No.9-5/2021-2022/PCA  
Dt.26.08.2021

To  
1. The Member Secretary,  
State Animal Welfare Board, 
Animal Husbandry Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi  
Animal Husbandry Unit, Zorawar Singh Marg,  
Tis Hazari, New Delhi-110054, Email:  
2. District North West, Delhi  
O/o Dy. Commissioner, North- West District  
Kanjhawala, Delhi-110081, 011-25953785  
Email :- dcnw@nic.in

Subject: Requested to immediately constitute an Animal Welfare Committee to ensure that the strict implementation of the AWBI circular dated 03.03.2021 and 26.02.2015.-Regarding

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above cited subject, it is stated that the Board has received a letter by Shri B.S. Rawat, President, Baghban Apartment, RWA Rohini, Sector-28 stating that there are many issues related to the number of dogs, their identity, feeding (timing, locations, hygiene, vaccination, accounting, sterilization and others). A copy of the complaint is attached, which is self-explanatory.

2. The Supreme Court has in the case of AWBI Vs. Nagaraja & Ors inter alia held that “We declare that the five freedoms [viz. i] freedom from hunger, thirst, and malnutrition; ii) freedom from fear and distress iii) freedom from physical and thermal discomfort iv) freedom from pain, injury and disease; and v) freedom to express normal patterns of behavior], referred to earlier be read into section 3 and 11 of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, be protected and safeguarded by the State and Central Government, Union Territories (in short “Governments”), MoEF and AWBI.” The copies of the same are attached herewith for your information.

4. The Hon’ble High Court of Delhi in I.A.No.4164/2021 in CS(OS) 277/2020 dated 24.06.2021 In the Matter of Dr. Maya D. Chabiani Vs. Radha Mittal & Ors, it was directed the AWBI shall ensure that every Resident Welfare Association or Municipal Corporation (in case of RWA is not available), shall have an Animal Welfare Committee, which shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the provisions of the PCA Act and ensure harmony and ease of communication between caregivers, feeders or animal lovers and other residents. (Copy Enclosed).

5. The Hon’ble High Court of Delhi in WP © 2556/2021 and CM Appl. 7535/2021 passed judgment dated 24.02.2021 in the Matter of Urvashi Vashisht & Ors. Vs. RWA & Ors, wherein it was directed that the RWA and the feeders with the help of AWBI representatives will identify the spot for feeding of the Street Dogs in the colony; no hindrance whatsoever shall be caused to the person in carrying out any activities in respect of the street dogs at the said spot. Also, it shall be the duty of the SHO concerned to ensure that peace and harmony are maintained amongst the residents of the area so that no harassment is caused to the petitioners by RWA and vice versa.
7. The Board has also issued an advisory dated 03.03.2021 to all the Chief Secretaries and Director general of police of all States/UT’s requested them to kindly issue necessary directions to all the local authorities to take appropriate steps to identify sufficient numbers of feeding spots for the stray dog in every town, villages, RWA and other institutes, etc as well as to ensure that no harassment or hindrance is caused to the person feeding street dogs at designated feeding spots and to properly implement the AWBI revised guidelines on pet dogs and street dogs dated 26.02.2015.

8. Therefore in view of the above it is requested to you to kindly constitute an Animal Welfare Committee of comprising of residents, dog feeders, representative of Animal husbandry department or representative of Municipal Corporation, local SPCA and SHO of Jurisdiction Police Station to administer and manage the situation at local level. The team shall monitor and resolve all the issues to ensure that the strict implementation of the AWBI circular dated 26.02.2015.

"Please treat this as most urgent".

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

(Dr. S.K. Dutta)
Secretary

Copy to: for information and further appropriate action.
1. The Commissioner of Police, 2nd Floor, MSO Building, Police Headquarter, Ito, Delhi - 110002, Email: cp.snsrivastava@delhipolice.gov.in
2. Shri B S. Rawat, Email: