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Republic of Greece
Ministry for the Protection of Citizens
Office of the Chief of Greek Police
Department of Safety and Order
Office of Public Safety
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Protocol No. 71572/10/497632

Re: Investigation of reports of animal abuse/deaths – actions to be taken for their protection.

1. It is well known that the Ministry for the Protection of Citizens and the Police Departments are frequent recipients of complaints regarding animal abuse or death, from NGO organisations, Animal Welfare groups and individuals from both Greece and abroad.

There are many complaints in printed, electronic or other media formats, where photographs or videos of abused or dead animals are published.

A recent anonymous internet post was entitled "Kill the Strays".

These photographs are usually accompanied by critical comments that dispute the ability of the authorities to implement the Law and also damage the reputation of Greece internationally.

2. In view of all the above we kindly ask you that you give orders and directions to all the appropriate services so that:

a) They immediately investigate all reports of animal abuse or death and that they enforce the law to the letter in regard to the individuals responsible .

b) That they make clear to the personnel under their supervision that they respond immediately to any accusation or report which comes to their attention and that a written reply is provided to the person who made the complaint

c) That they cooperate with Animal Welfare Organisations around the country and that they investigate their complaints with particular attention.

3. For your further information we attach Law 3170/2003.

4. This letter is to be submitted to the office of the Minister and Deputy Minister and General Secretary of Public Order, to the Chief, Deputy Chief Officer and other General

police inspectors of North and South Greece and to the remainder of the recipients for their information.

Signature: ADAMANTIOS STAMATAKIS

CC: 1) Departments Attiki,
2) Thessaloniki

(+ Long list of Municipalities and Departments)