District Magistrate,
All the districts,

Dear Sir,

In order to effectively and sustainably control the street dog population, to reduce the incidence of dog bites and to curb the spread of Rabies, the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules 2001 have been promulgated under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960. The Animal Birth Control (ABC) Program is currently carried out in a random, unplanned manner and local authorities are taking steps arbitrarily leading to waste of resources. It has also come to our knowledge that several local authorities are giving out tenders to individuals/private veterinarians in blatant violation of the law and directions given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Another violation is giving contracts to unrecognized organisations. The third violation is not making a monitoring committee with animal activists.

2. For effective birth control programme, the local authority need to ensure that the following infrastructure and logistic arrangements are in place as per the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2001:

a) Adequate infrastructure like Animal Birth Control Facility having hygienic Operation theatre, Post-operative care areas, quarantine and isolation kennels, store rooms, kitchen etc

b) Equipment for sterilization of surgical materials like Autoclave, Operation Tables (OT), OT Lights, power backup, surgical instruments etc.

c) Ambulances (Modified multi utility vehicles, fitted with cages)

d) Implementing Agency (Recognized Animal Welfare Organization having Veterinarians, animal handlers, catchers, drivers, paravets and also the above facilities

3. As per the Rules and the Directions of the Apex Court, the Local Authority/State Government is expected to provide the Infrastructure, equipment and ambulances. An implementing agency, which is an Animal Welfare Organisation registered with AWBI,

with experience and training may be engaged to carry out the program. (Criteria for selection of the agency have been laid down by the Animal Welfare Board of India and are attached). Giving out a tender to any person other than a Recognized Animal Welfare Organisation will be a violation of law.

4. As the Chairperson of the District SPCA you are requested to please issue necessary directions to ensure the following:

i) The implementing agency should have the trained personnel. In this regard, the ABC program being run by Nagar Nigam Dehradun/Government of Uttarakhand (Nodal Officer Dr Ashutosh Joshi - 9997517373), and Nagar Nigam Lucknow/Government of Uttar Pradesh (Nodal Officer Dr Arvind K.Rao - 9415244663) are considered models in India. Animal Welfare Organizations applying for conducting the program should have obtained/may be asked to obtain training at any of these centers if they are not adequately trained.

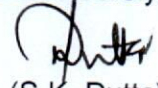
ii) While engaging the implementing agency through competitive bidding, it is advisable that utmost importance and priority should be given on the Technical criteria rather than the financial for selection of an implementation agency. The technical criteria has been prescribed in the ABC module. The cost of carrying out the ABC programme may be decided in the State level ABC committee.

iii) Each Local Authority must constitute an ABC Monitoring Committee as per the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules 2001, and monitor the program to ensure that there is no cruelty during catching, surgery, post-operative care and release of the dog are happening.

4. No local body must involve any agency/individual/veterinarian/organization other than an Animal Welfare Organization Recognized by the Animal Welfare Board of India, for conducting Animal Birth Control program. The detailed module for the ABC programme is available at http://awbi.in/awbi-pdf/revised_abc_module.pdf

5. The Animal Welfare Board of India is appointing a state monitoring team for this programme. They will be coming to your district to inspect the facilities and checking the working of the programme.

Yours sincerely,


(S.K. Dutta)
Secretary