

Attention:

The Mayor of Skopje, Mr. Koce Trajanovski

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President of the Government of the R. Macedonia, Mr. Nikola Gruevski

Stop Killing Dogs in Skopje. Shut Down Vardariste!

We, the citizens of Europe and the world, individuals and activists of associations for protection of animals demand immediate shutting down of the shelter for homeless dogs Vardariste, a public institution responsible for humane treatment of stray dogs in the city of Skopje, Republic of Macedonia, because of the years-long abuse of its main function - a humane treatment of homeless animals in order to reduce their number through sterilization and castration.

We believe that the program (catch -neuter-vaccinate-release) is only a façade which hides systematic and large-scale killing of animals in the city of Skopje. Recorded data show that 30% of the caught animals are killed, but the reality is far worse. Situated on an old landfill, the shelter is a forgotten place of terror which is open to the public 4 hours a day (from 10:00h to 14:00h) – time when most people are at work, college or school and cannot visit the shelter and adopt a pet even if they wanted to. Taking pictures of the animals is strictly prohibited, including free movement of visitors inside the object. Volunteers are not allowed in.



