



ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

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Dt. 12.07.2021

To

1. The District Collector,
Collectorate Office,
P.O: SH12A, Sector 76,
Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, Punjab 160071
Email: dc.sasnagar.punjab@gmail.com
2. The Municipal Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation of SAS Nagar,
Sector-68, Mohali-160055, Email: mcsasnagar@gmail.com

Subject: Alleged complaints regarding the Banning of pet and harassment of compassionate citizens- Regarding.

Ref: Refer to our letter even number dated 25.08.2015, 28.10.2015 and on the above subject. (Copy enclosed)

Sir,

With reference to the above cited subject, it is stated that the Board has received a complaint through an email dated 05.07.2021 by Ms. Vaishali Jindal from 345-H, Phase-1, Mohali, SAS Nagar, Punjab stating that dogs and pets are not allowed in the Parks. The Municipal Councillor Suman Garg and his son repeatedly harassed her for taking of pet to the park. Municipal Council also fixed a boards outside the parks that pets are not allowed in the parks. A copy of the complaint is attached, which is self-explanatory.

2. Dogs and pets required exercise and it has illegal to deny them the exercise they require, Apartment association and Authorities can not pass any law against the pets for using Gardens, Parks, and other Public Spaces, the oppressive circulars and notices that they are issuing, are illegal, and often tantamount to criminal intimidation.

3. Cruelty to animals is an offense under Section 3 and Section 11(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

4. The Supreme Court has in the cast of AWBI v/s Nagaraja & Ors S.L.P.No.(C) 11686 of 2007 interalia held the following: We declare that the five freedoms [viz. i) freedom from hunger, thirst and mainutrition; 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 safe guarded by the State and Central Government, Union Territories (in short "Governments"), MoEF and AWBI. The copies of the same is attached herewith for your information.

5. In furtherance of the spirit of co-existence and compassion for all living creatures endorsed by the constitution of india, and particularly by Article 51A(g) and 51A(h) thereof, Article 21 of the Constitution of India gives every citizen the right to decide how they choose to live, which includes the choice to live with companion animal.

6. In view of the above, it is requested to conduct an enquiry in the matter and take appropriate action as per the provisions of the law. Forward action taken report to the Board immediately to take further necessary action.

"Please treat this as most urgent."

Yours sincerely,


(Dr. S.K. Dutta)
Secretary

Encl.: as above.

Copy to:

1. The Director, Animal Husbandry Department, Govt. of Punjab, Livestock Complex, Sector 68 SAS Nagar, Mohali-160071, Email: dahpunjab@gmail.com
2. Ms. Vaishali Jindal, Email: vaishalijindal628@yahoo.in