



PRESS RELEASE

STRAY DOGS MASSACRE IN CALARASI: STOP THAT MAYOR

Stray dogs killing has started again in Calarasi. **Ruthless dog-catchers have captured dogs and sometimes even killed them** since february 22nd **in front of horrified citizens**, sometimes beating those who tried to rescue the dogs previously sterilized by Save the Dogs and other Animals between 2008 and 2009 too.

Our association tried to work in Calarasi since the 28th of February signing an agreement with the municipality: **this agreement had never been fulfilled** because the municipality, that was supposed to share the 50% of the expenses for the kennels and sterilization, never met the costs. In the summer of 2009 a company owned by a local business man was charged to capture and sterilize dogs: actually many witnesses say that the dogs were moved into a kennel out of the way and then disappeared. The agreement signed in those days was of 40,000 euros, whereas the current one is almost 3 times more.

In September of 2009 STD declared the end of the project due to the lack of economical and political situations required to go on with the work.

The citizens who are contacting us in these days report **strangled dogs in the middle of the street, choked with laces, and kennels where the skeletal dogs are on deathbed without food or water**. STD Chief Executive tried yesterday to enter the building but the entrance was forbidden. The owner, got through the phone, insult and threaten him.

The owner, got through the phone, insult and threaten him. Save the Dogs asked to the bodies in charge **to act immediately to stop this massacre and start as soon as possible a real sterilization program**, in accordance with the law 9/2008 approved by the Romanian parliament. Moreover STD ask to the citizens of Calarasi to team up and strike in front the city hall and collect signature to show your disappointment to the mayor and to the district council.