



ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

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To,

1. All the Chief Secretaries of States and UT's.
2. All the Compassionate Citizens, Animal Owners and Care takers.

Subject: Request for provide temporary shelter and safeguarding Stray Animals during the Monsoon Season-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) is a Statutory Body established under Section 4 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960, with the primary mandate of promoting animal welfare and preventing unnecessary pain or suffering inflicted upon animals. As an advisory board to the Government on matters pertaining to animal protection, issuing circulars and guidelines to safeguard animal welfare falls well within our statutory powers as prescribed under applicable law.

2. In this regard, it is requested to ensure the safety and well-being of stray animals. It requires all citizens, animal welfare organizations, and local authorities to take proactive steps to protect stray animals from the adverse effects of heavy rains, floods, and related challenges. Some essential steps that individuals can take to help safeguard animals are as under :

- i. **Temporary Shelters:**-Making temporary shelters out of bamboo/stray leave or trampoline sheets at a dry place which is higher than ground level, well-ventilated, and at safe locations where stray animals can find shelter during heavy rains or flood like situations. The same should be allocated away from pathways, parks or places where children's or elderly people are frequently used, as well as staircases and parking lots where animals are more prone to accidents.
 - ii. **Clean Water:** Provide clean drinking water in containers that are stable and not easily tipped over preferably in metal bowls with large mouth.
 - iii. **Emergency Veterinary Services:** Coordinate with local veterinary services to ensure quick response and treatment for sick or injured animals.
 - iv. **Community Participation and Volunteer Programs:** Encourage local volunteers to participate in sheltering, and monitoring the health of stray animals. Also, encourage community members to allow stray animals to take shelter in their porches, garages, or any other covered space, if available.
 - v. **Drainage, Water and waste Management:** Ensure proper drainage systems to prevent water logging, which can pose a threat to stray animals. Also, encourage proper disposal of waste to prevent contamination of food and water sources for stray animals.
3. Further, the State Animal Welfare Board, SPCA, Animal welfare organization,

District Administration and Compassionate citizen should work towards raising community awareness and involvement in taking care of community animals. All concern should take necessary steps for conducting public awareness campaigns to educate the public about the needs of community animals, utilizing social media, posters, and community meetings. Also, volunteers may coordinate with local authorities for effective action. They should work closely with local municipal bodies, Disaster management authorities, and other relevant organizations to protect communities animals.

4. In view of the foregoing, the AWBI urges to act with compassion and responsibility towards stray animals, especially during the challenges in monsoon season. Also, the concern departments are requested to issue necessary direction and ensure proper implementation so that there is no unnecessary pain or suffering to the animals during monsoon season.

5. In addition to the above, it is informed that all the advisories and circular of the AWBI are available on the website of AWBI (www.awbi.gov.in). Your Co-operation and Co-ordination are highly solicited for the welfare of the Animals.

Yours Sincerely

Signed by

Sujit Kumar Dutta

(Dr. S. K. Dutta)
Secretary

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2. All the Director General of Police of all the States/UT's.
3. All the Municipal Computation of all the States/UTs
4. Director, Animal Husbandry Department of all State/UTs.
5. Member Secretary, State Animal Welfare Boards of all States/UTs
6. The Chairman, AWBI.