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Croatian Government
n. r. g. Tihomir Oreskovic, Secretary of State
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Case: Application related to the Animal Protection Act

Dear Sir Oreskovic,

We are writing an appeal for You to help the animal protection in Croatia and prevent the retrogression of the Animal Protection Act, as well as to intercede with its improvement, which is, I believe you agree, expected of any modification thereto.

We are writing to You in the name of a great number of animal guardians, in the name of more than 70% of the citizens who supported a ban on fur farming, in the name of hundreds of organizations who stood in defense of this praiseworthy regulation, as well as in the name of almost all the citizens who want progress in Croatia in all areas, including the field of animal protection.

Last year a former minister of agriculture, Tihomir Jakovina, initiated modification of the Animal Protection Act, with the aim of the repeal of a ban fur farming in a way that chinchillas are exempted from the ban. This would also mean mocking the legal system, Croatian government, and the citizens, given the fact that the chinchillas are the only animals that are bred for fur in Croatia.

We understand that You are very busy, but we request You to find time for an insight into the importance of many reasons not to mutilate the Law and not to repeal the regulation which forbids breeding of animals for fur. I believe that You empathize with the chinchillas who suffer in the cultivation, and whose necks are being broken or who are being suffocated by gas so that unnecessary fur coats or fashion ornaments are made. You can also be proud that Croatia has, since the year 2007, a praiseworthy regulation which protects the animals not to being hurt because of their fur.

Although most of the breeders reoriented their management long ago, because of a transitional period, there are initiatives, after nine years, to lift the ban and regress the Law which needs improvement instead of retrogression. Out of this and many other reasons, the Law retrogression does not have any real, economical, scientific, social, ethical or ecological basis. Our request is simple – we want a step forward instead of ten steps backward. Help us to make it happen, help the animals!

We believe that You already encountered with a situation in which petty profiteering interests want to stand in front of the common good and progress, as well as of the will of the majority of the citizens.

If the amendments to the Law are already in the procedure, it is logical to keep the existing praiseworthy regulations, and to work upon its improvement for which there is a lot of space. We want to share with You the information that, in Croatia, healthy dogs, abandoned by their guardians, are being killed, although there is no need for killing, and there are good examples of care for the abandoned animals without killing them.

Please, save the chinchillas, whose protection is decided upon before the entire decade, and enable the Law improvement, because animals too need a prime minister.

Animal protection is also a part of the policy, in the world more and more prevalent, part of the life and growth of one country. The laws have to follow an ethical and ecological awareness development of the citizens, and that awareness is constantly growing in Croatia.

We believe that You will find time for saving animals. Thank You in advance, in the name of the organizations, citizens, and, most of all, in the name of animals.

With respect,

Luka Oman
President of the Association

Zagreb, 18th March, 2016