



## ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

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No.24-2/2020-21/ABC

Date: 01.07.2021

To  
The Commissioner of  
all the Municipal Corporations

Subject : Effective implementation of the provisions of the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001 for sterilisation and immunization of the strays dogs - Regarding.

Ref.: 1. This office of letter of even number dated 18.08.2020 and the Corrigendum dated 10.11.2020 (Copy enclosed)  
2. This office of letter of even number dated 25.02.2021 (Copy enclosed)

Kindly refer to our earlier letters dated 18.08.2020 and 25.02.2021 on the above cited subject.

2. In this regard, it is stated that the Central Government has enacted the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001 for sterilisation and immunization of the stray dogs. 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.

3. It is submitted that the Board vide its letter dated 25.02.2021 (copy enclosed) has requested the District Collectors/District Magistrates/Deputy Commissioners, Municipal Corporation of all States/UTs, to give tenders or enter into MOUs only with those AWOs/NGOs which have obtained the permission from the Animal Welfare Board of India for carrying out the Animal Birth Control/Anti Rabies Vaccination(ABC/AR) Programme.

4. Further, it is submitted that the ABC programme is a specialized activity for which the organization needs infrastructure, specialized veterinarian, para veterinarian, etc. which need to be verified before recognizing such organisation. Also, as per the ABC(Dogs) Rules, 2001 AWOs need recognition from AWBI to carry out the ABC / AR programme.

5. In view of the above it is requested to kindly forward the following information as per the details given below:


- a) The details of the Animal Birth Control monitoring committee as per the Rule 4 of the ABC (Dogs) Rules, 2001
- b) Details of the dog census of your area for the last five years
- c) The details of the number of the stray dogs sterilised and vaccinated during the last five years.

- d) The details of the number of the stray dogs to be sterilised and vaccinated along with the census.
- e) The details of the organisation carrying out the ABC programme in your area
- f) The steps taken to address the issues of dog bites, if any.

It is therefore requested to submit the details of the information as above and take appropriate steps to only allow those AWOs/NGOs to participate in the tender process or carry out the ABC/AR) programme who have obtained the separate permission from the Animal Welfare Board of India to carry out the Animal Birth Control/Anti Rabies Vaccination(ABC/AR) programme. Also, to take immediate and necessary action to ensure that no cruelty to animals takes place anywhere due to poor execution of the Animal Birth Control/Anti Rabies Vaccination(ABC/AR) programme. A copy of the action taken report to be forwarded to the Board within fifteen days from the receipt of this letter.

Kindly treat this as most urgent.

Yours sincerely,

  
(Dr. S. K. Dutta)  
Secretary

Encl.: as above

Copy to: for information and further appropriate action please.

1. The Secretary, Urban Development of all States/UTs.
2. The Director, Animal Husbandry Department of all States/UTs.
3. The District Magistrate of all the districts for information and necessary action.



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मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार  
( पशुपालन और डेयरी विभाग )

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India  
(Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying)

No. 24-2/2020-21/ABC

Dated, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2020

To,

All the District Magistrate,  
All the districts,

Dear Sir,

In order to effectively and sustainably control the street dog population, to reduce the incidence of dog bites and to curb the spread of Rabies, the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules 2001 have been promulgated under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960. The Animal Birth Control (ABC) Program is currently carried out in a random, unplanned manner and local authorities are taking steps arbitrarily leading to waste of resources. It has also come to our knowledge that several local authorities are giving out tenders to individuals/private veterinarians in blatant violation of the law and directions given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Another violation is giving contracts to unrecognized organisations. The third violation is not making a monitoring committee with animal activists.

2. For effective birth control programme, the local authority need to ensure that the following infrastructure and logistic arrangements are in place as per the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2001:

- Adequate infrastructure like Animal Birth Control Facility having hygienic Operation theatre, Post-operative care areas, quarantine and isolation kennels, store rooms, kitchen etc
- Equipment for sterilization of surgical materials like Autoclave, Operation Tables (OT), OT Lights, power backup, surgical instruments etc.
- Ambulances (Modified multi utility vehicles, fitted with cages)
- Implementing Agency (Recognized Animal Welfare Organization having Veterinarians, animal handlers, catchers, drivers, paravets and also the above facilities

3. As per the Rules and the Directions of the Apex Court, the Local Authority/State Government is expected to provide the Infrastructure, equipment and ambulances. An implementing agency, which is an Animal Welfare Organisation registered with AWBI,

with experience and training may be engaged to carry out the program. (Criteria for selection of the agency have been laid down by the Animal Welfare Board of India and are attached). Giving out a tender to any person other than a Recognized Animal Welfare Organisation will be a violation of law.

4. As the Chairperson of the District SPCA you are requested to please issue necessary directions to ensure the following:

i) The implementing agency should have the trained personnel. In this regard, the ABC program being run by Nagar Nigam Dehradun/Government of Uttarakhand (Nodal Officer Dr Ashutosh Joshi - 9997517373), and Nagar Nigam Lucknow/Government of Uttar Pradesh (Nodal Officer Dr Arvind K.Rao - 9415244663) are considered models in India. Animal Welfare Organizations applying for conducting the program should have obtained/may be asked to obtain training at any of these centers if they are not adequately trained.

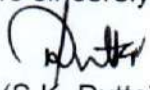
ii) While engaging the implementing agency through competitive bidding, it is advisable that utmost importance and priority should be given on the Technical criteria rather than the financial for selection of an implementation agency. The technical criteria has been prescribed in the ABC module. The cost of carrying out the ABC programme may be decided in the State level ABC committee.

iii) Each Local Authority must constitute an ABC Monitoring Committee as per the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules 2001, and monitor the program to ensure that there is no cruelty during catching, surgery, post-operative care and release of the dog are happening.

4. No local body must involve any agency/individual/veterinarian/organization other than an Animal Welfare Organization Recognized by the Animal Welfare Board of India, for conducting Animal Birth Control program. The detailed module for the ABC programme is available at [http://awbi.in/awbi-pdf/revise\\_d\\_abc\\_module.pdf](http://awbi.in/awbi-pdf/revise_d_abc_module.pdf)

5. The Animal Welfare Board of India is appointing a state monitoring team for this programme. They will be coming to your district to inspect the facilities and checking the working of the programme.

Yours sincerely,

  
(S.K. Dutta)  
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To

All the District Magistrate of all the Districts,

**CORRIGENDUM**

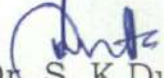
**Subject: To properly systematic and effective implementation of the Animal Birth Control(ABC) Programme as per the Rules and the direction of the Apex Court. – regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

With reference to our letter No. 24-2/2020-21/ABC dated 18.08.2020 regarding to properly systematic and effective implementation of the Animal Birth Control(ABC) Programme as per the Animal Birth Control (Dos) Rules 2001 and the direction of the Apex Court.

It is submitted that, in the above mentioned letter in para 4. words “any agency/individual/veterinarian/organisation” shall be replaced with “any agency/organisation”

Yours Sincerely

  
(Dr. S. K Dutta)  
Secretary

Copy to: -

1. Chairman, AWBI.



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Date: 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

To

1. All District Collectors / District Magistrates
2. Commissioners, Municipal Corporations

**Subject: Permission for Animal Birth Control / Anti Rabies Vaccination (ABC/AR) Programme to AWBI recognized AWOs / NGOs - regarding.**

Sir / Madam,

With reference to the above mentioned subject, it is stated that earlier the Board had informed the Animal Welfare Organizations (AWOs) to obtain re-recognition for carrying out ABC/AR program and invited applications from the recognized NGOs / AWOs for getting themselves re-recognized with AWBI for ABC but no organization has so far been get re-recognized.

Further, it is stated that all the AWOs recognized by Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) are not eligible for carrying out the ABC/AR programme as these AWOs are not having sufficient infrastructure / experience / expertise for carrying out ABC/AR programmes and such operations are leading to cruelty to the animals. Hence, it has been informed that all the AWOs have to obtain the separate permission for the purpose of carrying out ABC/AR programme.

It has been brought to the notice of the AWBI that various AWOs / NGOs are involving in carrying out the ABC / AR programme through tenders from the local bodies and such operations are resulting in cruelties to the operated street dogs.

It is mentioned that ABC programme is a specialized activity for which the organization need infrastructure, specialized veterinarian, para veterinarian etc. which needs to be verified before recognizing such organization. Further, entrusting AWO without the recognition of AWBI is violation of ABC (Dog) Rules, 2001.

In such circumstance, all the District Collectors / District Magistrates / Deputy Commissioners, Municipal Corporations are hereby requested 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 program is being carried out by the competent AWOs / NGOs and the cruelty to street dogs could be stopped. You may contact AWBI for further information in this regard through email ([animalwelfareboard@gmail.com](mailto:animalwelfareboard@gmail.com)).

This issue with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. S.K. Dutta)  
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### CIRCULAR

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

To

All Recognized AWOs (Except Gaushalas)

**Subject: Permission for Animal Birth Control / Anti Rabies Vaccination (ABC/AR) Programme - regarding.**

Sir / Madam,

With reference to the above mentioned subject, it is stated that earlier the Board had informed the Animal Welfare Organizations (AWOs) to obtain re-recognition for carrying out ABC/AR program and invited applications from the recognized NGOs / AWOs for getting themselves re-recognized with AWBI for ABC but no organization has so far been get re-recognized.

Further, it is stated that all the AWOs recognized by Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) are not eligible for carrying out the ABC/AR programme as these AWOs are not having sufficient infrastructure / experience / expertise for carrying out ABC/AR programmes and such operations are leading to cruelty to the animals.

Hence, it is further informed that all the AWOs have to obtain the separate permission for the purpose of carrying out ABC/AR programme providing detailed infrastructure for carrying out the ABC/AR programme followed by on spot inspection.

In view of the above, all the AWBI recognized AWOs / NGOs (except gaushalas) who are willing to carry out the ABC/AR programme are requested to obtain permission from the Animal Welfare Board of India for carrying out ABC/AR programme. AWOs / NGOs shall not be allowed either to participate in the tenders or carry out ABC/AR programme without the specific permission of the AWBI throughout the country. The application format for getting AWBI permission from the AWBI for carrying out ABC/AR programme is enclosed herewith.

Carrying out the ABC/AR programme without specific permission/recognition from AWBI, the AWBI may withdraw the existing recognition of AWO on the complaints received against such AWO.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary

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