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Respected Minister:

I am writing from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India as a veterinarian to follow up on our letters to you dated 8 August 2022 (below) and 19 July 2022 (attached) in light of the news that a [ten-year old boy was mauled by a pit bull](#) in a Ghaziabad park today.

This incident comes within just two months of news of a [pit bull attack in Meerut in which a teenager was critically injured](#), another pit bull attack which left a [13-year-old child from Punjab with a mangled ear](#), a [woman who became critical after a pit bull attack in Gurugram](#), and an [elderly woman in Lucknow who was mauled to death by her son's pit bull](#).

I once again request that an urgent amendment be made to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Dog Breeding and Marketing) Rules, 2017, to at least prohibit the keeping and breeding of foreign breeds of dogs bred for illegal fighting, such as pit bulls.

We also request that you urge states and union territories to shut down pet shops and breeders that are not duly registered with their state animal welfare boards and to crackdown on illegal dogfights.

The prohibition on pit bull-type dogs can be achieved by requiring owners to declare breeds placed on the prohibited list for mandatory sterilisation and government registration within a month of the issuance of a directive by states and union territories as well as by prohibiting any new dogs from these breeds from being bred, kept, or sold after a stipulated date immediately following the completion of that month.

I hope that you will take prompt action in this urgent matter. PETA India would be pleased to meet you, to work with the government on drafting these amendments, and to provide a list of dog breeds commonly used for fighting to your respected ministry.

Please inform me of any action taken by your office in this regard. I can be contacted on 9311910044 and at NithinK@petaindia.org.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

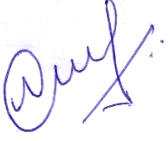
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