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## **THE PUBLIC DOG POUND OF COSTANZA (ROMANIA) KILLS STRAYS ILLEGALLY**

**Research conducted by Save the Dogs and other Animals demonstrates with audiovisual evidence that the company which is responsible for the dog pounds commits atrocities. A serious denunciation to the competent authorities.**

Enclosures in prohibited hygienic conditions, **healthy dogs seized with large metal pincers with an injection directly in the thorax**. Dozens of dead bodies laying on the ground, ready to be enclosed in rubbish bags and transported to the incinerator. **It is such shock images that Save the Dogs have made available to the Romanian media**, taken in the public dog pound of Costanza.

The association has started to gather video evidence of the atrocities following the captures (beginning last April) of dozens of stray dogs in the city of **Cernavoda**, when the town employed Alfmob srl (who manage the Costanza dog pounds) to clean up the roads from strays. **All the dogs captured and killed were sterilized and vaccinated by the association and didn't represent a danger to the town and its people.**

**"We denounce the company Alfmob srl, who violate the Romanian law on the protection of animals and the veterinarian engaged close to the dog pound - declares the president of Save the Dogs Sara Turetta, and we invite the town of Cernavoda and all other towns who have contracted Alfmob to immediately stop any relationship with the company who every day commits barbarous acts and atrocities contrary to Romanian and International laws".**

In 8 years of activity, the Italian association (who in Romania finances projects beyond 500.000 Euro per year) have sterilized free of charge 12.000 dogs and cats and has rescued through international adoption more than 2.200 four legged animals.

Save the Dogs considers the removal of stray dogs from the territory ineffective and useless: **"The local authorities must undertake concrete measures against those that don't sterilize their own dogs and those that abandon them every day-** concludes the president of Save the Dogs Sara Turetta - while public money should be used for campaigns which sensitize the public and punish those that feed the stray dog phenomenon. We hope that after the diffusion of the video, the authorities close these concentrations camps of Costanza and those guilty will be punished".