Romania, now known around the world as the Carpathian Killing Gardens for the reasons of the daily inhumane capture and killing of strays, the massacre of hundreds of thousands of healthy dogs for no reason other than financial (please read article at the end of this publication). The absolute disregard for animal welfare, the almost palpable hatred of animals which is in no way helped by hysterical campaigns by the government and local authorities, branding strays as dangerous and dirty.

The fact is that the killing started in 2001 has proven inefficient. Whereas during 2008-2011 the results of castration in Oradea and other cities reduced the population of strays from 7-8000 to around a few hundred.

Updated on 21 June, in Botosani, scene of the massacre of 220 dogs in two hours on 11 May 2011, they are now filling the kennels up again, with the ultimate intention of killing the strays. Will it be another massacre, probably unless the world can react quickly enough. This is not defensible in 2011.

What the International Community would like to see in Romania:

- The law from 2008 to stay the same or be improved from the point of view of animal protection. A vote of NO to mass euthanasia
- The law to be respected and justice served in cases like Botosani (massacre of 220+ dogs in two hours) and Tulcea (court cases won against the burning alive of sedated dogs every two weeks have been ignored).
- The authorities to get involved and use the EU money they receive to sterilize and treat the animals, build better run shelters, hire good veterinarians and allow people to help. The sterilization and adoption to be promoted and implemented at a national level with reasonable adoption fees requested. All healthy and social dogs to be released.
- More humane capture methods and if dogs have to be euthanized due to ill heath, this should be done in a humane way, in common with other EU countries.
- Educational campaigns in schools, promoted by local authorities in cities and villages, promoting the care of animals, and an end to publications by authorities causing unnecessary hysteria against strays.
- The training of animals to be used as therapy animals for (a) the blind (b) the disabled (c) law enforcement (d)decompression companions for soldiers (e) trauma victims (f) abused children and women
- Ban the use of poison on the streets, make it unavailable for purchase by the general public

Further reading which will enable people to read for themselves about the tragic situation for strays in Romania

- Pia Berrend Vice-President of ESDAW® European Society of Dog and Animal Welfare and Executive Director of WEEAC - World Event to End Animal Cruelty.http://www.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.piaberrend.org%2Fromania-corruption-in-tulcea%2F&h=9d7af

- A video made in remembrance of the 220 cruelly massacred dogs on 11 May 2011 in Botosanihttps://www.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fanimoto.com%2Fplay%2F8tWpxqhh1ycdbMyQFtIMJw&h=9d7af

- Two videos promoting the petition "1.000.000 SIGNATURES TO STOP KILLING OF 1.000.000 DOGS IN ROMANIA AND ALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES" and showing sad images of the innocent creatures:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8OibjmS9Y8&feature=related

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOjCiqtUJTE&feature=related

"This is a movie I made for all the world to see how our authorities and mainly the president and minister of tourism in Romania, Traian Basescu and Elena Udrea are instigating people to kill strays. Millions of euros are said to be spent on

dog shelters when everyone in this country knows that no dog that reaches those so-called shelters will live for more than 1 week. Dogs in our country are "euthanised" with axes, knives, are burnt alive or electrocuted so that all funds raised for shelters can be spent on expensive cars and mansions for our president and his gang.

WELCOME TO ROMANIA, LAND OF DEATH!"
Uploaded by LifeInAGlassBell on Mar 7, 2011:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbLRwCEsA-s&feature=related

§ An article written by Bonnie Snider, Animal Advocacy Examiner:

http://www.examiner.com/animal-advocacy-in-national/who-will-save-the-strays-of-romania-part-1-the-history