

Government of Punjab,  
Department of Local Government ,  
(General Branch)  
ORDER

Comprehensive Scheme for Controlling dog population in compliance of the order of Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court passed on 31-10-2012 in CWP No. 9902 of 2012 –Kuljit Singh Bedi Vs. State of Punjab and others.

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In Compliance of the order of Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court at Chandigarh passed on 31-10-2012 in CWP No. 9902 of 2012 titled as Kuljit Singh Bedi v/s State of Punjab and others and in pursuance of the Punjab Municipal (Registration and Proper Control of Stray Animals) Bye Laws. 2006, The following comprehensive scheme is framed to control stray dogs in municipal areas of the State of Punjab.

1. Registered Society in every Corporation /Municipal Council / Nagar Panchayat :-

That a Society for <sup>S</sup>Stray Canine Birth Control (SSCBC) shall be registered under the Society's Registration Act 1860 under the Chairmanship of the Commissioner in case of Corporation/ Deputy Commissioner in case of Councils at District Head Quarters/Sub Divisional Officer(Civil) in case of the Municipal Council /Nagar Panchayat and supported by a representative of the Public Health Department, a Veterinary doctor representative of the District Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals , at least two representatives from The Animal Welfare Organizations, operating within the local authority, Deputy Director of Veterinary Department and Executive Officer/Secretary of the Corporation/Municipal Council/Nagar Panchayat as Member Secretary. The Society shall carry out the functions given in clause 5 of the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001 and provide a common platform between various Govt. agencies to work together in synchronization to put coordinated and concerted efforts to strengthen the sterilization and anti rabies immunization of stray dogs to control their population, thereby decreasing the incidence of deadly disease such as Rabies.

2. Society for prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SCPA) to be made functional :-

That SPCAs at the District Headquarters are already created under the control of Deputy Commissioner of the concerned District . All the SPCAs shall be made functional and active.

3. Sterilization of Stray dogs :-

That sterilization of dogs will be undertaken through dog catching staff of Corporations/Municipal Committee/Nagar panchayat (Their own staff of private contractor) and deporting them for dog sterilization and immunization against Rabies . The Corporation / Council/ Nagar Panchayat shall arrange dog vans with ramps for the capture and transportation of stray dogs along with one driver and two trained dog catchers. Training shall be provided to the dog catchers by the concerned authority to ensure that the dogs are caught taking all precautions and using humane methods such as those prescribed under the provisions of Prevention of Cruelty( Capture of Animals) Rules 1979 and Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules 2001 . The dog sterilization centres shall be set up at the hospitals being run by Animal Husbandry Department Punjab or on the Corporation/ Municipal Council/ Nagar Panchayat land. All the expenses for setting up the infrastructure will be borne by the concerned urban local bodies including a minor OT, office room, store and kennels for post-operative management of dogs. Technical inputs will be provided by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Punjab which will include Veterinarians to operate the dogs and para Veterinarians for feeding and post-operative management of sterilized dogs. After sterilization and immunization , the dogs will be kept in the kennels for post-operative care, feeding and management for the required period till the dog is fit for release. After attaining fitness the dogs will be released by the Corporation/Municipal Council / Nagar Panchayat ( their own staff or private contractor) in the same area or locality from where they were captured. The genital organs of sterilized dogs are to be preserved in formalin solution by the implementing agency ( Animal Husbandry Department of Punjab). The Society for Stray Canine Birth Control shall supervise and check the whole programme. An inspection team comprising officers of the Society shall

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make regular inspection for verification and counting of genital organs of dogs sterilized by the Animal Husbandry Department of Punjab . On the basis of number of genital organs counted during inspection, the corporation/ Municipal Council/Nagar Panchayat shall release the payment to the Animal Husbandry Department of Punjab. During the above given procedure, it is to be ensured that the provisions of Animal Birth Control ( Dogs) Rules 2001 and Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act are adhered to without any exception.

4. **Survey of stray dog population :-**

That a Survey of stray dog population be conducted in the Corporations /Municipal Councils / Nagar Panchayat and financial implication / budget requirements shall be calculated.

5. **Facilities available in the Animal Husbandry Department,, Punjab:-**

That the Animal Husbandry Department Punjab shall be asked to provide the details of infrastructure presently available with it for the purpose of sterilization and immunization of stray dogs so that budget requirements may be accordingly calculated.

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Secretary to Government Punjab,  
Department of Local Government.

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A copy is forwarded to the following with the directions to ensure the implementation of the above said comprehensive scheme for controlling dog population in the municipal areas in the State of Punjab.

1. All the municipal Commissioner, corporations in the State of Punjab.
2. All the Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies in the State of Punjab.
3. All the Deputy Commissioner in the State of Punjab.
4. All the Executive officers, Municipal Councils /Nagar Panchayat in the State of Punjab.

  
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