



**ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA**

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To

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Department of Animal Husbandry,  
Pashudhan Bhawan, Mothrowala-248115,  
Dehradun(Uttarakhand)  
Email: [dir-ah-uk@gov.in](mailto:dir-ah-uk@gov.in)

2.The District Magistrate,  
Office of the District Collector,  
15-17, Nardev Shastri Marg, Race Course, Dehradun-248001  
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**Sub: Alleged complaints regarding the Banning of pets in Parks, Doon Vally Officer Co-operative Housing Society, Dehradun (UK) – Reg**

**Ref.: Letter dated 04.01.2021 received Shri. Adarsh Chandra.**

Sir,

With reference to the above cited subject, it is stated that the Board has received letter from Shri. Adarsh Chandra resident of Vasant Vihar, Technically known as Doon Valley Officers Co-operative Society stating that dogs and pets are not allowed in the Parks by the Doon Valley Society Members. They are 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.

Dogs and pets required exercise and it is 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.

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

The Animal Welfare Board of India issued guidelines/Circulars for allowing pet dogs in the public parks in the light of the directions contained in the order dated 12.11.2014 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in WP(C) No. 7731/2014. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in a detailed judgment pronounced in the matter titled "Animal Welfare Board of India Vs. A. Nagaraja and Ors" in SLP (C) No. 11686 of 2007 has emphasized that 'Animal Rights' (Copy is enclosed)

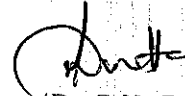
In furtherance of the spirit of co-existence and compassion for all living creatures endorsed by the constitution of India, and particularly by Article 51A(g) and 51A(h) thereof, Article 21 of the Constitution of India gives every citizen the right to decide how they choose to live, which includes the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

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

Copy to: for information and further appropriate action.

1. The Municipal Commissioner, Near Dehradun Hospital, New Road, Dehradun-248001, Email: [nagar\\_nigam2008@yahoo.com](mailto:nagar_nigam2008@yahoo.com)
2. Shri Adarsh Chandra, Email: [adarshchandra95@gmail.com](mailto:adarshchandra95@gmail.com)

## Fwd: Dogs not allowed in parks in my society

1 message

Animal Welfare Board of India <animalwelfareboard@gmail.com>  
To: legalassistantawbi@gmail.com

5 January 2021 at 14:22

Thanks & Regards,  
Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI)  
Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying  
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India

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From: **Adarsh Chandra** <adarshchandra25@gmail.com>  
Date: Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 12:50 AM  
Subject: Dogs not allowed in my society  
To: <animalwelfareboard@gmail.com>

My name is Adarsh Chandra and I am a resident of Vasant Vihar, technically known as Doon Valley Officers Co-Operative Housing Society, Dehradun-248006, Uttarakhand. I have been living here for the past 20 years and I have my own house, it is not rented. That being said, I am a share-holder in this society. I have two dogs and I want to take them inside the parks here for walks and play. There are many parks in this society. Most of the parks in the society have "No dogs allowed" signs for many years. I had previously complained about this to the society a couple of years ago, for the collective good of everyone, but they just shrugged me off and did nothing about it. I also complained about the ban they had imposed for walking dogs on footpaths, as the road beside the footpaths have running cars on it, which is unsafe for me as well as my dogs. They told me that they were allowed to do all that, taking advantage of my naivety and lack of knowledge back then. I didn't mind as I was not aware of any laws or court orders in this regard at that time. Owing to peaceful and silent compromise from my side, and my side only, I took my dogs to the parks near my house as they did not have the "No dogs allowed" sign. Now I am well read about our Constitution, laws of our country, AWBI and court orders, especially "Guidelines for allowing pet dogs in the public parks" contained in the order dated 12.11.2014 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in WP(C) No.7731/2014; and I would like to state that I abide by them. But recently, the society has put up the "No dogs allowed" sign in front of all the parks in the society. This is becoming unbearable as the society is leaving no options for dog owners/lovers to take their dogs to the parks, and there is no room for further compromise as I believe that they are the ones who are wrong in this matter. I am an animal lover and have always loved all kinds of animals. I have raised both my dogs like my own children, with love and compassion. I humbly request you to do something about all the negative and wrongful actions of Doon Valley Officers Co-Operative Housing Society, Dehradun-248006, Uttarakhand, in their handling of public property, spaces and parks regarding dog management. Your aid will be greatly appreciated. Please and thank you..