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Navi Mumbai: Seawoods Estates starts fining dog feeders for breaking rules, AWBI looking into the issues

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NAVI MUMBAI: Animal feeders inside the posh Seawoods Estates Limited complex (formerly NRI Complex) are unhappy with a recent circular issued by the SEL management stating that fines of Rs 1000 and Rs 5000 will be taken for first and second offences respectively if residents are found feeding local dogs outside the designated feeding areas.

Meanwhile, based on the orders of Animal Welfare Board of India, an AWBI member is currently looking into several related issues of problems faced by animal lovers with regards to feeding, among others, so that all residents at SEL can live in peace and harmony with the resident animals.

“For the last three to four years, many animal feeders are facing several types of harassments over feeding within the complex. Earlier, pornographic materials were also sent anonymously by post to the houses of a few women feeders inside SEL.

The latest circular of charging Rs 1000 and Rs 5000 for first and second offences is unfair to feeders. This is because at present there are only two designated feeding areas near two gates of the complex; so, it is practically impossible to take dogs from one end of this vast area to another for feeding,” said advocate Siddh Vidya, who

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Activists, lawyers urge Maharashtra CM to regulate Bakr Eid event

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NAVI MUMBAI: A city-based group of activists and lawyers has urged chief minister Uddhav Thackeray to regulate the upcoming Bakr Eid event later this month in view of the ongoing pandemic.

Lawyer Siddh Vidya told TOI: "Last year, the Bombay high court had given an interim order that animals like sheep and goats can be sacrificed only in a legitimate slaughterhouse like the Deonar abattoir during Bakr Eid or at sites approved by the civic authorities. We have urged the CM to ensure that there is no illegal transportation and killing of animals at public places or in housing societies. The high court order must be enforced."

Nearly 3 lakh sheep and goats will be ferried to MMR areas during Bakr Eid.

"We have already curtailed several other religious events on account of the Covid-19 situation. There was also a talk about donating money and food to the poor during Bakr Eid instead of actually slaughtering animals as part of the sacrifice ritual. Hence, such positive changes are necessary to ensure that the coronavirus does not spread at that time," said Vidya.

Another city activist Rohitt Malhotra said: "It is highly risky and unhygienic to slaughter goats inside flats or