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To,

The District Magistrate / District Collector of all Districts of all State Governments/UTs

Subject: Implementation of Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023 - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

The Central Government has notified the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023 vide G.S.R 193 (E) dated 10" March, 2023 under Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, 1960 and in supersession with the Animal Birth Control (Dog) Rules, 2001. The Rules have addressed the guidelines of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the Writ Petition No. 691 of 2009 between Animal Welfare Board of India vs People for Elimination of Stray Troubles. The Rules are available in the website of AWBI i.e. www.awbi.gov.in

2. In this regard, it is stated that the Animal Birth Control programme for the sterilization and immunization of the stray dogs are to be carried out by the respective local bodies/ municipalities/ Municipal Corporations and Panchayats which will help in reduction of stray dog population. The reduction of stray dog population is one of the tools for control of dog mediated rabies in India as per the National Action Plan for Dog Mediated Rabies Elimination from India by 2030.

3. As per Rule 3 of the said Rules, the ABC programme can be carried out by the local authority through their own veterinary officer or by engaging the service of an Animal Welfare Organization which is duly recognized by the Board for Animal Birth Control Program. Therefore, each animal welfare organization carrying out the animal birth control programme has to obtain recognition for each project from AWBI.

4. The ABC Rules, 2023 emphasize the procedure for conduct of Animal Birth Control programme followed by formation of Monitoring Committee at the State and District level in all the States/UTs and their functions as mentioned in Schedule II. The Municipal Corporations need to implement the ABC and Anti Rabies Program jointly. The cruelty involved for carrying out the ABC Programme need to be addressed. The Rules also provides the guidelines how to deal with the human and stray dog conflicts without relocating the dogs in an area. The AWBI revised Module may also be followed for providing required infrastructure for the effective functioning of the ABC Centre for addressing the issues related to stray dogs and making the program to achieve its purpose.

5. The effectiveness of the Animal Birth Control programme can be determined only if pro-active steps are taken for sterilization and immunization of stray dogs, area wise and on war footing so that the multiplication of the dogs can be controlled and

also they are fully vaccinated. The success of the programme will depend upon only if 70% of the stray dog population is sterilized and immunized effectively with yearly vaccination drive by the concerned authorities

6. In view of the above, you are requested to direct the concerned local bodies to implement the Animal Birth Control, Rules 2023 in letter and spirit.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. S.K. Dutta)
Secretary

Copy to: - for information and further appropriate action please.

1. The Director, Animal Husbandry of all State Governments/UTs
2. The Member Secretary of all State Animal Welfare Board
3. The Municipal Commissioner of all Districts of all States / UTs