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Sir,

I would like to draw your kind attention on the serious recent issues of death of human being due to dog bites by some ferocious breeds of dogs kept as pet. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India has been receiving representation from various citizens, citizen forum and Animal Welfare Organization etc. to ban some of the breeds of dogs to keep them as pet and other purpose. Further, a Writ Petition No. 15673/2023 titled as "The Legal Attorneys & Barristers Law Firm vs UOI & Ors" filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi to ban some of the dog breeds. The Hon'ble Court in its order dated 06.12.2023 directed "that after consulting all stakeholders, the UOI shall decide petitioner's representation dated 05.10.2023 as expeditiously as possible, preferably, within 3 months from today".

2. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying constituted an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Animal husbandry Commissioner with members from the various stakeholder organizations and experts. The Committee has identified the following breeds of dogs as ferocious which are dangerous for human life.

*"breeds(including mixed and cross breeds) like Pitbull Terrier, Tosa Inu, American Staffordshire Terrier, Fila Brasileiro, Dogo Argentino, American Bulldog, Boerboel, Kangal, Central Asian Shepherd Dog (ovcharka), Caucasian Shepherd Dog (ovcharka), South Russian Shepherd Dog (ovcharka), Tornjak, Sarplaninac, Japanese Tosa and Akita, Mastiffs (boerbulls), Rottweiler, Terriers, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Wolf dogs, Canario, Akbash dog, Moscow Guard dog, Cane corso and every dog of the type commonly known as a Ban Dog (or Bandog)"*

3. The Committee has recommended that the aforementioned dog breeds including cross breeds shall be prohibited for import, breeding, selling as pet dogs and other purposes. Therefore, it is requested that the local bodies, Department of Animal Husbandry shall not issue any licenses or permit for sale, breeding of dogs breeds as mentioned above and keeping of these dog breeds and shall be banned. The Local Bodies may also issue necessary implementation guidelines in this regard. However, the dogs which have already kept as a pet shall be sterilized so that further breeding may not happen.

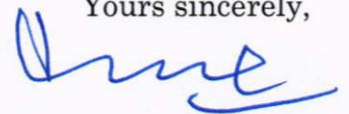
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4. I would further like to inform that the Central Government has published Prevention of Cruelty to Animal (Dog breeding and marketing) Rules, 2017 and Prevention of Cruelty to Animal (Pet Shop) Rules, 2018. The Implementation of the Rules is vested on the Local Bodies and State Animal Welfare Board as well as Department of Animal Husbandry Department. It is requested to direct the concerned authorities to implement the aforementioned Rules.

*With regards,*

Yours sincerely,



(Dr. O. P. Chaudhary)

To,

1. The Chief Secretaries of All the States and Union Territories.