

The announcement of PFO

The Panhellenic Animal Welfare Federation (P.F.O.) by announcement emphasizes that The Ministry of Rural Development and Food amendment promotes the recent law 4039/2012 which seeks to institutionalize the killing of stray animals. As emphasized in the P.F.O.: "The primary objective of the amendment is to make the killing of stray animals profitable.

It removes the previous clear definition of dangerous animal as that which "manifests proven unprovoked intense aggressive behavior toward people or other animals ..." and replaces it with the extremely vague and general description as that which "demonstrates successful or unsuccessful attack or attempted attack threatening attitude and behavior towards people or other animals ...". After the failure of the intended safeguards of "proven unprovoked aggression and intense", the term "dangerous animal" now occupies indiscriminately all pets.

The irrational fear of a group of people who are, anyway, scared of animals and the intention of some municipalities to get rid of stray animals in their areas, combined with the perverse entrepreneurship are promoting an amendment that would spell the death of thousands of defenseless and friendly animals.

In summary, any animals deemed dangerous after stored for 15 days on inadequate kennels funded by ESPA will be killed and incinerated in incinerators own by the same funding (ESPA)

The possibility of allowing municipalities to deliver the supposed dangerous animal to a Friends of Animals organization, in order not be killed, is a pretext and in any case not a panacea because, as it is known, the number of animals that can be taken by such a club is limited and further active animal welfare associations do not exist in every municipality in the country.

Having exhausted the possibility of seconding funds from the state budget for alleged sterilization and vaccination programs for stray that never happened (12 million euros in 2004), the Ministry is now creating a new source of revenue for selected municipalities organizing the killing and incineration of stray animals.

Similar nightmarish practices were recorded and denounced in the presence of the Panhellenic Animal Welfare Federation (P.F.O.) to the European Commission last month, the Animal Welfare Federations of Romania and Bulgaria as well as a reclassification of Veterinarians Without Borders from Germany who returned from Ukraine.

All speakers highlighted the corruption that occurs in municipalities and associations of municipalities around the management of stray animals and fully substantiate the existence and activity of unethical business of killing animals for profit.

In 2012, respondents to the whole Act 4039, the Ministry ignored the comments of Animal Welfare organizations, relegating the entire process of consultation into a communication game.

Now, for the second time in a year under another Government, the same Ministry promotes changes in the law that have nothing to do with animal protection, only to serve specific economic interests. This time we refused to play the political communication game of the Ministry and its plus players, who have made social consulting into a network of inarticulate cries.

Solutions for the gradual reduction of the numbers of stray exist successfully implemented in most European countries and have been submitted repeatedly by the Panhellenic Animal Welfare Federation (P.F.O.).

They are solutions that are not expensive, do not favor involved unions and certainly do not intend to turn the country into a Dachau for stray animals.