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le Dalai-Lama*

Paris, 26th of March 2010

President Viktor Yanukovich
President of Ukraine
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Dear Mister President,

I sent a letter in September last year to the Prime minister regarding the poisoning of stray animals in Kiev, Kharkiv, Donetsk, Luhansk among others but, unfortunately, never received any answer. I am feeling horrified in front of such indifference to the suffering of animals. That such cruel acts don't seem to trigger any concern in the conscience of decision's makers is not a good sign for the ethical growth of Ukraine, which is the basis for any healthy development of a country. Killing may seem cheaper than sterilizing and releasing dogs but is in fact totally ineffective on the long term and will just generate torments and violence. A large community of animal lovers in Kiev and around the world is continuously trying to reach you with the hope of finally hearing a word of mercy and a decision to stop this atrocious killing.

I am sending you the last photos taken the 15th of March from shot and poisoned dogs –these animals were sterilized, vaccinated and under the care of volunteers-, so that you can't deny the evidence and give me a "reassuring" answer telling me that it is just in the mind of fanatical animal welfare activists. I assure you that European guests coming for the Eurofoot games 2012 don't want to see empty streets free of unwanted animals but full of the shadow of blood and excruciating agonies of hundreds of unfortunate beings.

Please Mister President, I ask you to show your responsible attitude towards animals in your country as they, too, have the right to get protection from you. Kiev as a capital needs to be a model for the rest of the country and stop violating the law concerning the defence of animals against cruel treatments effective since February 2006.

Faithfully yours,

Brigitte Bardot
President

Copy to Mr Mykola Movchan, Minister of Environmental Protection of Ukraine and Mr Michel Platini, President of the UEFA

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