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'The Invisible Rape of Europe'

- 128 pages that will shake a continent -

Today, 17th of April 2014, a new publication, **'The Invisible Rape of Europe'** was formally presented to Mr Jean-Claude Juncker, who, in his position as former Prime Minister of Luxembourg, was one of the longest-serving democratically elected leaders in the world. Mr Juncker was President of the Eurogroup from the creation of the semi-permanent position in 2005 until 2013 and he also served two six-month terms as President of the European Council, in 1997 and 2005. Mr Juncker is both a human rights advocate and animal lover, and he is widely touted as a strong candidate as the next President of the EU Commission.

The contents of this publication are both relevant and disturbing in their potential impact on citizens of Europe. Written by world-experts, 'The Invisible Rape of Europe' examines the mismanagement on a colossal scale of the stray animal population of Romania and its attendant social, psychological and political effects both within Romania and in the rest of Europe. Lawyers demonstrate that the European Commission has the legal competence - and a legal duty - to intervene in the cruel treatment of Romanian dogs, and all question why European institutions fail to act?

The Romanian Government has a responsibility to reduce the previously uncontrolled numbers of stray animals on the streets, and they elected to apply a management strategy which has been discredited as previously unsuccessful wherever applied and which is against all the treaties which Romania has signed with regard to animal protection and animal welfare. The choice of an 'eradication' policy, as well as the utmost cruelty practised on a daily basis in various parts of Romania in the name of "euthanasia" of dogs is in flagrant breach of European values and of a number of international obligations binding on Romania.

The EU Commission, along with the Parliament and the Council, are aware of the continued failure of the Romanian government to find a sustainable and humane solution to the problem of surplus dogs in Romania.

The inability of the EU Commission, so far, to come up with a credible solution has caused citizens of many EU countries to question the entire justification of the existing EU legal framework. In particular, it goes beyond the limits of imagination of a growing number of EU citizens that Romania, a country receiving millions of Euros of financial assistance from other EU countries every year is, at the same time, "entitled" to completely disregard a set of European values.



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The psychological, financial, political, human and legal aspects of the Romanian stray animals eradication program

The introduction of Romania's 'Slaughter Law' and the diminishment of the status of the animals to 'eradicable', has polarized Romania's society and made it dangerously divisive, now having a society divided into two groups, namely aggressors of the dogs, and defenders of the dogs, and the legitimisation of 'displaced aggression' with the availability of an aggression expiation victim on every street corner has promoted Romania as an 'aggression training facility'.

The Council of Europe's Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals, which was ratified by Romania, provides a condition for stray animal number reduction, but with the caveat "does not cause avoidable pain, suffering or distress". There is an alternative management strategy which 'avoids' pain, suffering and distress, not only to the animal population but also to the human population... One which has been applied successfully in every civilized country, and which is the introduction of a national neutering program.

In Romania this would cost, over a 6-7 year period, half the cost of the current 'slaughter program'. A saving of the order of many tens of millions of Euros. But there is a desire within political circles to maintain the 'catch and kill' strategy as it is profitable and potentially infinite, and this is promoted by a primarily politically controlled media.

Within the book, a continuing derivative of a communist legacy is identified by a biased news media which denies Romanian people access to the facts. It shows how a society constantly exposed to violence, death and abuse of animals encourages the processes of desensitization in children and adults. In general, this society is now identified by acts of enhanced aggression and reduced empathy among its citizens.

'The Invisible Rape of Europe' is possibly the most powerful invocation for change that has ever been created in this domain. It identifies how socially encouraged aggression against legitimised living targets promotes aggression against humans and property.

This book calls upon...

the politicians of Romania to change their strategy to manage the significant stray animal populations by adopting a humane neutering program. This would save the Romanian taxpayer over 100 million Euro and importantly... would be successful and aggression expiation possibilities would be reduced.

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'diminishment at source' by humanely reducing animal numbers rather than any later 'containment of effect'.

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the Romanian media to, instead of promoting violence and aggression toward animals, to present humane attitudes and perspectives... Society changes on such influences.



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the politicians of Europe, to see how such a mismanaged domain cannot exist in isolation. 'No competence' in the stray animal domain introduces no change in an exponentially increasing social problem which is now exportable across Europe.

And possibly most powerful of all, it calls upon...

the people of Europe to defend the rights of the children and of the animals not to be victims of inhumane practices with attendant effects increasingly being brought to their own countries.

We call upon and for...

humane, moral, and transparent re-evaluations and we invite those who can, to exercise the Power of Change!

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On behalf of the authors, the contributing experts and the entire team behind 'The Invisible Rape of Europe',

The Editors,

Pia Berrend & Malcolm Plant

'The Invisible Rape of Europe' is available as 'Deluxe Edition' and e-book.

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