

ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA
(Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. Of India)
CHENNAI - 41

Guidelines for Board's Recognition to Animal Welfare Organizations (AWOs) and Societies for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCAs)

Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI), a statutory and advisory body under the Ministry of Environment & Forests is the country's apex institution for promoting welfare of animals with the help of AWBI recognized AWOs /NGOs/SPCAs, Gaushalas etc. AWBI is Govt. of India's only funding agency for promotion of animal welfare initiatives. AWBI provides financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid to Animal Welfare Organizations (AWOs) registered under the Indian Societies Act.1860 or Indian Trust Act, Co-operative Societies Act, Gaushala Act, Goseva Ayog Act as charitable non- profit making organizations which have been recognized by AWBI.

AWBI recognition is given to the registered charitable non-profit organizations who work primarily for the welfare of animals including Gaushalas / Panjrapoles and who have completed one year after registration in the State. Desirous AWOs / NGOs / Gaushalas can apply for recognition for promoting animal welfare schemes and after due inspection by the designated Government agencies of the concerned State Government/ State Animal Welfare Boards, application are processed for recognition.

Terms and Conditions for consideration of application for Recognition

1. Application in the prescribed format should be filled completely. It should contain all Annexures I to IV as enclosed. Any incomplete application or without Annexures will not be processed further.
2. Registration and Application Fees of Rs.1,100/- in the form of Demand Draft in favour of "Animal Welfare Board of India", payable Chennai shall be sent. (Mention name & address of organization on backside of draft)
3. Verification Certificate for number of animals sheltered in the shelter as on date, number of animals rescued, treated in the dispensary/mobile Clinic/camps and cruelty cases booked/legal cases filed if any during the previous year, to be verified by a Government Veterinary Officer of Animal Husbandry Department (not below the rank of District Animal Husbandry Officer) on the Govt. letterhead duly signed and sealed with his name, address, telephone numbers, as per **Annexure-I**.
4. Details of Bank Account in the prescribed format for easy/quick transfer of funds through Electronic Clearing System, duly verified by your Bank as per **Annexure-II**.



5. An Undertaking as prescribed in **Annexure -III** should be furnished on Rs.10/- Non-Judicial Stamp Paper along with application.
6. Existence Certificate regarding address and activity of the organization by local body i.e. Panchayat/Village/Municipality/Corporation or Revenue Department on the Govt. letterhead duly signed and sealed with his name, address, telephone number as per **Annexure - IV**.
7. A copy of the Registration Certificate issued by the Societies Registration Act/Indian Trust Act, Co-operative Societies Act, Gaushala Act, Gauseva Ayog Act etc. in respect of your organization duly attested by Notary Public, (Translated in English/Hindi if the Certificate is in regional language & Notarised).
8. A copy of the Constitution, registered Trust Deed, bylaws, Memorandum of your organization (Animal welfare activities should be highlighted in the objective clause) duly attested by Govt. Gazetted Officer or Notary Public. (Translated in English/Hindi, if the document is in Regional language & Notarised).
9. A copy of the resolution by management executive seeking renewal of recognition from the Board, (Translated in English/Hindi, if the document is in Regional language & Notarised)
10. Audited Accounts and Balance Sheet, Activity Report, Annual Report of the Organization along with press clippings if any for the last three years. In case of newly started organization, last one year documents are to be submitted.
11. The organizations who have spent over 75% of the total expenditure on animal welfare activities and having animal welfare as one of the primary aims and objectives only will be considered as "Animal Welfare Organizations having Animal Welfare as its primary objective" and will be considered for recognition. Ensure that the organization is carrying on Animal Welfare activities mainly.
12. Recognition would be granted only to those organizations who are doing animal welfare activities genuinely and would be prohibited to those who are indulging in other activities which are commercial, anti-animal or which contravenes with animal welfare policy of the Board and camouflages it by service propaganda or papers or slogans only.
13. The Recognition to the organization will be considered only after receipt of all required documents in order, application fees and inspection report from the Government agencies nominated by the Board.

14. The AWBI will on the basis of recommendation in the Inspection Report consider to accord the recognition and may indicate the name of its representative who will attend the meetings of the organizations.
15. Ensure that notice of the meetings are sent to the address of the representative of the AWBI inviting him to attend the Managing Committee Meetings.
16. Ensure that the Minutes of the Managing Committee Meetings are sent to the representative of the AWBI and AWBI office directly.
17. The Recognition will be granted for a period of three years and may be renewed once in three years subject to the satisfactory report on animal welfare activities conducted by the organization.
18. The organizations so recognized and sheltered animals in their shelter are eligible for Initial Grant of Rs.10,000/- after they complete 3 years of their Registration as charitable non-profit organizations and provide their audited accounts for three years.
19. The Societies for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) is to be established as per the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Establishment and Regulation of Societies for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) Rules, 2001 and apply for recognition with copy of Notification issued by the competent authority.
20. The Board or the Executive Committee/Competent Authority would have general power to grant or refuse recognition inspite of the above general guidelines in exceptional cases by giving reasons and the above guidelines are not rules nor they are mandatory nor they are justifiable and no organization can claim them as rights.

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