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To
The District Collector
Collectorate, Kakkanad,
Ernakulam – 682 030
Email : dcekm.ker@nic.in

Subject: Alleged complaint regarding Animal cruelty in the name of ABC Programme in Kerala-regarding.

Ref: Email dated 25.06.21 received from Vivek K Viswanath.

Sir,

With reference to the above cited subject, it is stated that the Board has received a complaint by email dated 25.06.21 from Shri Vivek K Viswanath, Kerala stating that brahmapuram ABC center which is under the control of Kochi corporation of Ernakulam district. It is reported that more than 50 dogs were caged in dirty kennels without food and water without performing surgery due to the absence of a veterinarian in the center for a month. Afterwards because of SPCA intervention, the authority has released all sick, skin and bone dogs without any proper treatment in some remote places. There are plenty of victims of bad surgery and post-operative care across Kerala by Kudumbasree mission and corporations. This is in violation of the provisions of the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules 2001 under Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and under the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. A copy of the e-mail is attached, which is self-explanatory.

2. The Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001 notified by the Govt. of India directs the local body to form a monitoring committee which shall be responsible for the planning and management of dog control programme in accordance with the Rules. You are requested to inform us whether the said committee is established and is meeting at least once in every month to assess the progress made in ABC programme as prescribed in the ABC (Dogs) Amendment Rules, 2001 (as amended in 2010). Kindly ensure that the ABC programme is implemented as per the provisions of the above said Rules and the guidelines given in the AWBI module. The same is available in our website: www.awbi.in.

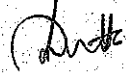
3. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has also issued interim orders dated 18.11.2015 & 9.3.2016 in SLP No.691 of 2009, AWBI Vs P.E.S.T & Ors directed all the local bodies to provide infrastructure as mandated in the ABC (Dogs) Rules, 2001 and implement the Rules diligently. It was specifically ordered that no innovative method or subterfuge should be adopted not to carry out the responsibility under the **PCA Act, 1960** or the **ABC (Dogs) Rules, 2001** and that any kind of laxity while carrying out statutory obligations, is not countenanced in law. The Board has also forwarded a module to all the State Govts. Regarding the proper implementation of the ABC programme. The Board has uploaded the circulars / advisories on Pet Dog and the same is available in the website: www.awbi.in

4. The Board of India has issued Circular on dated 25.02.2021 requesting to all District Collectors/Municipal Commissioners of all States/UTs to give the tenders or enter into MOUs only with those AWOs/NGOs which are having permission from the Animal Welfare Board of India for carrying out ABC/AR programme to ensure that the ABC/AR programme is being carried out by the competent AWOs/NGOs and the cruelty to street dogs could be stopped. (Copy enclosed).

5. Further, it is requested to conduct the enquiry on the above complaint and take appropriate action and forward a detailed report to the Board immediately to take further necessary action.

Kindly treat this matter as urgent.

Yours sincerely,



(Dr. S.K. Dutta)
Secretary

Copy to: for information and further appropriate action.

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2. Shri Vivek K Viswanath email: - vivekky2013@gmail.com