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To:

- Minister of Productive Reconstruction of Environment Energy Mr. P. Skourletis
- Prosecutor of the Supreme Court Ms. Efterpi Koutzamani
- Deputy Minister
 Mr. E Apostolou
- Undersecretary Mr. P. Sgouridis
- President of KEDE Mr. Patoulis

Notification:

- General Veterinary Director Mr. Alexandropoulos
- General Director of K.A.F.E. Mr. Ntountounaki
- Andrea Gavinelli Head of Animal Welfare Unit of European Commission

<u>Subject:</u> THOUSANTS OF ANIMAL ROTTEN HELPLESSLY IN THE DOG SHELTERS OF THE COUNTRY!





Dear Prosecutor

Dear Ministers

A **continuous and unpunished crime** throughout Greece at the expense of the stray animals and nobody reacts.

We are talking about the municipal dog shelters, where thousand of animals rotten helplessly, illegally incarcerated for years until they die – the law talks about a temporary stay, neutering, reinstatement or adoption and not life incarceration, as many Municipalities do -, without healthcare, in filthy living conditions and with Mayors totally indifferent regarding the misery in which knowingly most of the times they maintain them while they violate and constantly ignore the legislation.

Pictures of shame throughout the country, pictures of a third world country, pictures of misery and also grief for what is happening in almost all the municipal dog shelters, with only a few exceptions.

The crime timeless.

The indifference and analgesia timeless too.

With the recent change of Government we had hoped to something better but the situation remains the same and it becomes even worse due to the financial crisis.

As citizens of this country we absolutely comprehend the unprecedented difficulties of this Government but this place and society need something better regarding the animal issues from the Government.

Therefore we ask to **immediately** order the corresponding services of your ministry along with the assistance of the prosecution authorities **in order to shut down these animal Dachau** or to turn them into simple municipal veterinaries.

The animals, where it is possible, to be reinstated, others to be adopted, vaccinated, to be dewormed, to be neutered.

Shut down, now, the cells of their, inform the citizens, that since they won't stop abandoning them they will have to learn to leave in harmony with them.

It is not possible the Mayors in order not to lose their voters to contribute and foment this crime of the incarceration of thousands of animals, while the responsible authorities doing nothing about it.

Bring into justice the people responsible for their actions and omissions no matter which post they hold.

It is not possible in the **European Greece** this constant crime being committed and **ALL** the Δεν γίνεται στην **Ελλάδα τη Ευρώπης** να διαπράττεται αυτό το διαρκές έγκλημα κατά των ζώων και **ΟΛΟΙ** persons of interest remaining indifferent.

We ask within the next two months to shut down all of them.

The municipal dog shelters cannot be preserved even if the will of the Mayors existed, which it does not.

They must immediately be turned into municipal veterinaries, where the animals with the free contribution of the volunteer veterinarians under our legislation will be neutered and reintegrated.

We are sure, that you will take under consideration the aforementioned and will proceed immediately to commands for the relief and liberation of animals, whose life in the municipal sweatshops is tragic.

At your disposal in order to provide you with every possible piece of information and knowledge

Looking forward to you reply

For the Panhellenic Animal Welfare and Environment Federation (54 Associations) and the Panhellenic Coordinating Committee of 130 Animal Welfare Associations

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The Secretary Maria Houstoulaki

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