

TO ALL THE STD FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS  
A REMARK ABOUT THE EVENTS IN CERNAVODA

**It is often said that women are “better” than men:** more sensitive, more empathetic, more generous. Considering all the women that take part to our projects I must admit that yes it's true. **Then I must consider also other women, those in Romania:** the one who run Cernavoda's municipality, the one who run a hell circle in Costanza, where hundreds of dogs are killed every month. Those are women too, and the fact that thousands of dogs die by their hands is even more understandable to me. The nurse who worked in the municipality kennel in Chiajna, Bucarest comes into my mind: a cold woman, unscrupulous, I think really different from the kapò who worked into nazi concentration camps. Pobably we are more sensistive and generous but it is also true that **when bad feelings guide us we know how to be more cruel than men.** And the contrast is really disarming.

Now my question is: how is it possible that a mayor phone call to a dog-catcher company can delete 8 years of working? **How is it possible that all dogs we took care of, we sterilizeed during these years, in the last hours are locked in that horrible concentration camp in Costanza, waiting for an injection?** I must confess you that when I first heard the news I've been tormented by opposite feelings: **deep rage** that i hardly control and that make me want to scream. **Desperation**, that comes out from powerlessness of not being able to stop these skirt-dress killers. But also the **consolation** for have saved during these years lots of animals: bringing them far from Romania and giving them a better life or avoiding the birth of thousands of puppies in places where they would have ended up suffering. Finally the **awereness** of our dedication to avoid all this. I've deceived myself thinking that Cernavoda had become **a civility island:** problems were a lot but people was in the right mood to understand all our efforts. Having someone where bring animals involved in road incidents ar someone to call in case of emergency **made Cernavoda a better place than other town in Romania.** And all the kids, the first in line to bring us puppies or animals in difficulties. They were used to cruel episodes before.

But this has been just an illusion: we're back in dark days and the STD progress history suffer a sudden **step back** due to people vacuity who run the town.

**We'll have to change lot of things in the next days:** we'll keep on fighting but we won't be able to sterilize dogs of the area: it'd be useless sterlize dogs who are catched and killed few days after.

**We'll focus on private animals** asking people not to let them free, because a lot have been catched anyway. We'll try to make a move , it's really hard but we'll try.

Why am I writing all this? First because this letter is supposed to be **a yell out.** My heart has been in Cernavoda for 8 years and now my heart is in a million pieces. They catched also our lovely Pamela. We set her free from the kennel 3 days ago but they didn't gave us back 4 more dogs. They were tender and in good health. **They came by the night** to avoid protests by the people. And if they come during the day they are with the police. **The town is divided in two:** supporters and opponents who thought that dog-cathcers were only a bad memory in Cernavoda.

**To the people in Cernavoda** we'll ask to revolt: they don't have to suffer all this with resignation, the regime is over.

**To italian and foreign association** please don't forget these animals: help us to save them, think about who in the next days will stop breathe,wags its tail and live.

**To STD friends and supporters** I say: don't abandon us, we need you. To build a new shelter with our municipality blackmail. STD will go on with its commitment. Spread the word to friends and families but please trust us, don't take initiatives not supported by STD. You could, involuntarily, damage us.

With love and gratitude,

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