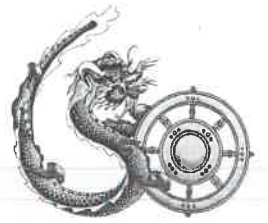




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Sub: Notification on the "Animal Tshethar Practices in the country"

Considering the growing trend in the practice of *Tshethar* activities in the country, the Ministry would like to inform the general public to abide by the following norms to minimize the impact of *Tshethar* animals on the environment, crops, incidences of disease spread as well as to ensure welfare of the *Tshethar* animals. As per the *Guideline on Animal Tshethar Practices 2018*, any individual or *Tshethar Tshogpa* interested in taking up the *Tshethar* practices must:

1. Register as Non Government Organization with the Civil Society Organization Authority.
2. Register their animal shelter meant for *Tshethar* purpose with the local government prior to taking up any *Tshethar* activities.
3. The animal shelter should have provision for adequate feed and fodder and water for animals.
4. The number of animals allowed for *Tshethar* shall be based on the carrying capacity of animal shelter.
5. *Tshethar* animals should be properly identified with proper identification marks.
6. Any movement of *Tshethar* animals from one Dzongkhag to another must be done with prior approval from BAFRA Office.
7. *Tshethar Tshogpa* should appoint caretaker to take care of the *Tshethar* animals in the shelter.
8. The import of animals for the purpose of *Tshethar* is strictly prohibited.
9. Purchase of *Tshethar* animals must be done in presence of BAFRA or Department of Livestock officials.

Any individual or *Tshethar Tshogpa* interested in taking up the *Tshethar* practices henceforth, must abide by these norms. *Tshethar* animals in the animal shelter shall be subjected to regular monitoring and any non-compliance will be dealt as per the Livestock Rules and Regulation of Bhutan 2017.

General public or the *Tshethar Tshogpas* are requested to extend full cooperation.



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