



## **ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA**

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To,

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

**Subject: Implementation of Animal Birth Control Programme – regarding.**

Ref: F.No. 24-2/2020-21/ABC dated 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2020

Ref: AWBI's letter dated 25.02.2021 regarding Permission for Animal Birth Control.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above cited subject, it is stated that sterilization and vaccination of street dogs are conducted in compliance with the Animal Birth Control Rules 2001 promulgated under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960 and the directions given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Further, it is pertinent to mention that as per constitution arrangement, the municipal corporation, local bodies are solely responsible for controlling of stray animals, thus, Animal Birth Control Programme should essentially be implemented by themselves.

2. The Animal Birth Control programme (hereinafter referred to as "ABC") is required to be conducted by specialised implementing agencies having adequate technical knowledge which must be duly registered with the Animal Welfare Board of India. The Local Authorities may provide infrastructure including transportation vehicles and also reimburse the implementing agency for each successful surgery.

3. It is stated that for effective implementation of the ABC Programme, it is important that implementation is meticulously monitored and progress is verified regularly. Accordingly, State Animal Birth Control Monitoring Committees should be formed in each State and Union Territory, under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, Urban Development Department, in accordance with the *Revised Module for Dog Population Management, Rabies Eradication, Reducing Man Animal Conflict*. Also, an ABC Monitoring Committees shall be formed by the Local Bodies as per the Rules.

4. The effectiveness of a successful ABC Programme can only be determined based on the proper monitoring and verification of the standardised protocol, as well as proper preservation of the male/female reproductive organs by the implementing agency after conducting the spay/neuter surgeries. However, it has come to the knowledge of the Board that in some of the ABC programmes, the implementing agencies are recycling organs from surgeries done in order to



misrepresent the number of birth control operations conducted by them. Therefore, it is most crucial that the Monitoring Committee must verify the organs to find out the exact no. of successful surgeries for which the payment is to be made to the implementing agency.

5. Thus, in view of the foregoing, the following are the protocol that should be adhered to for the purpose of verification of the number of the surgeries conducted by the implementation agency under ABC programme within the jurisdiction of each Local Authority:


The reproductive organs removed from male and female dogs shall be preserved in 10% Formaldehyde at the ABC Centre.

- i). The organs shall be counted weekly / fortnightly / monthly or as often as decided by the Local ABC Monitoring Committee based on the frequency of the organ disposal system, by an Organ Inspection Team comprising of the following:
  - a) Chief Veterinary Officer or any Veterinary Officer authorised by him
  - b) Project In-Charge Veterinary Officer of the Local Authority
  - c) Representative of the State Animal Welfare Board/SPCA

Provided that the Animal Welfare Organisation which is conducting the ABC program shall not be made part of the Organ Inspection Team.

- ii). The organs for each day shall be kept in a separate plastic box, marked and numbered with the date, for verification.
- iii). The Organ Inspection Team shall count all the organs and verify the Progress Report of the Implementing Agency for the period in question.
- iv). The counted organs shall be immediately destroyed in the presence of the Organ Inspection Team, by spraying of Gentian Violet Dye and deep burial. The process of dying and burying the organs shall be video recorded and photographed with the date and time stamp.
- v). The State ABC Monitoring Committee shall conduct surprise inspection at least once every year in each ABC Centre to ensure adherence to these protocols and to conduct inquiry in case of reports of non-compliance.

Yours Sincerely,

  
(Dr. S. K. Dutta)  
Secretary