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To whom it may concern,

We came to know that Limassol Municipality in Cyprus is taking a Veterinary Surgeon to the court because he left his car urgently, on an unfrequented sidewalk in order to save a dog's life. This dog was suffering from severe form of heat exhaustion, and he was lying on the ground semi unconscious and ready to die. This has happened on July,7 2024, when the external temperature was 42°-45° C.

As non-governmental organization committed to defending animal rights and protecting animals from cruelty and abuse worldwide,

OIPA – International Organization for Animal Protection - urges your municipality to reconsider the fine imposed on the veterinarian and review any other disciplinary actions taken.

Despite not wanting to break the law, he parked his car in an unauthorized area in order to save a life. We kindly ask that you recognize this veterinarian's professionalism and adherence to ethical standards.

National and international laws protect animals, and like all living beings, they have the right to receive assistance if found in distress.

All lives have the same value, no matter if humans or not.

We are confident you will take the matter seriously.

Sincerely,

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