



*Membre d'honneur
le Dalai-Lama*

Paris, 13 December 2019

Mr Kassym-Jomart Tokayev
President of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Ak Orda
Nur-Sultan
Kazakhstan

An open letter to the President,

I am writing to you to express my horror and despair about the plight of stray animals in your country.

Reports continue to flood in detailing the brutal methods employed to capture dogs and cats before killing them in a barbaric way. According to reports, "animal control" agencies are paid to clear dogs and cats from the streets, without the slightest concern for the trauma inflicted on the poor animals. Nor, indeed, on the local residents who care for them, or simply accept their presence, as it should be in a world where man's place is not to dominate but to support and show compassion.

It would appear that cruelty knows no bounds; reportedly in cities like Atyrau and Uralsk, products are used to paralyse the animals before burning them alive! How is such torture conceivable in the 21st century? In France and most of the world, individuals committing such acts would be considered psychopaths and committed to mental institutions or face long prison sentences.

I beseech you, Mr President, to establish a humane system for the management of stray animals. One in which sterilisation, identification, community responsibility, and education take the place of a barbaric policy that horribly tarnishes your country's image. The money spent on these atrocities should instead go to implementing such a system. My Foundation is ready to work with you towards this change of course. Only such a change can achieve a lasting result and make your country party to a humanist policy of caring for people, nature, and animals. Work with your country's legislators to draw up an animal protection law.

I eagerly await a prompt and positive response from you. I am ready to send a representative of my Foundation to pave the way for a painless vision and management of dog and cat overpopulation. Do not let me down, Mr President!

With all my hope,

Brigitte Bardot
President

FONDATION BRIGITTE BARDOT

RECONNUE D'UTILITÉ PUBLIQUE PAR DÉCRET EN DATE DU 21 FÉVRIER 1992

28, rue Vineuse - 75116 Paris - France • Tél. 01 45 05 14 60 • Fax 01 45 05 14 80 • CCP Paris 662 05T

ffb@fondationbrigittebardot.fr www.fondationbrigittebardot.fr