Animal Husbandry Minister & Chairman  
Karnataka State Animal Welfare Board  
Govt. of Karnataka  
Bengaluru

Kind Attn: Sri Prabhu Chauhan

Reg: Taking Care of speechless Animals during Kovid 19 Lock down days

While WHO & ICMR has confirmed there is no evidence that Covid19 is transmitted from pet animals, yet we are a lot of uninformed behavior, cruelty and pressure on people with pets. We urge general population NOT to harass caretakers, pet owners or encourage them to abandon dogs - it also makes them guilty of a abetting commitment of crime as below:

Apart from Wild life there are animals in Animal Shelters, Pet Animals. Stray animals & Dairying Animals.

Due to Lock down for 21 days or more, certainly some guidelines are needed to solve difficulties in coordinating humane & human and between different govt offices in achieving goals of critical care, accidents, trauma, feeding , and logistics for animals and healthcare workers.

Ministry of AHD&F & its Animal Welfare Board of India has also issued guidelines as attached

State Animal Welfare Board shall intervene to answer many questions like

1. Can I get food for my dog?
2. Are shelters continuing to function?
3. Will trauma cases be handled?
4. Is the vet hospital is open?
5. Can I take my dog for a walk?
6. Is there a number I can call for any doubt
7. Can My Landlord insist I should get rid of my per because of Corvid fear?
8. With the neutering and vaccination Street docs continue?
9. Who do I report a cruelty case to?
10. Who is my Zonal Animal officer for any animal related issues?

We understand that Animal Husbandry Department is cautious about the unprecedented problem and already declared Animal Husbandry & Vet. Services as Essential Services .

Above will result in activating thousands of Veterinary Doctors, Hospitals, Vet. Dispensaries. Apart from above following suggestions are for your kind consideration

1. Fodder movement shall be monitored with necessary permissions to supply Dry & Green fodder to Animal Shelters.& Dairies.
2. Veterinary Medicine & nutrient shops shall be permitted to open, may be with restricted Hours in a day.
3. Bona fide Animal Carrying vehicles towards Vet. Hospitals shall be permitted
4. Animal Feeders shall be permitted to feed in restricted morning & evening hours.
5. Department Helpline No. 1800 4250012/080-23417100 &Whats app No. 827789466 shall be made available for 24 hours in stead of 7 AM till 9 PM with regular reporting & Action
6. All Civic bodies, Zilla Panchat;s, Police etc Departments shall be suitably coordinated for issuance of required Passes/permission
7. All District SPCA's shall be motivated to monitor the animal related complaints & Services.
8. All recognized Animal Shelters, Animal Welfare Organizations shall be motivated with may be area allocation to serve starving & ill animals.
9. State Animal Welfare Board meeting shall be convened as an essential service in person or by circulation.

10. Any other Action as deemed fit by the Government to serve the Creation of God. We are sure that we will be able to serve our livestock in such crucial national Calamity.

Copy with request to
Secretary,
Commissioner &
Director AH& VS & Member Secretary KSAWB
Members KSAWB, Govt. of Karnataka

With regards
Dr SK Mittal

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No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi-110001
Dated 25th March, 2020

ORDER

In continuation of Ministry of Home Affairs's Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) Dated 24th March, 2020 and in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(I) of the Disaster Management Act, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, hereby issues an Addendum to guidelines, as Annexed to the said Order issued to Ministries/Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/Union Territory Authorities with the directions for their strict implementation.

To

1. The Secretaries of Ministries/Departments of Government of India
2. The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories
   (As per list attached)

Copy to:
   i. All members of the National Executive Committee.
   ii. Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority.
No. 40-3/2020-DM I (A)  
Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs  

Subject: Addendum to Guidelines annexed to the Ministry of Home Affairs  
Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 24.03.2020  

A. Addition in exemption to Clause 1:  
- Term treasury includes Pay & Accounts Offices, Financial Advisers and field offices of the Controller General of Accounts, with bare minimum staff.  
- Customs clearance at ports/airports/land border, GSTN, and MCA 21 Registry, with bare minimum staff.  
- Reserve Bank of India and RBI regulated financial markets and entities like NPCI, CCIL, payment system operators and standalone primary dealers, with bare minimum staff.  

B. Under sub clause (b) to clause 2, term treasury include, field offices of the Accountant General, with bare minimum staff.  

C. Addition of sub clause (e), (f) & (g) in exceptions to clause 2:  
- e. Resident Commissioner of States, in New Delhi with bare minimum staff, for coordinating Covid-19 related activities and internal kitchen operations.  
- f. Forest offices Staff/ workers required to operate and maintain zoo, nurseries, wildlife, fire fighting in forests, watering plantations, patrolling and their necessary transport movement.  
- g. Social Welfare Department, with bare minimum staff, for operations of Homes for children/ disabled/ senior citizens/ destitute/ women/ widows, Observation homes, and pensions.  

D. Clause 3 includes veterinary hospitals; pharmacies (including Jan Aushadhi Kendra) and Pharmaceutical research labs.  

E. Sub-clause (b) to Clause 4 includes IT Vendor for banking operations, Banking Correspondent and ATM operation and cash management agencies.  

F. Sub-clause (a) to Clause 4 includes shops for seeds and pesticides.  

G. Addition of sub clause (h) to Clause 4:  
- h. Data and call Centre for Government activities only.  

H. Sub-clause (a) to clause 5 to read as:  
- a. Manufacturing units of essential goods, including drugs, pharmaceutical, medical devices, their raw material & intermediates.  

I. Addition of sub clause (c) & (d) to Clause 5:  
- c. Coal and mineral production, transportation, supply of explosives and activities incidental to mining operations.  
- d. Manufacturing units of packaging material for food items, drugs, pharmaceutical and medical devices.  

J. Addition of sub clause (c) & (d) to Clause Sub clause 6:  
- b. Inter-state movement of goods/cargo for inland and exports.  

K. Addition of sub clause (c) in exceptions to clause 6:  
- c. Cross land border movement of essential goods including petroleum products and LPG, food products, medical supplies.
D.O No. K-13013(15)/18/2020-LH

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may be aware, due to the ongoing steps to control and contain the COVID-19 pandemic, many states have gone for complete lockdown to check spread of the virus. It is necessary to ensure continuous emergency services in the animal husbandry and veterinary sector, especially in emergent animal health situations. These may include, but are not restricted to, emergency services like disease diagnosis and treatment, monitoring of any emergency livestock and poultry diseases, immediate disease reporting, etc.

Accordingly, it is requested that veterinary hospitals and dispensaries in the state, including private veterinary clinics, veterinary pathologies, animal shelters etc. function in the normal course and the veterinary services be considered in the list of 'Essential Services'.

However, veterinarians and related officials should ensure strict personal hygiene and avoid public gathering.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Upamanyu Basu)

Chief Secretary of All States and UTs.

Copy to:

Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretaries of Animal Husbandry for All States and Union Territories
No. 9-16/2019-20/PCA

Dated, 23.03.2020

To All the Chief Secretaries of all states and UTs

Sir/ Madam

As you may be aware due to ongoing control and containment of COVID 19 pandemic many States have gone for complete locked down to stop spreading of virus.  

2. I would like to draw your kind attention that feed and fodder for large animals and food for companion and stray animals is an essential service and may be kept operational during lock downs. District Administration may, if need be, allot specific time during the morning and evening hours for individuals/volunteers to provide food and water for street animals and birds. This is a valuable service consistently provided by compassionate individuals and the absence of it may cause a large number of animals and birds to suffer and die and carcasses of the dead animals and birds may further spread different diseases amongst community which will be difficult to control.

3. It is requested to kindly issue necessary direction to all concerned authorities to create awareness amongst the public to take care of stray animals during the lock down due to COVID-19. The law enforcement authorities may also be directed to see that the animals and birds do not suffer due to hunger. A copy of the direction issued in this regard may also be forwarded to the board for information.

Kindly treat the matter as MOST URGENT

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. O.P. Chaudhary)
Chairman

To all the Municipal Corporations