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His Excellency Mr. Ambassador Hakkı Emre Yunt
Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye in Stockholm
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Your Excellency Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye,

I write on behalf of Djurens Rätt, the largest animal protection organisation in Sweden, founded in 1882 and representing 50 000 members concerned about animal well-being, both in Sweden and globally. We write to you, Sir, regarding our concern of the reported mass killings of dogs in Türkiye.

The problems that can exist regarding homeless dogs cannot be managed through mass killings. Animals are sentient beings and must be treated with respect. The situation must therefore be resolved in a long-term sustainable way, for example by neutering stray dogs and by providing local shelters with adequate support from the state, so that they can take care of and relocate dogs to new homes.

Allowing mass killing of dogs is not something that benefits Türkiye's reputation internationally and now already foreign tourists are urged to avoid traveling to in Türkiye.

Djurens Rätt, together with the huge dedication from our members, now want to ask the Government of Türkiye to stop the mass killings of stray dogs and instead implement humane and sustainable

methods to help the dogs and solve this urgent animal welfare problem.

We plea to Your Excellency Ambassador to raise this concern with the appropriate authorities to bring an immediate end to the killing and suffering of dogs in Türkiye.

We appreciate your support in this urgent matter. Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest considerations,



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