

FORUM: JUNIOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1

QUESTION OF: PROTECTING ANIMAL RIGHTS ACROSS BORDERS

MAIN SUBMITTER: UNITED KINGDOM

CO-SUBMITTERS: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SWITZERLAND, URUGUAY,
AUSTRALIA

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Recalling, the Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare which recognizes that animals are sentient, to prevent cruelty and reduce suffering, and to promote standards on the welfare of animals such as farm animals, pets, animals in scientific research, draught animals, wildlife and animals in recreation, which was adopted by the United Nations,

Considering that all living beings possess the same basic needs: to survive, to seek happiness and pleasure and avoid pain, to live comfortably, make babies, create families and other social functions,

Keeping in mind that all living beings, as known to humankind, are sentient beings, and therefore can feel pain, pleasure, and sensation,

Expresses its appreciation for the following six organizations that protect animal rights, including Best Friends Animal Society, Dumb Friends League, Humane Society of the United States, PetSmart Charities, San Diego Humane Society and the SPCA,

Reminding that many people treat animals cruelly due to religious practices, cultural beliefs, and personal choice,

Emphasizing that animals also have the right to eat, sleep, be physically and psychologically comfortable, healthy, safe, live in a suitable environment, fulfill all their natural and essential needs,

1. Urges governments to create and enforce laws to protect animals from torture for any reason such as but not limited to;
 - a. Prohibit killing animals with poison,
 - b. Take part in the fighting or baiting of an animal,
 - c. Cause unnecessary suffering through transportation,
 - d. Business are prohibited to treat the animals poorly such as but not limited to;
 - i. Using violence for behavior modification,

- e. Cause unnecessary suffering to an animal that is being destroyed to provide food for mankind;
2. Requests education to make the younger generation aware that animals are living organisms and deserve rights to be treated well;
 - a. Ensure that education programs are easily accessible through such as but not limited to;
 - i. Websites,
 - ii. Books,
 - iii. Videos;
3. Notes that animals should be free from exploitation, oppression, victimization, brutality, abuse, and any other treatment that disregards their safety such as;
 - a. Being killed for skins,
 - b. Killed for religious purposes,
 - c. Abused and killed for sport and entertainment purposes;
4. Recommends pet owners to provide their animals with basic needs, such as but not limited to;
 - a. Food,
 - b. Water,
 - c. Treatment,
 - d. Safe environment;
5. Insists animals should be kept in proper living conditions, ensure that;
 - a. Habitats are not being destroyed by deforestation,
 - b. People don't hunt them illegally;
6. Encourages people to report to the authorities when they witness any violation of animal rights;
 - a. Killing animals,
 - b. Treating them cruelly,
 - c. Leaving them untreated if they are ill;
7. Urges every country to organize an annual World Animal Day, which happens on the 4th of October, to make the world a better place for animals by;
 - a. On World Animals Day, countries are encouraged to help animals by such as but not limited to;
 - i. Pet adoption events,
 - ii. Conferences and workshops,
 - iii. Concerts and sponsor opportunities,

- iv. Marathon running to raise funds to protect animals.
- v. Homes should be made for animals on the streets

8. Every region should have an organization to;

- a. Protect animals
- b. Within each region

9. Suggests neighbouring countries create similar laws for protecting animals;