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To whom it may concern,

in view of the vote scheduled on May,24 at the Parliament of Turkey regarding the approval of the draft bill proposed by the AK Party that would amend the Animal Rights Law revised in 2021

**OIPA - International Organization for Animal Protection**, a non-governmental organization committed to defending animal rights and protecting animals from cruelty and abuse worldwide,

is calling on the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye to take a stand for animals and to reject the amendment that would allow the capture and euthanasia via lethal injection of stray dogs throughout the Country, if animals caught and moved to shelters are not adopted within 30 days.

This proposal is an announced massacre of innocent animals, and it comes after the wrong and unproved belief that spaying and neutering is not an effective method to manage country's stray dog population.

We instead demand to approve an amendment which will enforce controls towards municipalities to verify that they effectively allocate financial resources for implementing vaccination and sterilization programs that will save the lives of animals while reducing stray dog population in the long term, as well as they will increase community safety.

Taking animals' lives away due to humans' inability to ethically manage a problem and the refusal to invest in sustainable alternatives is not anymore acceptable.

**We hereby ask you reconsider your decision to vote in support of such a cruel amendment.**

We are confident you will take the matter seriously taking a stand against violence and animal cruelty.

Our team is at your disposal for any questions and ready to cooperate.

Sincerely,

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