

ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA, CHENNAI

Simple Procedures for obtaining NOC from AWBI for using Performing animals in films, ad-films, tele-serials etc

Pre Shoot Permission - Requirements

- 1. Download the Application for Pre-shoot Permission for use of Performing animals in films....from Website www.awbi.org, as also the Part A Fitness Certificate and ownership certificate.**
- 2. Fill up all the details in the application. Affix signature and seal of Applicant (Producer of the film/adfilms, tele serials...) and owner of the animals in all the pages of the application. Please ensure that the contact details viz. full address with pincode, email address etc are furnished to the Board.**
- 3. Obtain the fitness certificate ,of the animals to be used, from a Veterinary doctor, registered with the Veterinary Council of India and the details of the owner of the animals in Part A Fitness Certificate and ownership certificate. If any of the animals to be used is a wild animal (provided it is not banned) then ownership certificate/permission of the Wildlife Department is to be attached. The animals banned from being used as a performing animal are Lion, Tiger, Bear, Monkeys, Panther and bulls.**
- 4. Furnish the synopsis of animal performances (what the animals are going to do in the film, their roles) in the letterhead of the Production company with signature and seal. Kindly ensure that the animal performances that are going to be used in the final film are submitted to the Board. If any animation or computer graphics are going to be used then inform of these details to the Board.**
- 5. If any scenes with animals are going to be shot in a foreign country, please inform the Board and provide documentary evidence of proof of shooting in the foreign country.**
- 6. Registration of fee of Rs.500/- be sent by DD in f/o Animal Welfare Board of India payable at Chennai.**
- 7. Forward the application with all the above documents to the Board along with a covering letter so that it reaches the Board well in time. Plan schedule of shooting with animals, after Pre-shoot permission is granted, well in advance and intimate the same to AWBI so that our observer can be detailed to oversee the animal shoots.**

No Objection Certificate (NOC)

- 1. Furnish the pro-forma for intimation of shooting dates etc in the prescribed format, which is sent along with the Pre- Shoot Permission letter by fax, email or by post.**
- 2. If the Board has intimated that an observer will be there at the time of shooting of Performing animals then intimate the above shooting details to them also and allow them to observe the shooting of animals.**
- 3. Ensure that the instructions provided in the Performing Animals (Registration) Rules 2001 are followed. The Rules are available in our website www.awbi.org. If the animals have to transported by walk, by road, by rail then please ensure that the relevant rules are followed and necessary guidelines/transport certificates are followed/obtained.**
- 4. Proceed with the shooting with animals and kindly ensure that the animals being used are given adequate rest, food, water etc to ensure their well being. Don't make or force the animals do anything which is completely against their nature. Ensure that there is absolutely no cruelty involved during the shooting. Please also ensure that there is Veterinary doctor at the shooting spot for providing emergency treatment to the animals if so required.**
- 5. Make two CDs containing only the animal scenes filmed (one for the Censor board and another for record at the AWBI), put the seal and signature of the Applicant with the name of the film on the CDs.**
- 6. Download the Part B Post Shoot Fitness Certificate form from Website www.awbi.org, and get the animals which took part in the shooting certified by the Veterinary Doctor who was present at the shooting.**
- 7. Fill up the NOC Application filling up all the details called for, affix signature of the Applicant and forward the Application along with the CDs, Part B Post Shoot Fitness Certificate and a covering letter to the Board.**
- 8. If all documents are in order, the proposal is processed and the NOC is approved and the same is sent by the Board by Speed Post to the concerned Censor Board along with a CD containing the**

approved animal performances and a copy of the NOC to the address provided in the Application.

9. The decisions of the PASC meeting, which takes place every week for Pre-shoot permissions and NOC, after approval by the Competent Authority, are also uploaded in our website www.awbi.org for every stakeholder's information.

10. Please ensure that the final film given to the Censor Board for certification contains only those animal scenes that were furnished to the Board (in the CDs), which was approved by the Board.

Most Important:

Please do not use any Agents/Middlemen to apply for these permissions.

The Producers/Applicants are requested to submit the application directly to the Board along with all relevant and required documents and obtain your NOC without any hassles. Please ensure that the documentation is accurate, true and complete in all respects and animals are treated properly. The status of your applications can be seen from our website after approval of the PASC meeting decisions every week. So all are requested to avoid engaging any middlemen/agent to apply or enquire about the issue of Pre-shoot permissions and NOC.

While forwarding NOC application, 2 CDs containing actual animal scenes (including computer graphics/animated/dummy) which are going to be shown in the final film shall be sent. If computer graphics/animation/dummy scenes are used, then a CD containing the rushes/making of the computer graphics/animation/dummy scenes shall also be sent.

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