

Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(PM Division/ Police K9 Cell)

HQ NSG, Mehram Nagar, Palam
New Delhi-110037
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To
Director General ITBP

Subject : NATIONAL REGISTER FOR WORKING DOGS (NRWD)

Sir,

1. May please refer to the recommendations of MHA's 2nd 'Police K9 Workshop' held at NTCD&A, Bhanu received vide ITBP Letter IV-45024/Dog-2021 (Vet)-72 dated 15 Jan 2021.
2. The issue to have an indigenous working dog registry to exclusively maintain records of working dogs engaged for police duties was one of the recommendation of the workshop since the current practice of asking for registration of KCI (Kennel Club of India) is counter-productive, it being based on only show value and breed specifications of the dog. In CAPFs and other forces, it is more important to ascertain working ability/traits of the dog instead of merely selecting dogs based on their physical appearance.
3. Therefore, approval of the competent authority of this Ministry is hereby accorded to establish an electronic '**National Register for Working Dogs**' (NRWD) under the aegis of Police K9 Cell of this Ministry to exclusively maintain records of working dogs engaged for police duties.
4. To achieve ibid objective, the following would be adhered:
 - (a). Training of a panel of serving and retired Police Dog Experts in conduct of Working K9 Behaviour Assessment Test (K9 BAT) by the Police K9 Cell. It would be ensured that adequate experts (qualified) are trained and accredited, spread throughout the country to assist CAPFs and other central/state police or law enforcement agencies.
 - (b). Based on the scores of Working K9 BAT, the dogs qualifying the benchmark scores earlier established for 'Working Dogs' be recorded in the 'National Register for Working Dogs (NRWD)' and issued an appropriate certificate.
 - (c). Only registered dogs with NRWD be encouraged for procurement by Forces raising the prospects, confidence and assurance of quality among all stakeholders with regards to suitability in meeting specific requirements for the purpose of reliable police duties.

- (d). Eventually, the system would be automated with real-time record keeping and access by all stakeholders.

Yours faithfully



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