



Mr. J. Vallauré

Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain

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Oostvoorne, 2nd February 2017

Re.: petition and documents about mistreatment of Galgo's and other breeds in Spain

Dear Mr. Vallauré,

It is with great concern that I send this letter to you.

On Saturday 21st May 2016 our Foundation DutchGalgoLobby attended a march to the embassy in The Hague with 500 other people who wanted to express their sadness and worries about the mistreatment of Galgo's and other dogbreeds in Spain.

The first secretary of the Embassy, Mrs. Luisa Sanchez Bravo Carretero, refused to listen to the speeches of Mrs. Hazekamp who is the European Parliamentarian of the Dutch Party for the Animals (Partij voor de Dieren), the Chairmen of Galgo's del Sur and Greyhounds Rescue Holland. She went inside and closed the door. We were very disappointed about that. The main goal of the march was to talk to her personally about the situation.

After the speeches she came back to us and accepted some documents with information and pictures. She promised to hand the documents to "the highest responsible level". She also said that she would take good notice of the information we provided.

Recently I wrote her twice to ask to which person or department she sent the documents. By asking this, Foundation DutchGalgoLobby represented 500 attendees of the march.

I received one letter back from her in which she repeated that the information was sent to "the highest responsible level".

We think it would have been respectful if the First Secretary agreed to listen to our speeches and gave a serious reply to our letters. Unfortunately she refused to do this.

Now, in the beginning of February, about 50.000 Galgo's will be abandoned and/or mistreated in your country now the hunting season is over.

During the past weeks ten thousands of people all over Europe signed petitions which were initiated by World Animal Protection and PiepVandaag. 1st February is "Dia del Galgo", a worldwide Memorial Day for the suffering of galgo's and other breeds in Spain.

On the 5th of February in 25 cities in Spain manifestations will be held to convince the Spanish Governement to stop the cruelties.

The situation is being discussed in Dutch- and European Parliament.

Foundation DutchGalgoLobby would be pleased to talk to you about the situation of the 50.000 dogs in your country. We think it is not a European attitude to mistreat so many animals. More and more people in Europe want the mistreatment of Galgo's in Spain to come to an end. More and more demonstrations and petitions prove the intention of all these people, even in Spain itself.

We kindly ask you to give us the opportunity to discuss the situation with you personally and convey our great concern to the Government of Spain.

With kind regards,

On behalf of Foundation DutchGalgoLobby

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