

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(L.G. - 1 BRANCH)
NOTIFICATION

No.

Dated, Chandigarh, the:-

PUNJAB MUNICIPAL (REGISTRATION & PROPER CONTROL OF DOGS)
BYE-LAWS

1. Short Title and Commencement

- i. These Bye-Laws may be called the Municipal Corporation S.A.S Nagar (**Registration and proper control of Dogs**) Bye-Laws 2011.
- ii. They shall apply within Municipal limits of M.C. S.A.S Nagar.
- iii. They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions:

In these Bye-Laws unless the context otherwise requires:-

- i. **“Act”** means the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976 (Act No. 42 of 1976)
- ii. **“Animal Welfare Organizations”** means and includes the Society for prevention of cruelty to animals and any other welfare organization for animals which is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (21 of 1860), or any other corresponding law for the time being in force and which is recognized by the Animal Welfare Board of India, constituted under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960)
- iii. **“Aggressive dog”** means, a dog with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack without provocation other domestic animals or human beings. **Or**
A dog which has bitten another domestic animal or human being without provocation.
- iv. **“court”** means the civil court having jurisdiction over the area;
- v. **“dog”** means a dog and includes a bitch
- vi. **“Form”** means a form appended to these Bye-Laws.
- vii. **“registration authority”** means the Medical Officer of Health of Municipal Corporation S.A.S Nagar or any other officer authorized by the commissioner in this behalf.
- viii. **owner”** means the owner of a dog and includes any other person in whose possession or custody is such a dog whether with or without the consent of the owner.
- ix. **“token/tag/”** means, a metal identification tag attached to a dog’s collar.

- x. **“veterinary doctor”** means, a person” who holds a degree of a recognized veterinary college and is registered with the Indian Veterinary Council.

- xi. **“run at large”** with reference to a dog, means
 - i. being elsewhere than on the property of the person who keeps the dog, or of a person who has care, custody or control of the dog, and not being under the immediate charge and control of a responsible person,

 - or**

 - ii. Being in a market/park/crowded market area /in a playground or in the water of swimming pool whether under the immediate charge and control of a responsible person or not.

3. Applying for registration and registration of dogs:

- i. **A person must not keep a dog that is older than three months unless such person acquired an annual registration for the dog and has paid the annual registration fee.**
- ii. **The owner of a dog kept or brought within the area of Municipal Corporation of S.A.S Nagar shall, on or before the 1st day of April in each year or within seven days of its arrival in the municipal area, get the dog registered with the office of the Municipal Corporation in Form A.**
- iii. **The form of registration shall be provided on application at the office of the Municipal Corporation.**
- iv. **The owner shall along with the application for registration or renewal, produce before the registering authority a certificate from a veterinary doctor that the dog has been inoculated for rabies and shall undertake to get the dog inoculated from time to time to safe guard against rabies and shall get the dog sterilized as and when it gets four years old, and sterilization certificate from the veterinary doctor shall be furnished by the owner to the Municipal Corporation after the dog has been registered.**
- v. **On registration the owner shall be supplied by the Municipal Corporation with a metal token/tag having name and address of the owner engraved on it and the owner shall cause the dog to wear it at all times a collar with the metal token/tag.**

4. Fee Criteria for registration:

The fee for such registration to be deposited with the Municipal Corporation :

- a. For the original registration or for renewal of a registration, if the application for renewal is made within one month of the expiry of the period of registration is Rs.250/-
- b. For renewal of the registration, if an application for renewal fee is made, after one month of the expiry of the period of registration is Rs. 350/-
- c. The registration and the metal token/tag is supplied to the owner shall hold good for a period of twelve months reckoned from the 1st of April of the year of registration of dog to the 31st March of the next year.
- d. A dog registration register shall be kept by the registration clerk of the Municipal Corporation, specifying the name and place of the adobe of every registration holder and the number of dogs registered in his name. Such register of the town shall at all reasonable times be kept open for inspection, on payment of Rs. 50/- with the Municipal Corporation S.A.S Nagar.

5 Removing of dog without token/ collar:

- (a) Any dog without collar or other marks distinguishing it as private property and not wearing the metal token/tag of registration in accordance with clause (3, if found straying on the streets or beyond the enclose of the house of the owner of such dog, may be detained at the direction of the person authorized by the Municipal Corporation to carry out these duties or destroyed or otherwise disposed off if not claimed within one week .Fee of Rs. 50 per day & maximum up to 250/- or part thereof will be leviable on, and recoverable from, the owner for such period of detention in the place named by the Municipal Corporation.

6. Confining dogs with communicable diseases:

- a. It shall be the duty of the owner of the dog who has been suffering from or is suspected of rabies to report the matter without delay to the registering authority.
- b. The registering authority may, after reasonable notice, require the owner or person in charge of the dog suffering or reasonably suspected to be suffering from communicable diseases (rabies, etc.) to deliver the same to any specified official of the Municipal Corporation. The Registering authority may either causes the animals to be

destroyed forthwith or send it to the veterinary hospital for observation for a period of not more than fourteen days. The expenses of such observation and detention will be paid by the owner.

- c. No damages shall be payable in respect of dog destroyed for humane reasons or otherwise disposed of under sub-clause (b).**

7. Application of Bye-Laws to dogs brought for show purposes:

These Bye-Laws shall also apply to dogs, which are brought into the area of Municipal Corporation S.A.S Nagar even for bonafide show purposes and shall be charged a fee of Rs. **50/-per day.**

8. Games Registrations:

Every owner of a registered dog, before he uses that dog for game shall take a game registration in form B from the Municipal Corporation against payment of **Rs. 100/ - per day per dog.**

9. Disqualifying from keeping dog:

- i.** .On conviction under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960), of an offence of cruelty to the dog, court may order the owner of the dog to be disqualified them keeping the dog and for holding or getting dog registered for any period as it thinks fit, in such an eventuality the registration of the dog shall be deemed to have been suspended and shall remain so long as the disqualification continues.
- ii.** The owner may apply to the Municipal Corporation, after the expiry of disqualification period imposed by court, for restoring the registration of the requisite dog.
- iii.** On the hearing of the application, the Municipal Corporation may having regard to the applicants character, his conduct subsequent to the order, the nature of the offense and any other circumstances, either restore the registration or refuse the application..
- iv.** After the suspension of the registration on offence of cruelty to a dog, the dog shall be kept in the enclosure fixed by Municipal Corporation at the expense of the owner at the rate of **Rs. 100/- per day & maximum up to Rs. 500/-**

10. CONTROL OF DOGS

➤ Trespass by Dog:

- i.** **The owner of a dog shall not allow the dog to run at large or to trespass into the land of others**

ii. Where a roaming or trespassing dog causes damage by killing or injuring livestock, the owner of the dog shall be liable for the damage so caused.

➤ **Dangerous Dogs:**

- i. On a complaint being made to the registering authority if a dog is found to be dangerous and not kept under proper control, the registering authority may order the owner of the dog to keep the dog under proper control.
- ii. The penalty for failing to comply with such order shall be **Rs. 200/- or Rs. 10/- per day.**
- iii. **If the owner fails to comply with the order of registering authority and fails to keep his dangerous dog in proper control then Municipal Corporation, S.A.S nagar, in consultation with the Veterinary Department, may order its destruction.**
- iv. **Appeal may be filed within 15 days against a destruction order of the registering authority. The Commissioner M.C.S.A.S Nagar is an appellate authority.**
- v. **Where an appeal is preferred under clause(iv) against an order of destruction, the commissioner may stay the enforcement of that order on such terms as he thinks fit. In the meantime, dog shall be detained at a place set apart for the purpose.**

➤ **Mad Dog:**

- i. If a mad dog or a dog suspected of being mad is found under the custody of the owner, the registering authority may issue notice to the owner directing that the dog be confined on account of suspicion of canine madness or of suffering from any other disease. The dog is not to be set at large, during the time specified, in any street within Municipal limits so as not to cause any harm to anybody.
- ii. The owner of such a dog contravening the above order is liable to be dealt with a penalty under these bylaws and the dog be treated as a stray dog.

➤ **Injury to livestock:**

If a dog, causes damage by killing or injuring livestock, the owner is liable for the damage it causes to livestock. However the **owner shall not be liable for any damage if such damage is wholly due to the fault of the person to whom the livestock belongs.**

11. Seizure detention and sterilization of stray dogs:

- i. An official duly authorized by registering authority may seize any

dog found in highway or public place, which he has reason to believe to be stray dog and detain it for a week or until the owner has claimed it and paid all expenses incurred by the municipal corporation for its detention.

- ii. If the dog wears a collar with an address on or attached to it, or the owner of the dog is known, the Municipal Corporation may serve on the person whose address is given, or on the owner, a written notice stating that the dog has been seized and is liable to be sold or culled if not claimed within seven clear days after the service.
- iii. The stray dogs found moving in streets/ roads/ any public places within the Municipal area by a private individual or Animal Welfare Organization (s) shall be caught and handed over to the official incharge of the Municipal Corporation for impounding them in the enclosure fixed for the purpose by the Municipal Corporation
- iv. . The above said enclosure shall have a boundary wall of such height, as the dog inside the enclosure is not able to cross/jump its boundary wall. The enclosure shall have the provision of pond of the size of 20'x20' with a depth of 2' in Trapezoidal shape with side slope of 1x4.
- v. The stray dogs shall be sterilized and immunized by the veterinary doctor in the enclosure with the help of Animal Welfare Organizations. The requirements of stray dogs in the impounding campus shall be met out by the Animal Welfare Organization(s) Non Governmental Organizations/ Municipal Corporation.

12. Any violation of the provisions of the the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, shall be dealt with and violator liable to punishment under those provisions.

Repeal:

Any bye-laws relating to registration and control of dogs in force in the Municipal Corporation immediately before the commencement of these Bye-Laws are hereby repealed.

Provided that any order made or action taken under the Bye-Laws so repealed shall be deemed to have been made or taken under the corresponding provision of these Bye-Laws.

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Dated, Chandigarh, the:-

Secretary to Government of Punjab

Dated: Department of Local Government.

Endst. No. Dated, Chandigarh, the:-

A copy of above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

1. Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, SAS Nagar with reference to their letter No.
2. Deputy Commissioner, SAS Nagar.
3. City Police Commissioner, SAS Nagar.
4. Chief Town Planner, Department of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Additional Secretary, Local Government.