

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY DEPARTMENT
DISPUR : : : : : GUWAHATI-6

No.VFV.587/2017/72

Dated Dispur the 26th May' 2020

From : Shri Robinson Mochahari, IAS,
Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department
Assam Secretariat, Dispur, Guwahati-6.

To:

- (1) Deputy Commissioner
.....(All)
- (2) Commissioner of Police, Guwahati
- (3) Superintendent of Police
.....(All)

Sub : Implementation of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Dog Breeding and Marketing Rules, 2018 framed under Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960 and ban on opening/reopening of unregistered pet shops/dog breeding establishments after Covid-19 lockdown restriction.

Ref: 1. Animal welfare Board of India (AWBI) Letter No.9-16/2019-20/PCA dated 01/05/2020
2. Peoples For animal (PFA) Letter dated 08/-05/2020

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware that as per the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal (Pet Shops) Rules, 2018 and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal (Dog Breeding and Marketing) Rules, 2017, every pet shop and dog breeding establishment are required to be registered with State Animal Welfare Board, otherwise such pet shops and dog breeding establishments are to be disallowed. The implementation of these rules is the responsibility of State Animal Welfare Board and District Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCAs).

2. Animal Welfare Board of India, during the lockdown, vide Letter No. 09-16/2019-20/PCA dated 24/03/2020 has requested the Law enforcing authorities to ensure for evacuation of animals stranded in pets shops and other commercial pet trade establishments which were likely to die without food, water, etc.

3. Further the Animal Welfare Board of India, vide circular dated 01/05/2020 has requested State Animal Welfare Boards to ensure that after the lockdown restriction, the pet shops and dog breeding establishments must be registered and reopen only after registration with the State Animal Welfare Board.

4. District SPCAs are already in place in Assam which are being chaired by the Deputy Commissioners of the respective Districts. Assam (state) Animal Welfare Board is also in place since 2009 and is likely to be made functional shortly.

Therefore, in compliance of the existing rules and directions of the Govt. of India, I am directed to request you not to allow opening/re-opening of pet shops/dog breeding establishments in your District unless get registered with the State Animal welfare Board/Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department.

Sd/-(Secretary to the Govt. of Assam),
A.H. & Vety. Deptt. Dispur, Guwahati-6.

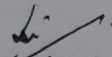
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Copy to:-

1. The Secretary, Animal Welfare Board of India, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Govt. of India, Deptt. of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, NAIW campus,42 Mile stone, Delhi Agra Highway NH-2, Ballabgarh, Haryana-121004 for kind information.
2. P. S. to Principal Secretary , BTAD for kind appraisal of Principal Secretary.
3. P. S. to Principal Secretary , Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, for kind appraisal.
4. P. S. to Principal Secretary , Dima Hasao Autonomous Council, for kind appraisal
5. Ms. Gauri Maulekhi, Trustee, People For Animals, 4-T, DCM Building,16 Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-110001 for kind information.
6. Advocate Samridh Shastry Office of Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, Peoples For Animals, 14, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001 for information.
7. P.S to the Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam, A.H. & Veterinary Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for kind information .
8. The Director General of Police, Assam, Ulubari, Guwahati-7 for information & necessary action.
9. The Director, A.H. & Vety. Deptt., Assam, Chenikuthi, Ghy-3 for information & necessary action.
10. The Director, A.H. & Vety. Deptt., BTC, Kokrajhar for information and necessary action.
11. The Joint Director, A.H. & Vety. Deptt.,Zone for information and necessary action.
12. The District A.H. & Veterinary Officer,..... for information and necessary action.

He is requested to follow up the matter.


Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
A.H. & Vety. Deptt. Dispur, Guwahati-6.