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NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD**

M.A. (Animal Protection Laws)

Academic Year: 2023-2024

Fourth Semester Examination (June, 2024)

Paper I – 2.4.11. Governance and Compliance

Duration of the Examination: 2 ½ hours

Total Marks : 70 marks

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- a) Read the instructions carefully and adhere to the same.
 - b) Please mention your DDE ID No., date of the exam, name of the programme & subject on the Answer Sheet and the Additional Answer Sheets, if any.
 - c) The questions to be interpreted as given and no clarification can be sought from the Invigilator.
 - d) Clearly indicate the question numbers while answering them. Answers without question numbers / wrong question numbers will not be evaluated.
 - e) Write the answers clearly and neatly. Answers in illegible handwriting will not be taken into consideration.
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1. Please provide basis in law and relevant reports in answering these questions. [Total: 30 marks]

- a. Define the concept of governance in the context of animal welfare. Discuss the key principles that guide governance measures for furthering the welfare of animals. **[15 marks]**
- b. Explain the role of compliance in ensuring effective governance for animal welfare in India. Illustrate with examples how compliance mechanisms can address specific challenges in this field. **[5 marks]**
- c. Discuss the significance of stakeholder engagement in governance and compliance efforts for animal welfare. Provide a list of key stakeholders in ensuring compliance of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960, along with reasons for how their involvement can contribute to better governance & compliance outcomes? **[10 marks]**

2. Analyze each of these reported cases of cruelty and suggest governance or compliance measures that could have *prevented* such incidents. Please provide reference to existing legal frameworks, provisions in law and relevant authorities responsible. [Total: 30 marks]

- a. It was recently reported that a man in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh, brutally beat a stray dog to death with a stick after tying it to a pole. **[10 marks]**
- b. Jai and Veeru, two communities dogs which lived in a society in Andheri, Mumbai, were beaten to death with a stick by the accused. The accused claimed that the dogs were a threat to the safety of residents. **[10 Marks]**
- c. An individual in Surat was apprehended for transporting chickens, tied upside down on the back of his two-wheeler. A common sight, hens/chickens are commonly transported in 'bundles' or kept outside meat shops in small metal-wire cages. **[10 Marks]**

3. Please answer any two of the following questions [Total: 10 marks]

- a. Evaluate the effectiveness of the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) in enforcing animal welfare laws. Identify any shortcomings in its current approach and suggest measures for improvement. **[5 marks]**
- b. The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960 has lately been heavily criticised for the outdated penalties. However, there are other significant procedural/legal drawbacks to the Act, which hinder its effective implementation. Discuss what these drawbacks are in less than 250 words. **[5 Marks]**
- c. Design a compliance checklist for a veterinary clinic/hospital to ensure adherence to animal welfare laws and regulations in India. Provide specific criteria and procedures that should be included in this checklist. **[5 marks]**