

**ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT  
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

**GUIDELINES FOR PET SHOP OWNERS AND BREEDERS IN UNION  
TERRITORY OF CHANDIGARH.**

It has come to the notice of authority in Chandigarh Administration that the pet animals and birds in the area are being subjected to extreme cruelty and are being sold illegally. The Animal Law of India i.e. wildlife (Protection ) Act , 1972 and Article 51 A (g) of Constitution of India and Sub-Section (3) of Chapter 1 of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960 are being violated by people engaged in breeding, sale and purchase of animals in Chandigarh.

In order to check and stop the cruel practices adopted during sale and purchase of animals and to streamline the procedure of purchase & sale by the breeders and Pet shop owners "The Pet Shop Owners / Breeders Guidelines "are hereby established and issued by Chandigarh Administration. The Guidelines which are Annexed at Annexure-I will be implemented with immediate effect in complete area under Chandigarh Administration and the Departments viz Wildlife & Forests, Police, Revenue and NGOs (SPCA & PFA) working in Chandigarh will assist in prevention of cruelty to animals

"Animal" means and includes Birds (except animals/birds banned under wildlife (Protection) Act 1972), fish and small animals

***(Pets mean Dogs, Cats, Rabbit, Guinea Pigs, Rats; mice, Hamsters and Birds include Budgerigar, Parrots, Canary, Dove and Pigeon etc.)***

**GUIDELINES**

1. No pet shop shall sell any animal or bird intended to be used for food.
2. Pets and birds in the pet shops shall not be exhibited and traded like commodities. Pet shop owners shall not cram the pet animals and birds in cages outside their shops along with hoardings or in front of their shops in open sunlight.
3. A pet shop shall not be situated next to butcher shop where the carcass of slaughtered animals and birds is hung for sale in full vision of live animals i.e. pets and birds, waiting to be sold. It should be at least 50 meters away from butcher shop, so that the view of slaughtered animals and birds carcass is not visible to the live pets and birds.
4. The species, breed, age and number of pets and birds for sale in a pet shop shall be prominently displayed on the board.
5. A pet shop shall not offer any live animal or bird as prize, give any animal or bird as an inducement to enter any contest, game or any other competition.
6. A pet shop, also engaged in grooming and functioning as 'Pet Parlour' shall follow detailed operational standards like those of sanitation, ventilation, heating, cooling, humidity, enclosure requirements, nutrition, drinking water, management and medical treatment. Pets /Animals shall not be sold at too early age i.e. at least 8 weeks of age. All reasonable precautions shall be taken to prevent unnatural deaths and spread of infectious diseases. Pregnant animals should not be put on sale.
7. The pets thus sold shall be primarily vaccinated
8. The pet shop owners, employees and workers at the pet shop shall have an adequate knowledge of feeding, watering, management, handling, vaccination schedules, emergency care, veterinary aid and euthanasia, protocols and same may be maintained and followed
9. A pet shop owner shall follow all the disaster, evacuation and recovery plans as are suitable to the Pet shop premises.
10. A routine fortnightly health check of the birds and pets kept in a pet shop for sale shall be carried out by a registered Veterinary Practitioner and a record of same may be maintained.
11. A pet shop owner, at the time of sale of a pet or a bird shall supply an authenticated bill to the purchaser and the purchaser shall be supplied with all the information pertaining to the pet or bird purchased i.e its species, age, breed, sex, identification marks, their habits and habitat. The pet shop owner shall also provide the purchaser , information concerning to their shop's animal return policy through "In store Signs or Handouts"
12. No pet or bird shall be left in the premises of pet shop at night without an attendant.

13. Animals with different species and different age group and birds shall not be kept in same cage to avoid the fear of quarrel amongst them & thus damage to each other.
14. The pet shop owner must follow the standards 'Pet animal Enclosure standards'
15. No pups/dogs shall be sold with mutilated tails/ears.  
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