



ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India
(Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying)
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No.9-10/2020-2021/PCA

Dt.05.01.2021

To

The Additional Commissioner,
Commissionerate of Animal Husbandry,
Aundh Road, Opposite Spicer College, Pune-411067
Email: cah.addcomm@gmail.com, mahaanimalwelfareboard@gmail.com

Sub: Alleged Complaint regarding the repeated harassment of the people showing compassion towards animals- Reg.

Ref: This office letter of even number dated 25.08.2015, 28.10.2015 and 14.08.2020.

Sir,

The Board has received an email from Shri Rahul Bendugade a resident of Soliataire Park Hsg. Soc, Aundh Pune City in Maharashtra stating that his Secretary Mr. Yogesh Phalke are threatening, harassing and stopping him and his family members whenever sees my pet dog being walked in common spaces of the society complex and because of this attitude and continuous harassment from his Secretary, he is unable to walk the pet dog. A copy of the compliant is enclosed here with which is self-explanatory.

In this regard, it is brought to your notice that it is a fundamental duties as per the Article 51 A(g) of the Constitution of India and it has been brought to the notice of the Board that complaints about animal cruelty and harassment of individuals indulging in ill treatment of animals are not seriously pursued and action is not taken for filing the FIR by the law enforcement authorities.

The board has issued advisory requesting Chief Secretaries and Director general of police of all States/UT's to issue directing all their police station and officials to enforce the provisions of The prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and its Rules effectively and also register the FIRs wherever necessary on priority basis so that such enforcement become a deterrent to infliction of cruelty on the helpless animals.

In view of the above, it is requested to ensure the proper enforcement of The prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and its Rules and to provide justice and protection against the ill-treatment and harassment of the citizen showing compassion towards the animals. Further, it is requested that an inquiry on the above complaint may be initiated and an action taken report may be forwarded to the Board immediately to take further necessary action.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr.S.K. Dutta)
Secretary

CC to:

1. Commissioner, Commissionerate of Animal Husbandry, Maharashtra, Aundh Road, Pune-411067, Email: cahpune@gmail.com
2. Shri. Rahul Bendugade, Email: raulbendugade247@icloud.com

Fwd: Regd regular harassment & threats for owning and walking pet in society premises - Require your urgent assistance.

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Prachi Jain <assistantsecretaryawbi2018@gmail.com>
To: heo.awbi22@gmail.com, Legal Assistant AWBI <legalassistantawbi@gmail.com>

4 January 2021 at 11:43

For immediate necessary action.

Regards
Prachi Jain
Assistant Secretary
Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI)
Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

Forwarded Conversation

Subject: Regd regular harassment & threats for owning and walking pet in society premises - Require your urgent assistance.

From: Rahul Bendugade <rahulbendugade247@infocloud.com>
Date: Sat, 2 Jan 2021 at 11:57
To: <animalwelfareboard@awbi.org>, <assistantsecretaryawbi2018@gmail.com>
Cc: <animalwelfareboard@gmail.com>, <cah.rhsecrtr-mh@gov.in>, <collr.pune-mh@gov.in>, <nitesh@gmail.com>

Hello sir / madam,

My name is Rahul Bendugade, a resident of Pune city in Maharashtra and in urgent need of some assistance from your department.

I write to you today to bring to light an issue that has been bothering my family and myself for the past two years for owning a pet dog in the society.

The society I live in (*Solitaire Park Hsg. Soc, Aundh, Pune*) appointed a new secretary few years ago (**Mr Yogesh Phalke**) and he has been threatening and harassing me and my family members whenever he sees my pet dog being walked in common spaces of the society of which I am a rightful member.

The flat we live in, is owned by us, maintenance that is paid regularly w/o defaulting and my pet (*a Playful Golden Retriever who is Docile, not at all aggressive and is used to being around babies / small children In my own house and even in the society*) she is vaccinated regularly, registered with the Kennel Club of India.

Nobody in the building has a problem with the dog except the secretary and maybe a few of his loyalist members, who keep throwing their weight around sine one of them is in the Police.

The secretary has made absurd demands from me like needing his permission to own a dog and walk it in the society, me giving him a Power of attorney, 'bank guarantee' of Rs 10lakhs incase my dog bites anybody in the society, and a local corporation permission (I have visited the local corporation office multiple times but nobody there takes a pet license seriously, I had applied a few years ago too but to no avail, they laugh and junk the idea saying nobody will do anything and to let it be and deal with the issue on my own sine its a small issue.)

I had submitted a copy of AWBI guidelines to the society committee regd keeping of pets, the chairman of the society has accepted the letter, gone through it and is okay with the pet, although the secretary keeps threatening to get my dog confiscated, calling the local authorities, complaining to the police and other such absurd tantrums.

The latest argument was yesterday, this harassment is currently Verbal, although since it is reaching its limit, I fear further confrontations that may lead to physical ones.

Can anything be done to address this issue from your end?

If you could please enlighten the society committee on your pet guidelines or assist in any possible way it would be really appreciated.

Mail ID's for Society Managing Committee-

Chairman - Mr Uday Ulhe

id- 02Jan20210737100710071007

Society Mail ID - Solamrepublicsociety@gmail.com

Further, you may also get in touch with me on -
Cell- 9823331078

Mail- raulbendugade247@icloud.com

Await your response,
Thank you.

Sent from R/UL's iPhone.

From: **Rahul Bendugade** <raulbendugade247@icloud.com>

Date: Mon, 4 Jan 2021 at 10:37

To: <animalwelfareboard@gmail.com>, <assistantsecretaryawbi2018@gmail.com>

Cc: <cahulsecret-mh@gov.in>, <colfr.pune-mh@gov.in>, <nitesh@gmail.com>

Hello,

Please do let me know if I can receive any kind of assistance in this matter.

Await your response.

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On 02-Jan-2021, at 11:57 AM, Rahul Bendugade <raulbendugade247@icloud.com> wrote:

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

5 January 2021 at 11:25

Thanks & Regards,

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

5 January 2021 at 14:29

Thanks & Regards,

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Date: Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 10:37 AM

Subject: Re: Regd regular harassment & threats for owning and walking pet in society premises - Require your urgent assistance.

To: <an.mishra@foreboard@gmail.com>, <assistantsecretaryawbi2018@gmail.com>

Cc: <id-1-sec@nib@nic.in>, <coll.pune-rcb@gov.in>, <nitosh@gmail.com>

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