

## **ANIMAL RULES IN INDIA**

### **Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Slaughter House) Rules, 2001**

"Slaughter" means the killing or destruction of any animal for the purpose of food and includes all the processes and operations performed on all such animals in order to prepare it for being slaughtered.

"Slaughter house" means a slaughter house wherein 10 or more than 10 animals are slaughtered per day and is duly licensed or recognised under a Central, State or Provincial Act or any rules or regulations made thereunder.

No person shall slaughter any animal within a municipal area except in a slaughter house recognised or licensed by the concerned authority empowered under the law for the time being in force to do so.

No animal which -

- (i) is pregnant, or
- (ii) has an offspring less than three months old, or
- (iii) is under the age of three months or
- (iv) has not been certified by a veterinary doctor that it is in a fit condition to be slaughtered.

The municipal or other local authority specified by the Central Government for this purpose shall, having regard to the capacity of the slaughter house and the requirement of the local population of the area in which a slaughter house is situated, determine the maximum number of animals that may be slaughtered in a day.

### **Performing Animals (Registration) Rules, 2001**

The Rules provide for animals performing or being exhibited in circuses and other attractions, in situations where admittance is granted by means of the sale of tickets; every person training or/and exhibiting animals shall apply for a Certification of Registration, that shall be granted by the competent Authorities following the payment of a fee, and also for the certificate of animal fitness and of ownership.

Restriction on exhibition and training of performing animals.- No person shall exhibit or train -

- (i) any performance animals unless he is registered in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter,
- (ii) as a performing animal, any animal which the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify as an animal which shall not be exhibited or trained as a performing animal.

Procedure for registration.- Every person desirous of exhibiting or training any performing animal shall, on making an application in the prescribed form to the prescribed authority and payment of the prescribed fee, be registered under this Act.

### **Transport of Animals, Rules, 1978**

The Rules provide for the transportation of cattle, equines, sheep and goats and pigs by rail, road or airplane.

Containers must be properly fitted for transportation, providing shelter from sun, heat, rain or cold and allowing poultry and pigs to be comfortable during the journey.

A table details the timing and fittings of containers by animal size and age group.

Vaccination and other health requisites are detailed for. Forms for the different transportation according to the animal transported and the transport mean used are reported.

The Rules provide also for the transportation of monkeys, cats and dogs.

### **The Breeding of and Experiments on Animals (Control and Supervision) Rules, 1998/2001**

"Experiment" means any programme/project Involving use of an animal/animals for the acquisition of knowledge of a biological, psychological, ethological, physical or chemical nature; and Includes ,the use of animal In the production of reagents and

products such as ,antigens and antibodies, routine diagnostics, testing activity and establishment of transgenic stocks, for the purpose of, saving or prolonging life or alleviating suffering or for combating any disease whether on human beings or animals.

1. A breeder or the establishment on registration for the purpose of performing experiments on animals shall comply with the conditions as may be specified at the time of registration by the Committee.
2. Every registered establishment shall- maintain a register of particulars about the animals used from: day to day for conducting experiments, with the number of animals, the species, the age, gender and other relevant particulars
3. "The Committee or any other officer authorized by the Committee may examine the register so maintained and if the Committee is not satisfied even after opportunities given for Improvement, It may take such action as may be appropriate under these rules".
4. Detailed specifications for housing, feeding and maintenance of various species to be used In animal experimentation as notified by the Committee, shall be adhered to by the registered establishment.
5. Experiments shall be performed in every case by or under the supervision of a person duly qualified in that behalf, that is, Degree holders In Medicine or Veterinary Science, Post Graduate and above in life Sciences/Pharmaceutical Sciences or any other natural sciences, Degree or Diploma holders in Pharmacy, Diploma or Certificate In Laboratory Animal Techniques Sciences from a recognized Institution as Identified by Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals for the purpose and under the responsibility of the person performing the experiment
6. The experiments shall not be performed for the sole purpose of attaining or retaining manual skill except In schools, colleges and programmes duly scrutinized and permitted in registered establishments by the Committee

7. A breeder or establishment shall not acquire -any animal by sale or otherwise except from a registered breeder or establishment.
8. For the acquisition of laboratory bred experimental rats and mice species of genetically defined strains not available within the country, the registered breeders or establishments shall apply for permission to the Institutional Animal Ethics Committee recognized by the Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals.
9. No animal shall be Imported by a registered breeder or establishment, except genetically defined or laboratory bred experimental rats and mice of genetically defined strains, which is available in the country.
- 10.No establishment shall contract or undertake to perform contract research or experiments on contract basis on behalf of any other establishment or research or educational Institution, except with prior permission of the committee Provided that no such restriction shall apply to collaborative research between academic Institutions.