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**TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN**

**SUBJECT: PET DOGS AND STREET DOGS**

In recent times, RWAs, Apartment Owners' Associations, and Cooperative Group Housing Societies, having taken to imposing various restrictions on pet owning residents, such as disallowing the use of lifts, or parks, by pets, or even banning pets altogether. There is widespread resentment against these moves, because not only do they unreasonably restrict the rights of residents, they are also unlawful and against recent court rulings.

Moreover, as an RWA, or an Apartment Owners' Association, Cooperative Group Housing Society, gated complex, etc., you may often be getting complaints regarding street dogs, and requests that they be driven away, through beatings by security guards or otherwise, or just dumped elsewhere. If you accede to these requests, you will not only be violating laws and pronouncements of courts, but will not achieve any permanent solutions either. The problem will remain a perennial problem; and you will also run afoul of animal welfare people that are increasing in number by the day, and banding themselves into well organized groups.

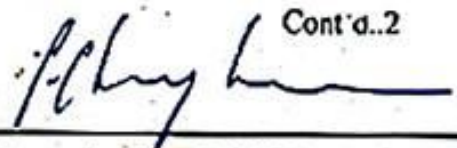
Below, are some DOs and DONTs, with respect to PET DOGS & STREET DOGS.

**.I. WITH RESPECT TO PET DOGS & PET OWNING RESIDENTS:**

Please keep in mind that the following is what you CANNOT do:-

**BANNING** pets, whether allowed:

a) Even by obtaining consensus, or even if the majority of the residents want it, you cannot legally introduce any sort of 'ban' on the keeping of pet dogs by residents.

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