



Romanian Animal
Welfare Coalition

CANINE CHARTER

The Romanian Animal Welfare Coalition will be set up as a self-governing coordination body, with all members signing up to this agreed Charter. This would then form the basis of an alliance of animal welfare advocates and non-government organisations (NGO's), fulfilling the overwhelming need to establish common goals and represent a dominant voice in animal welfare, as has been achieved in the UK and elsewhere

Whilst the proposed coalition would recognize that its members would occasionally have differences of opinion, it would recognise the fundamental importance and benefits of collaboration in order to address animal welfare issues and would commit itself to ensure maximum welfare to all animals through programs, advocacies and campaigns created

- We agree that co-operation between registered NGOs working for the benefit of dog welfare is essential
- We agree that a structured programme, including fact-based statistics, with a package of measures including Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return, working with the Municipalities, is the way forward
- We understand the current need to retain dogs in Shelters but we believe that Quality of Life for dogs held in these shelters is of paramount importance, based on the 5 Freedoms:
 1. Freedom from hunger and thirst
 2. Freedom from discomfort
 3. Freedom from pain, injury and disease
 4. Freedom to express normal behaviour
 5. Freedom from fear and distress
- We believe that neutering of owned (as well as street) dogs, unless specifically required for good breeding, is essential
- We believe that organisations should have a mission and strategy that they can and will adhere to as well as understanding that it is essential to carry out educational programmes amongst citizens of all ages, particularly for the young dog owners of the future
- We believe it is essential to be able to identify individual dogs and a law for compulsory microchipping coupled with a 24/7 database (enshrined in law) would be the best methodology
- We agree that no single NGO should openly criticise another

It is our duty to **SAVE DOGS' LIVES.**
Let's make sure we do this through **CO-OPERATION.**

