Advocating for Animal Welfare in Kazakhstan

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«The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.»

Mohandas Gandhi
My journey to advocacy: Ella (Pushistik/The Fluffy)

HEAVEN ON EARTH'S MISSION IS TO TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF HOMELESS CATS THROUGH RESCUE, SANCTUARY, AND NEW BEGINNINGS.
My journey to advocacy: Lucky Rescue Dog

A rescue whose heart-wrecking story helped to push a new animal welfare law in Kazakhstan. See: Instagram.com/p/jA5aabJhJLT/
Now living with my son and I in California. Followed by marinabektsultan, dobroe_serdze_kostanay and 15 others.
My journey to advocacy: SEN Foundation and Pet Ambassadors
SAVE (rehabilitation center)

EDUCATE (educational centers for children)

NAVIGATE (work with communities)
SAVE
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» Rescue, rehabilitation, adoption of homeless animals

» Humane control of homeless animal population

Our ultimate objective: Rescue animals and raise awareness about animals in need by spreading influential animal rescue stories with the goal to make kindness and rescue a viral cause.
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» Establishment of the 1st in the country modern Animal Assisted Education center for kids and teenagers in Nur-Sultan and Atyrau

» The target audience

Healthy children, as well as children with speech, hearing problems, difficulty reading or socializing, as well as those who have experienced stress

» Programs and protocols are adopted from international mentors
Promote responsible treatment of animals

Spread awareness about the importance of spaying/neutering pets

Conduct lectures for high school and college students

Connect and collaborate with local influencers

Outreach events with children and adults
Animal abuse cases in Kazakhstan

Statistics for 2011-2017 years:

» 800 cases were registered in police departments
» 11 cases went to trial
» 0 cases of imprisonment
Punishment in some developed countries and in Kazakhstan

» Up to 5 years in prison and fine up to 250,000 in Ireland

» On November 25, 2019, the Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture Act was signed into law in the US. Up to 7 years in prison.

» Article 316 of the Criminal Code of Kazakhstan up to 30 days in prison or fine 48,100 KZT (~$115)
Current approach of homeless animal population management in Kazakhstan

» Governmental Veterinary Service performs catching and euthanasia of homeless animals

» In Nur-Sultan and Almaty cities, Veterinary Service keeps caught animals for 60 and 3 days in Nur-Sultan and Almaty respectively

» In all other cities and rural areas, homeless animals are being euthanized in place by shooting with darts

» According to the World Animal Protection Organization, this approach is ineffective and inhumane
Spay and Neuter Projects in the US

» CNVR (Catch, Neuter, Vaccinate, Return)
» The program is being funded by donors, non-profit organizations, donations and governmental subsidies
» Introduction of laws that require spaying and neutering
» Licence is required to become pet breeder
How did the Netherlands become free of street dogs?

» Extensive spay/neuter through CNVR (Catch, Neuter, Vaccinate, Return)
» Encouraged adoption through tax break
» Conducted spay/neuter awareness campaigns
» Up to 3 years prison sentence and fines up to €16,000
Our partners in the US

» Helen Woodward Animal Center (HWAC) in Rancho Santa Fe, California
» A Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals International (SPCA)
» Angel’s Furry Friends Rescue in San Jose, California
Our mentor:
HELEN WOODWARD ANIMAL CENTER

Gaining knowledge and experience from experts in animal rescue, animal therapy and community outreach will enable the SEN FOUNDATION to carry out its MISSION effectively and efficiently. (website: https://animalcenter.org/)
International organization and partner: A SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS INTERNATIONAL (SPCA International)

The organization has been fighting cruelty to animals since 2008 by rescuing animals and educating people (website https://www.spcai.org/)

This year we were granted $3000 to support our rehabilitation center

Cooperation agreement between SEN Foundation and SPCAI International
Help with adoption of the special need rescues from our Rehabilitation Center in USA
Our social media accounts:

INSTAGRAM: @senfoundation.kz
FACEBOOK: SEN Foundation / Atyrau, Kazakhstan