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WP No. 36122 of 2026
CNR: KAHC010800972026

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU**

**DATED THIS THE 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026**

**BEFORE**

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B M SHYAM PRASAD**

**WRIT PETITION NO. 36122 OF 2026 (LB-BMP)**

**BETWEEN:**

1. PAW HOPE VENTURES,
A PARTNERSHIP FIRM REGISTERED
UNDER THE INDIAN PARTNERSHIP ACT, 1932,
HAVING ITS PLACE OF BUSINESS AT
H.I.G. NO. 445, 5TH MAIN,
8TH CROSS, DOLLARS COLONY,
R.M.V. 2ND STAGE,
BENGALURU 560 094,
REPRESENTED BY ITS PARTNER,
SMT. KAMAKSHI RAGHAVAN.

2. SMT. KAMAKSHI RAGHAVAN,
D/O SRI E.V. RAGHAVAN,
AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS,
PARTNER, PAW HOPE VENTURES,
RESIDING AT 19D, POLARIS,
AQUILA HEIGHTS, JALAHALLI,
BENGALURU 560 094.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SMT. SANJANA M.,ADVOCATE)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

**AND:**

1. CHIEF VETERINARY OFFICER
(ANIMAL HUSBANDRY),
YELAHANKA ZONE-02,
BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION,
M.E.I LAYOUT,
BAGALAGUNTE HESARAGHATTA MAIN ROAD,
BENGALURU 560 073.

2. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (TOWN PLANNING),
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR
(TOWN PLANNING),
YELAHANKA ZONE,
BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION,
M.E.I. LAYOUT, BAGALAGUNTE,
HESARAGHATTA MAIN ROAD,
BENGALURU 560 073.

3. COMMISSIONER
BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION,
GREATER BENGALURU AUTHORITY,
AMRUTHAHALLI MAIN ROAD,
BYATARAYANAPURA,
BENGALURU 560 092.

4. ZONAL COMMISSIONER / JOINT COMMISSIONER,
YELAHANKA ZONE-02,
BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION,
M.E.I. LAYOUT, BAGALAGUNTE,
HESARAGHATTA MAIN ROAD,
BENGALURU 560 073.

5. CHIEF COMMISSIONER,
GREATER BENGALURU AUTHORITY,
HEAD OFFICE, N.R. SQUARE,

HUDSON CIRCLE,
BENGALURU 560 002.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI.PAWAN KUMAR., ADVOCATE)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO QUASHING THE IMPUGNED NOTICE BEARING NO. CVO(AH)/PR/138/2026-27 DATED 17 NOVEMBER 2026 ISSUED BY THE RESPONDENT NO. 1, PRODUCED AT ANNEXURE A; B. DIRECTING THE RESPONDENT NO. 3 TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE THE PETITIONERS' REPRESENTATION AND APPLICATION FOR RELOCATION DATED 13 NOVEMBER 2026 (ANNEXURE J) AND REPRESENTATIONS DATED 18 AND 19 NOVEMBER 2026 (ANNEXURE K TO K1 AND ANNEXURE LTO L1), IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW AND AFTER GIVING THE PETITIONERS AN OPPORTUNITY OF HEARING, WITHIN SUCH TIME; DIRECT THE RESPONDENTS NOT TO TAKE ANY COERCIVE ACTION AGAINST THE PETITIONERS OR THE SCHEDULE PREMISES WITHOUT COMPLYING WITH THE DIRECTIONS IN PRAYER B; D. DIRECT THAT ANY DIRECTIONS OR ORDERS PASSED BY THE RESPONDENT OR ANY OTHER OFFICER OF THE GREATER BANGALORE AUTHORITY WHICH HAS THE EFFECT OF HALTING OR STOPPING OR IN ANY MANNER

IMPACTING THE OPERATIONS OF THE VETERINARY CLINIC AT THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY, PROVIDE THE PETITIONERS WITH A REASONABLE PERIOD OF NO LESS THAN 3 WEEKS TO ENSURE SAFE RELOCATION OF THE ANIMALS IN THEIR CARE.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B M SHYAM PRASAD

**ORAL ORDER**

The first petitioner is a partnership firm, and the second petitioner, as its partner, is managing a *Veterinary Clinic* under the name and style of *'All Paws' ['the Veterinary Clinic'].* The petitioners' grievance is with the first respondent's notice dated 17.11.2026 calling upon the petitioners to close the Veterinary Clinic before 19.11.2026 allowing essentially a day's notice. This becomes obvious because the notice is dated 17.11.2026 and it reads

that the petitioners must vacate the Veterinary Clinic before 19.11.2026.

2. Ms. Sanjana M, the learned counsel for the petitioners, argues for this Court's interference with the impugned notice emphasizing the afore and asserting the following.

- The first respondent has mentioned in the impugned Notice that the second petitioner does not have a license, which is factually incorrect. The second petitioner has been running the Veterinary Clinic for over 6-7 years, and the petitioner has had the Trade License to run the Veterinary Clinic renewed. The Trade License is valid up to 31.03.2027[1].

- The impugned notice does not mention the statutory provision under which it is issued, and the petitioners have not been extended with

[1] *The reliance is upon Annexure - D5*

any reasonable time to show cause against having to relocate the clinic.

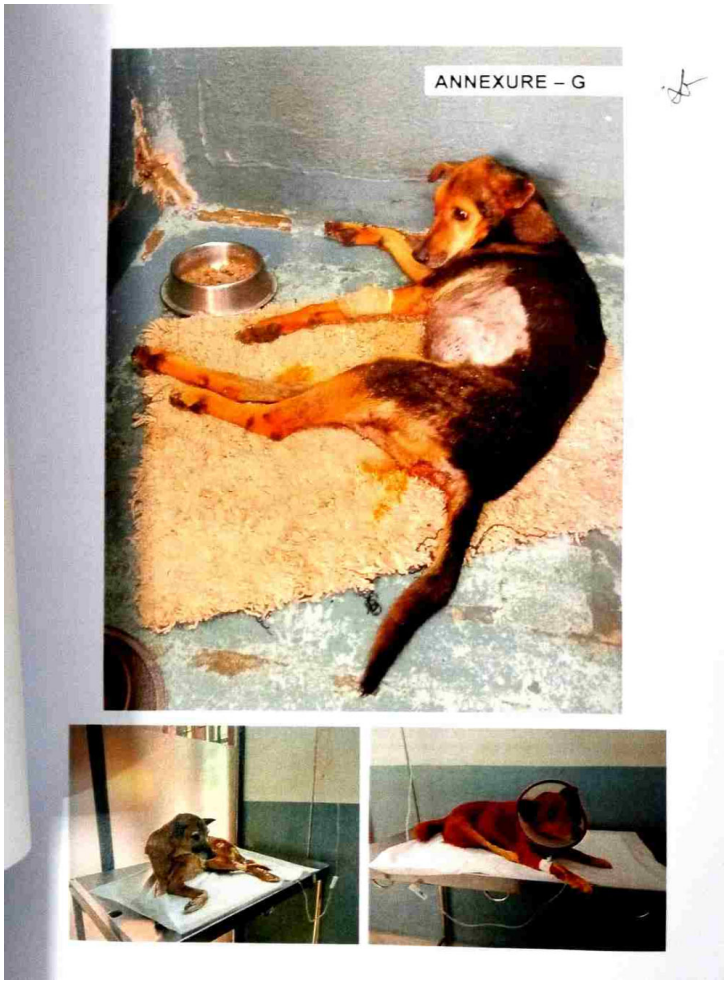
- The second petitioner has already filed an application for transfer of the Trade License to an alternative premises, and this application is made with the Commissioner, Bengaluru North City Corporation and is also acknowledged.
- The first petitioner has detailed the circumstances under which the petitioners are constrained to make a request for shifting or for necessary transfer of the Trade License to another alternative premises in the property bearing No. 234, I Main Road, HIG Colony, RMV Second Stage, Bengaluru ['*the Alternative Property*']. The petitioner is yet to receive a response to this application.
- The officers with the first respondent have been informed about the present petition and the matter being listed to be taken up at 2:30 pm

today. Nevertheless, the officers have sealed the Veterinary Clinic compelling the second petitioner to shift the dogs under treatment to the ground floor without the use of the medicines or the equipment required to treat them. Some of the dogs are terminally ill and are receiving Chemotherapy.

3. Sri. Pawan Kumar, a learned Standing Counsel, who is called upon to accept notice for the respondents and who has the advantage of one set of writ petition papers, is heard for the disposal of the petition examining whether the impugned notice can be sustained in law and the just orders that must be in view of the categorical assertion by Ms. Sanjana M that the petitioners will relocate the Clinic to the alternative premises within two weeks from the date they are issued with the order transferring the Trade License to the alternative premises.

4. The impugned notice must fail definitely on two counts. First, because the first respondent has not mentioned the statutory provision under which the notice is issued. Second, the first respondent, overlooking that the petitioners have been in the premises for over 6-7 years with the advantage of a Trade License, which is renewed continuously, has allowed the petitioners essentially a day's time to relocate. The notice to extend a reasonable opportunity and be in compliance with the principles of natural justice must ensure that there is due opportunity. If a notice does not pass muster on this score it must fail, especially when the notice is not traced to a statutory provision.

5. The petitioner has produced photographs of the dogs which are receiving treatment. These photographs read as under:




The Officers, despite being informed about the petition, it is stated, have sealed the premises constraining the second petitioner and these animals. The petitioners' case is that they treat rescued dogs while extending veterinary assistance to the pets that are brought for treatment.

6. This Court, on a comprehensive consideration of the circumstance in which the notice is issued, the nature of the petitioners' use of the subject property and the circumstances set forth in making an application for shifting of the Trade License to the alternative premises, is of the view there is unjustified haste in issuing the notice and acting upon the notice resulting in sealing the premises. Therefore, not only should the notice be quashed but there must also be directions to the authorities to break open the seal immediately upon a certified copy of this order being made available to them, but the petitioners must also be on terms.

7. Further, the Commissioner, Bengaluru North City Corporation must also be called upon to decide on the petitioners' application dated 13.11.2026 for the transfer of the Trade License to the alternative premises after ensuring due examination of all circumstances including the use of

the alternative premises for a Veterinary Clinic. A direction in this regard will be just because the petitioners can re-locate to the alternative premises, as intended by them, only if the trade license, which is in vogue, is transferred. Even if a decision is taken not to permit transfer of the Trade License to the alternative premises, the petitioners must have reasonable time. As such, the following,

**ORDER**

***[A]*** The petition is allowed, and the impugned Notice dated 17.11.2026 [*Annexure-A*] is quashed.

***[B]*** The first respondent is called upon to open the seal of the premises permitting the petitioners to operate their Veterinary Clinic until a Show Cause Notice, as permissible in law, is issued with a reasonable opportunity; and in any event the petitioners shall not be called upon to

shut down the Veterinary Clinic within a period of four [4] weeks from today.

**[C]** The petitioners are reserved with liberty to file a certified copy of this order with the Commissioner, Bengaluru North City Corporation, along with a copy of the application dated 13.11.2026, calling upon the Commissioner to ensure that a decision on the transfer is communicated to the petitioners under acknowledgement within two [2] weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

**Sd/-**
**(B M SHYAM PRASAD)**
**JUDGE**

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