

# International Organization for Animal Protection



Organizzazione Internazionale per la Protezione degli Animali - Onlus

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To the kind Attention of  
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Milan, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Mr. Kasibante Livingstone,

the **International Organization for Animal Protection (OIPA)** that operates worldwide in defence of animal rights and protecting animals from cruelty, abuse and exploitation and that is member accredited at the United Nations Department of Global Communications (DGC), the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA) and the UN Environment Program (UNEP)

is writing following the **Announcement No. WTC/218/1** signed and published on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

Our organization is highly concerned for the *decision of Wakiso Town Council to "KILL DOGS AND CATS LOITERING IN ALL ITS WARDS (STRAY PETS) ON THURSDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022"*.

OIPA is highly sensitive regarding the treatment reserved to *stray dogs and cats* around the world and how their population is handled in different countries. Our objective is to safeguard the lives of animals promoting the implementation of a *population control programme*, which is *ethical and humane* and can provide an effective result in the long term, without hurting, causing suffering or killing any animals, which has instead a null effect! We also encourage to educate your local community on responsible pet ownership and to teach the importance of sterilization in order to avoid the birth of unwanted litters and consequently the increase of abandoned animal. Last but not least, we support the organization of educational programmes focused on animal care and protection also in cooperation with local association and volunteers ensuring that animals will be treated in your community with kindness, respect and compassion.

Considering that Uganda has adopted "*THE ANIMALS PREVENTION OF CRUELTY ACT*" consolidated in 2000,

we sincerely ask Your Council to immediately *reconsider the cruel decision* to kill stray animals and to *work for implementing alternative and ethical methods* that exist and are much more effective, rather than using a cruel and heartless approach able only to promote and justify animal cruelty amongst your citizens.

Make your town a place that **cares about the less fortunate** and you will become a virtuous example for many other cities.

We trust you will give this matter your urgent attention and we remain available to discuss with your team further.

Sincerely,

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OIPA - Chairman



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