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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dears All.

We would like to communicate with you in order to kindly ask for your support to the attempted crimes against the animals, which The Greek Government brings again to the Greek Parliament to be voted, after two years of prohibition.

With the Amendment Acts for the protection of animals, the government is trying to bring back in a skilful way the following provisions, which had been banned in our country since the 2nd of February, 2012:

(a) The tail amputation in dogs, under the excuse of injuries' prevention in hunting dogs (all races of FCI group 7). In our country there is no documented study, showing the necessity of the hunting dogs to be excluded from the amputation prohibition. The amputation of animals in Greece is prohibited since 1992, but the authorities never applied it. The breeders and dogs' owners had 22 years to adapt to what the European Agreement enacts for the protection of Accompanying Animals.

(b) In Greece – known internationally for the huge number of the existing stray animals – the government denies to apply birth control programs, even though this is absolutely necessary. Due to the economical crisis the abandonment of animals has sharply increased and the government refuses to take serious measurements against needless animal births (stray neutering, birth control of owned animals and the breeders' control).

For exactly this reason we asked and demand the breeding license from the first bred dog or cat. All breeders should be registered and the births be easily controlled, as a preventive measurement for abandonment. A request, which seems not to be accepted by the Greek Members of the Parliament.

The animal (wild or domestic) shows in our country were forbidden since the 2nd of February 2012. Moreover it is well known that in our country the circuses or any other

spectacles with animals are not permitted. The Greek Government for years pretends that ignores the Dolphin shows in the Attic Zoo Park and no matter how many attempts have been made by the animal lovers to stop them, this was not succeeded.

The Government, in order to satisfy the French businessman, tried to enact a provision which would exempt the zoo parks from the shows and would permit them again. After mass reactions of the animal lovers, the Government was forced to withdraw the provision but not their intentions. They consider the dolphins as ballet dancers and they do not see any harm in the "educational" shows, which take place at least 4 times per day.

We ask your support by protesting in the e-mails bellow, as concerns animal amputations, the birth controls by recording all the Greek breeders, your opposition to any animal show as well as the demand the Government to stop all dolphin shows in the country.

Sincerely Yours,

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(Attached: Our Profile)

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