



Mahabhadrakali CGHS Pets and Strays Rules

Animal lovers know too well the challenges of keeping a pet in a housing society. To ensure that community living is not hampered in any way, there are certain pet rules in a housing society that residents must follow.

Pets

1. According to the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, **Pet Registration** is a legal requirement in Delhi. All residents are required to follow the relevant rules and abide with regulations
It is mandatory to submit the registration copy with the Society Office for records.
2. Section 289 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) deals with the negligent or intentional omission to take proper care of an animal in one's possession. This includes failing to **take steps to protect against the animal causing harm to people or grievous hurt**. The punishment for violating Section 289 of the IPC is: Up to six months in prison, A fine of up to 1,000 rupees, and Both imprisonment and a fine.
3. **Vaccination** - if pets are not vaccinated then a fine is imposed by MCD. Always keep records of vaccination. The management committee can ask for vaccination and sterilization records in case issues arise in the future.
4. Train your pet: Ensure you give your pet ample obedience training, so the pet does behave untowardly in common areas or gets provoked when amidst other residents.
5. Pet owners are advised to keep your pet strictly inside your doors and not allow them to move freely or without leashed in public place within the society premise. The feeding, playing, walking and defecation has to be done inside doors or outside the society premise. This is applicable to all kinds of pets, both Cat and Dogs.
6. Defecation is strictly disallowed inside the society public place.
7. When out of the house and in the society premises, the pet owner should make sure that the pet is accompanied by the owner/walker with proper leash.
8. A fine of Rs 10,000 will be imposed if a pet injures someone. The pet owner will also be responsible for the treatment costs of the injured person or animal. Any damage

to the property, if any, will be recovered from pet owner.

9. Supervise your pet. Even if your pet is well-trained, it is necessary to supervise your pet when in common spaces. Keep your pets on a leash when you take them out for a walk to ensure safety.
10. Be a responsible pet owner. Make sure your pets do not trouble other residents in any way.
11. If above basics are not followed, the MC will be forced to ask the MCD or NGO to take the pet away to animal home/shelter. No arguments between the residents or the MC shall be entertained.

Strays

12. Residents should not feed any strays inside the society premises. As per Supreme Court's directions they can be fed outside the society and away from the gates.
13. Many children and elders play/walk in the society and strays are not vaccinated. It can be life threatening for the residents. Always prioritize animals and neighbors safety while feeding strays.
14. While many people support feeding strays, others might have reservations. Be respectful and considerate of different viewpoints. Our love for the animals should not be an inconvenience to other residents.
15. Your leftovers of Veg/Non-Veg food items should always be disposed off in the morning at the time of garbage collection by the sweeper because stray cats litter the garbage bag all over in search of food if kept outside. It's very unhygienic & upsets the Vegans also.

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