

Animal Welfare Board of India

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To
The Chief Secretary of all the States
The Member Secretary, State Animal Welfare Board of
All the States (Animal Husbandry Department)
The Director, Animal Husbandry Department
All Recognised Animal Welfare Organisations
All Hon'y. Animal Welfare Education Officers
All Goshala Trainers
All Master Trainers

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Celebration of Animal Welfare Fortnight 2017 - Reg.

The Animal Welfare Fortnight, 2017 will be celebrated throughout the country from 14th January, 2017 to 30th January, 2017 in a grand manner. In this regard, I am directed to inform you that the Animal Welfare Fortnight 2017 shall be celebrated so that the animal welfare issues are highlighted and addressed and more and more people are motivated to join the Animal Welfare Movement.

The following activities are suggested to the AWOs / concerned people for implementation during the Animal Welfare Fortnight:

- a. To start training for Goshala personnel to utilise full potential of cow dung and urine for production of bio-gas, vermicompost, bio-pesticides, organic soaps, agarbattis and panchgavya medicines towards self sustenance and generate employment.
- b. To arrange Animal Birth Control (ABC)/Anti Rabies (AR) programme in your town for controlling of stray dog population and rabies to interact with the local bodies for support and co-ordination to make ABC/AR project a grand success.
- c. To rescue sick animals in your locality, take them to a Veterinary Doctor. To announce a campaign called *adopt a homeless pet* and set the first example by taking a pet (stray dog/cat) from the streets to your own home to achieve the goal of not having ownerless animals.
- d. To *start an animal shelter* or goshala and get a Veterinary Doctor to treat the animals. To feed and look after them and try and provide them homes.
- e. To *make copies of the animal laws* pamphlet: translate it into the local language and then give it to the Police and enforcing authorities and to as many people so that awareness about Animal Welfare laws is spread over. To organise a Police Training Camp on the occasion by getting a police officer and a lawyer to address all the SHOs of the city on the animal protection laws.
- f. To *give grain and water to the birds*. Distribute earthen bowls in various neighborhoods so that people are encouraged to put out food and water to the birds.
- g. To teach people basic vet. first aid. *Hold a first aid class* and show children what to do when they come across an animal in trouble.
- h. To plant large numbers of bird friendly trees like jamun, neem, shehtoot, bargat, peepal, semal so that birds have some place to eat and nest in.
- i. To *start an anti-plastic bag* campaign and ask people not to throw away edible leftovers tied up in plastic bags as many animals, including cows, eat the plastic bags and die. To see if any private company can sponsor small cloth bags which can be distributed free in markets.

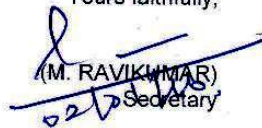
- j. There are many horses and donkeys that need medical help. To organise a treatment camp where a majority of the animals operate. To offer food and medicine for the animals turn this into a regular weekly or fortnightly exercise.
- k. It is important to ensure that schools be advised to avoid dissection of animals. There are alternatives to dissection in the form of Compufrog/Compurat (IBM/PC) : Computer programmes of frog, rat, earthworm, cockroach and pigeon that detail the cardio-pulmonary, digestive, urogenital, nervous, and structural systems. For more details about the alternatives to dissection advise the Principals to contact AWBI Secretary.
- l. Milkmen misuse "Oxytocin" injections for drawing milk from cattle. It is illegal under the Food and Drug Adulteration Prevention Act. Launch an anti-oxytocin drive. To bring to the notice of concerned authorities about any violation of the Rules.
- m. To organize First-Aid camps to sick and injured animals on the roadside and various other places.
- n. To arrange for feeding of stray animals.
- o. To arrange visit to slaughter houses in your area and educate the butchers on humane slaughter and create awareness of Slaughter House Rules to the personnel.
- p. Prevent introduction of children in the slaughter house jobs at very tender age.
- q. To Enroll yourself and your friends to become subscribers to the journals "Animal Citizen", "Jeev Sarthy" and "AWBI Newsletter" if you have not enrolled, yet.

We do hope that the Animal Welfare Fortnight Celebrations in January,2017 will be celebrated in a way to sensitize and create more awareness on Animal Welfare issues in the general public,law enforcing authorities and all concerned people. We request you to please send us reports/photos news items etc. for our reference and use in our publications.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


(M. RAVIKUMAR)
Secretary