



## ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

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To,

**All the Chief Secretaries of States/Union Territories,**

**Subject: Request to ensure proper implementation of AWBI Advisories / circulars issued to prevent unnecessary pain and suffering to animals amid COVID-19 pandemic -reg.**

Sir,

I am to inform that the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) is in receipt of various complaints from all over the Country that the AWBI advisories dated 01.06.2020 and several other advisories/circulars issued to ensure the well-being of the animals as well as the people showing compassion to the animals during this pandemic, are not followed.

2. In this regard, the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay in PIL. No. 30 of 2020 has directed the authorities to implement necessary guidelines so as to enable the pet owners to walk their pets for mandatory exercise and to attend the nature's call, to keep the veterinary services available at all times and to allow the animal feeders to timely feed the stray animals. The said PIL came to be disposed of in view of the fact that the Animal Welfare Board of India had issued a Circular dated 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 laying down the guidelines to be followed by all pet owners for walking their pets and to prevent the cruelty to the animals. The Animal Husbandry Department of Government of Maharashtra adopted the said guidelines and had issued a Memo dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to the Collector/President of District Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animal calling them to comply with the guidelines issued by the Animal Welfare Board of India and Maharashtra State Animal Welfare Board.

3. It is also submitted that apart from the aforementioned guidelines, the AWBI also issued several advisories, crucial from time to time to ensure that the animals are taken care of and they do not suffer any unnecessary pain or due to lockdown and pandemic. The advisories and circular issued by AWBI are as follows: -

- a) The AWBI Circular dated 27.02.2020, requesting the Commissioner of all the Municipal Corporation of States/UT's to take action against the animal's owner who are letting their cattle on the road for straying an infliction cruelty to those animals.
- b) The AWBI Circular dated 11.03.2020 to the all the chief secretaries of the states and UT's dated to ensure that people not leave their pets and stray animals without proper

food, water and not to inflicted any unnecessary pain/suffering to animals amid Covid-19;

- c) The AWBI Circular dated 23.03.2020 to the all the Chief Secretaries of the States to keep feed and fodder of large animals, and food for companion and stray animals and requested the States for the same to be kept operational.;
- d) The AWBI Circular dated 24.03.2020 to all the chief secretaries of the states and UT's that they with help State Animal Welfare board to evacuate all the animal strangled in pet shops or animal breeder facilities without proper food, water, temperature control and care with help of SPCA or District Administration. The SPCA's and District Authorities were also advised to search for any such of animals strangled in local pet shops and to rescue and evacuate them immediately.
- e) The AWBI Circular dated 07.04.2020 all the Chief Secretaries of the States / UT's requesting interstate movement and supply of animal feed/fodder to Gaushalas, Pinjrapoles and Shelter houses to feed their animals.
- f) The AWBI Circular dated 01.06.2020 all the Chief Secretaries of the States / UT's, to allow pet owner to take their pet out for nature class and walk/exercise alongwith guidelines for stray dog feeders and pet owners amid Covid-19.

4. Therefore, in view of the above, it is requested that a direction may be issued from your Good Office to the local Administration stating that the Advisories of the AWBI are properly implemented. All the advisories are available in the website of AWBI ([www.awbi.in](http://www.awbi.in))

Yours Sincerely



(Dr. S. K Dutta)  
Secretary

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