



ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

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Sub: Allegation of Illegal catching and relocation /impounding of stray dogs in IIT Madras-Reg.

Sir,

The Animal Welfare Board of India has received a complaint from Shri Tryphena Duddley stating that the stray dogs are being impounded in a closure by an AWO named Karunya Trust of Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu inside the IIT campus and no one was allowed to visit the facility to check the status of the stray dogs kept in the closure. Furthermore we have been informed that dogs getting sterilized are relocated to areas outside the campus. This is against the provisions of the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001 which mandates that the dogs shall be released at the same place or locality from where they were captured for sterilization. A copy of the complaint is enclosed which is self-explanatory.

Article 51A(g) of the Constitution of India requires all citizen to show compassion to all animals. Therefore, it is requested that you may kindly ensure that no one is prevented from feeding or caring for cats and dogs and that they are also not relocated to a different location. We hope that a Govt. of India institution of great repute like yours will not violate the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and various Rules made thereunder and will set standards in the welfare of animals in large institutional campuses.

It is requested to contact the Greater Chennai Municipal Corporation or Blue Cross of India, Chennai which is located in Velachery, which will institute a scientific Animal Birth Control Program to control the dog population in your campus. They can also assist you in other management issues related to community animals and legal ways to deal with problems related to them. IIT Madras may also have an active volunteer community whose services can be more formally utilized by you to help coordinate such issues.

In view of the above, it is requested to immediately conduct an investigation of the ABC programme being carried out by IIT Madras and forward the factual position regarding the allegations made to the Board at the earliest. Action is also required to be taken against the offenders if the allegations are found to be true.

Action taken report may be forwarded to the Board at the earliest.

Yours sincerely,


(Dr. S. K. Dutta)
Secretary

Copy to: for information and further appropriate action.

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