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No. 6/1/373-FII(8)-2009/4543.—Whereas a draft of byelaws for the registration of Pet Dogs in Chandigarh was published by the Chandigarh Administration, Local Government Department,—vide Notification No. 6/1/373/FII(8)/2009/4645, dated 10th July, 2009 inviting objections and suggestions from the general public within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of the notification in Chandigarh Administration Gazette. Besides a public notice was also published in the leading newspapers on 14th July, 2009 ;

And whereas the objections and suggestions which were received from the general public for and against the said draft byelaws have been duly considered by the Chandigarh Administration ;

Now, therefore, the Administrator, Union Territory of Chandigarh, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him under sub-section (1) of Section 401 of the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976 as extended to the Union Territory, Chandigarh by the Punjab Municipal Corporation Law (Extension to Chandigarh) Act, 1994 (Act No. 45 of 1994), hereby makes the following byelaws, proposed to be made by the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh under Section 325 and sub-section 1J(6) of Section 399 of the Act *ibid*, for regulating the registration and control of Pet Dogs in Chandigarh, namely :—

1. **Short title.**—(i) These Bye-laws may be called "The Chandigarh Registration of Pet Dogs Bye-laws, 2010."

(ii) These shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Gazette of Chandigarh Administration.

2. **Definitions.**—In these bye-laws, unless the context otherwise requires :—

- (i) "Act" means the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976, as extended to the Union Territory, Chandigarh by the Punjab Municipal Corporation Law (Extension to Chandigarh) Act, 1994 (Act No. 45 of 1994).
- (ii) "Family" means the owner, his/her parents, spouse, sons, daughters, brothers and sisters living in one premises.
- (iii) "Owner" means the person who owns a registered/unregistered dog and includes a person in whose custody, charge or possession a dog is found.
- (iv) "Pet Dog" means a male or female dog kept by a person within the area of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.
- (v) "Registration Authority" means any officer so appointed by the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.
- (vi) the words and expressions not defined in these byelaws shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976, as extended to the Union Territory, Chandigarh by the Punjab Municipal Corporation Law (Extension to Chandigarh) Act, 1994.

3. On and from the date of publication of these bye-laws, registration of Pet Dog(s) (hereinafter mentioned as dog) above the age of four months, kept within the jurisdiction of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, shall be compulsory. The owner shall apply for the registration to the Registration Authority in a Form as prescribed by the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh accompanied by a fee of Rs. 200 per dog, two recent photographs of the dog and a copy of vaccination certificate from a Government Veterinary Practitioner or Veterinary Practitioner duly registered with Indian Veterinary Council (IVC) or State Veterinary Council (SVC), within a period of 30 days from the date the dog completes the age of four months. However, a blind person keeping dog and using solely for his/her guidance shall be exempted from the payment of registration fee. On registration, the Registration Authority shall issue a metal token to be attached with the collar to be worn by the dog and in case of the loss or destruction of the token, a duplicate token shall be issued to the owner on submission of an application alongwith a fee of Rs. 200 per token. The registration once made shall remain valid for full life span of the dog. In the case of death of the dog, the owner of the dog shall immediately inform the Registration Authority. A family may keep up to a maximum of two dogs.

4. Any registered dog found straying at large shall be liable to be seized and kept at a place set apart for this purpose.

5. The owner of registered dog shall be required :—

- (a) to keep the dog protected by getting it vaccinated against rabies from a Government Veterinary Practitioner or Veterinary Practitioner duly registered with Indian Veterinary Council (IVC) or State Veterinary Council (SVC). The vaccination certificate shall be furnished on demand during inspection by Registration Authority or any officer/official of the Municipal Corporation duly authorized by the Registration Authority or within a period of 10 days from such inspection, by the owner of the dog failing which registration of the dog shall be cancelled.

- (b) to keep the dog chained/leashed while taking it outside. All ferocious dogs shall be duly muzzled and a stick shall be carried by the Escort accompanying the dog while taking it out.
- (c) to ensure that the dog to wear a collar affixed with the metal token issued by the Registration Authority, at all the times.
- (d) to compensate the person if a dog bites or causes any other harm to any person or to the property of any person.

6. The owner of the dog shall not take the dog to the area of the Sukhna Lake, Rose Garden, Shanti Kunj, Rock Garden, Leisure Valley, Mini Rose Garden, Fragrance Garden, Terrace Garden, Shivalik Garden and other public places/gardens as specified by the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, from time to time.

7. The owner of the registered dog shall keep the dog under his/her control at all times so that it does not intimidate, annoy, hurt or bite any person. The Municipal Corporation shall not be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury caused by a registered dog to any person or to his/her property and sole liability to compensate the victim will remain with the owner of the registered dog.

8. The breeding of dogs for commercial purposes and trading of dogs within the area of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh shall not be permitted. In case it is found that dog is being kept for breeding or trading/commercial purposes by a person, the Registration Authority shall impound such dog besides imposing the fine as fixed by the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

9. The owner of the dog shall not allow the dog to defecate in public places such as residential areas, green belts, parks, streets, roads, road berms and other common places etc. In case the dog defecate at the above specified places, the owner shall arrange to get the excreta of the dog removed from the said place at his own level. The owner of the dog shall take his dog to defecate in the isolated areas which are not visited by the residents and other members of the public. No owner shall allow the dog to defecate near the residences of other persons, his/her neighbours to his/her/their annoyance.

10. The owner of the registered dog shall ensure proper space, accommodation, food and medical treatment to the dog.

11. The Registration Authority or an officer/official authorized by him shall keep the details of all the seized dogs duly entered in a register with a brief description of the dog, date of seizure, reasons of seizure and the manner in which it is disposed of.

12. The dog after its death shall not be thrown in the open or in the garbage bins of Municipal Corporation. Dead dog shall be buried at notified/earmarked places up to a depth of at least 3 ft. in a hygienic manner. The Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh may provide a van for the disposal/burial of dead dogs in the earmarked dog burial grounds on a request so received by it. The owner shall pay charges for availing the services of the van at the rates prescribed by the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation and so revised from time to time.

13. The Registration Authority or a Veterinarian, Health Supervisor, Chief Sanitary Inspector, Sanitary Inspector or any other officer of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh authorized by the Registration Authority, may inspect the premises of the owner of any dog and such owner shall allow that person to enter and inspect his/her premises at all reasonable times. Such officer/official shall also be authorized to search the places where dogs are kept without registration and to seize them.

14. An owner of a dog who violates these byelaws shall be liable to be punished by Registration Authority with a fine, which may extend to Rs. 500 and if the violation is of a continuing nature, then with an additional fine which may extend to Rs. 20 per day, for a maximum of 7 days for which the breach continues. Also, if the dog is seized/detained under these byelaws, the owner shall have to pay maintenance charges @ Rs. 100 per day to claim the dog. However, if the breach continues beyond 7 days or the dog is not claimed within 7 days, the registration shall be liable to be cancelled by the Registration Authority and the seized dog shall be disposed of through open sale. If an owner of dog violates any of the conditions of these byelaws at least three times in a calendar year, the registration of the dog shall be cancelled.

15. Any owner aggrieved of the cancellation order issued by the Registration Authority may prefer an appeal to the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh within a period of 30 days from the date of issue of order of cancellation. The orders of the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation shall be final.

16. The byelaws issued,—vide Capital Administration's Notification No. C-226—60/III/825, dated 27th January, 1960 are hereby repealed.

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