

**Manual For Animal Welfare Committee Guidelines as per the BBMP
Guidelines bearing No.CCOMM/PR-(G)1126/2024-25 dated
22.07.2024**

The BBMP has now made it compulsory for all the Resident Welfare Associations to have a committee within Apartments/Society for the welfare of both the community animals, and report the formation of such a committee to the BBMP in your jurisdiction. This is only in cases where community animals reside within the community gated space.

A committee cannot be formed separate from the RWA without the permission from the RWA. If 5 to 6 members are wanting to form a committee separate from RWA, they have to get the permission from the RWA and forward this permission letter along with the names of the members to BBMP on adahkrp01@gmail.com.

The Committee is to take care of the animals according to the rules mentioned in the Animal Birth Control Rules 2023 ([167956418266ABC Rule 2023.pdf](#))

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

In case of Rabid Dogs : BBMP helpline number 1533

Community Animals management for sterilization and vaccination zone wise contact numbers : [FAQ.pdf](#)

BBMP Administrative Zones

S.No	ZONES	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR NAME	CONTACT NUMBER
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1	East	Dr. M.H Reddy	9900229973
		Dr. Basavarajendra Biradar	8660383151
2	West	Dr. Shreerangaraju	9980501672
3	Bommanahalli	Dr. Asha G K	9844517829
4	Mahadevapura	Dr. Rudresh Kumar K L	8296184712
		Dr. Vivek Bidarkar	9480757354
5	RR Nagar	Dr. Venkatesh K M	9731144556
6	Dasarahalli	Dr. Sunil Kumar Havanur	8951447887
7	Yelahanka	Dr. Manohar	9845588227
8	South	Dr. Sreenath	7259299109

Queries regarding Pet-Committee

1. ***Is the committee legally allowed to register under the Federation ?***

It is not necessary. Pet committee is a mere sub-committee created under the main association to safeguard animal rights and decisions are taken keeping in mind the needs of animals.

2. ***Is it mandatory to have a non-pet resident part of the committee?***

No. People who have no exposure to animals or have taken anti-animal stances in the past must be excluded from such committees.

3. ***How many office bearers?***

It's not set but not bigger than 10 if it is a huge township.

4. ***What will be the tenure?***

1yr and re-formation not re-election.

5. ***Are any records/ annual submissions to be made to BBMP?***

Not necessarily but if the pet committee takes an anti-animal stance or becomes a party to take subterfuge steps to make it hard for pet parents or community animals to coexist then BBMP reserves the right to pull up the sub-committee and the main association. The main association will remain completely responsible and accountable at all times to ensure no unlawful act occurs.

Regulation for Cat Population Control

As of now, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) does not have any official cat population control programs in place. However, the BBMP has acknowledged the need for such initiatives and has indicated that, whenever such programs are launched in the future, they will be implemented in accordance with the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules, 2023. However, RWAs can reach out to private NGOs to conduct trap, neuter and release sessions for community cats at their cost.

Pigeon Population and Waste Control

To address concerns related to pigeon overpopulation and the health hazards posed by pigeon droppings, the BBMP has begun taking preliminary steps. This includes placing signage and nets in certain public areas to discourage the nesting of pigeons. However, it is important to note that the BBMP has not instituted a complete ban on feeding pigeons. The

current approach is more educational and advisory, focusing on public awareness to reduce overfeeding and manage associated sanitation issues.

Designating of feeding spots

As per the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules, 2023, feeding of community animals must be carried out in a responsible and community-conscious manner. Feeding should never take place on private property without the explicit consent of the owner. Within residential societies, it is advisable to collaborate with the Apartment Owners' Association and the BBMP to identify and designate suitable feeding spots. These designated areas should not include commonly used spaces such as parking lots, playgrounds, or pathways. Instead, feeding should be conducted in areas that align with the animals' existing territories to help preserve their natural behavior and reduce territorial conflicts. Feeding times must also be chosen with sensitivity—extremely late or early hours (between 11:30 PM and 5:00 AM) should be avoided to prevent disturbance to residents.

Basic rules to be followed as per the ABC Rules and other animal welfare guidelines are as follows:

1. Animal Welfare Board of India Guidelines 2015

- Pet Status and Care
 - Consider pets as family members
 - Ensure pets are healthy and clean
 - Share vaccination and sterilization records with the Residents' Welfare Association (RWA) to promote community safety

- Pet Behavior
 - Understand that barking is natural for dogs
 - If persistent barking occurs at night, investigate the cause and take appropriate measures
- Pet Movement and Public Spaces
 - Leash pets in public areas
 - Use designated times for walking pets, as set by the community
 - Pets are allowed to use lifts; no fines can be imposed for this
- Community Responsibilities
 - Clean up after your pet during walks
 - Feed street dogs away from crowded areas
- RWA Regulations
 - Banning pets is not allowed
 - RWAs cannot disallow pets from using lifts
- Legal Considerations
 - There are no central or state laws requiring pet owners to clean up pet excreta
 - RWAs can impose rules, regulations, or bylaws regarding pet waste cleanup as long as it is in line with BBMP norms.
- Community Animals
 - Respect and care for community animals
 - Collaborate with local authorities for their vaccination and sterilization

2. Government of Karnataka Guidelines 2020

- Always keep your pet on a leash when in public areas to ensure the safety of both your pet and others.
- It is the responsibility of the pet owner to clean up after their pet in public spaces to maintain cleanliness and hygiene.

- Pet dogs cannot be banned from residential complexes or public spaces. Any such ban can be discriminatory in nature and is not permitted under the guidelines.
- Acts such as kicking, beating, starving, poisoning, caging, or injuring animals are considered animal cruelty and are punishable offenses.
- Communities and public spaces should create designated areas where pets can defecate, ensuring cleanliness and convenience.
- Pet owners must ensure that their pets are sterilized and vaccinated to promote public health and prevent the spread of diseases.
- Specific areas should be designated for feeding pets to avoid contamination and maintain order in public and residential spaces.

3. Animal Birth Control Rules 2023

- Feeding Community Animals
 - It is legal to feed community animals.
 - Try to feed in designated feeding areas to minimize conflicts.
 - Keep feeding areas clean to maintain hygiene.
- Sterilization and Vaccination
 - You can contact your jurisdiction BBMP for sterilization and vaccination.
 - These programs include sterilization and anti-rabies vaccination.
 - If you see unsterilized community animals (they do not have a small v cut at the end of their ear), report to BBMP in your jurisdiction.
- Protecting Animals from Cruelty
 - It's illegal to harm, abuse, or kill community animals.
 - Report any instances of cruelty to the local police or animal welfare organization.

- Relocation of Community Animals
 - Arbitrary relocation of community animals is prohibited.
 - Animals should remain in their familiar territories

4. BBMP Guidelines For Community Feeders 2024

- Commitment and Responsibility
 - Only take up feeding if you can maintain continuity
 - Ensure you are financially capable of sustaining the feeding program
 - Personally oversee feeding activities to maintain accountability
- Feeding Frequency
 - Avoid alternate-day feeding in areas where animals have no other food sources
 - Maintain a consistent feeding schedule to ensure animals' well-being
- Feeding Locations
 - Do not enter private property without explicit permission to feed animals
 - For feeding within residential societies, work with the association president and BBMP to designate appropriate feeding spots
 - Avoid common areas like parking lots and playgrounds
 - Feed animals in their own territories to maintain their natural habitats
- Feeding Times
 - Avoid feeding during extreme hours (after 11:30 PM or before 5:00 AM)
 - Choose appropriate times that don't disturb the community
- Food Quality

- Avoid feeding raw meat, biscuits, or foods with high sugar content
- These foods can make animals hyperactive and potentially cause health issues
- Conflict Resolution
 - In case of disagreements or conflicts, seek help from BBMP for mediation
 - For extreme cases, involve the local police to resolve disputes peacefully
- Cleanliness and Hygiene
 - Clean up after feeding to maintain hygiene in the feeding area
 - Use appropriate feeding bowls or containers to minimize mess

5. BBMP Guidelines For Residential Welfare Associations and Apartment Owners Association 2024

- Pet Access and Rights
 - Pets are allowed in common area.
 - No pet can be forced to wear a muzzle
 - Associations cannot ban pets
 - Pet owners cannot be coerced to abandon, cage, or rehome their pets under any circumstances
- Pet Behavior
 - Barking is a natural form of expression for dogs and cannot be banned
 - In cases of excessive howling or consistent barking, pet owners should investigate the cause and take appropriate steps to address it
- Pet Movement and Exercise

- Associations should assign specific times for pet walks in the morning and evening
- Pets must be leashed while on walks in common areas

- Community Animals
 - Street dogs/cats living within the society cannot be relocated or moved to the street
 - Relocating community animals is punishable under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act
 - Associations must assign feeding spots for community dogs/cats within the premises
 - Scaring, chasing, or threatening animals, including through security personnel, is considered an act of cruelty and is punishable

- Animal Welfare Responsibilities
 - Associations should coordinate with BBMP to vaccinate and sterilize community animals
 - Any breeding activities should be reported to BBMP by the association

- Pet Owner Responsibilities
 - Provide sufficient indoor and outdoor space for pets
 - Ensure pets are clean, vaccinated, and neutered
 - Maintain hygiene within the house and society
 - Pick up after pets and dispose of waste as per association guidelines