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Dear Sharron Ellis,

First of all, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Agriculture and Food, I would like to thank you for the message you sent to the site of the Presidency of the Republic and that it was later sent to this office.

We acknowledge your concerns and in order to address this problem the National Parliament in 2016 approved the Law nº 27/2016. This Law determined that from September 2018 the slaughter of dogs and cats would be prohibited as a measure of population management and determining the implementation of programs for sterilization and adoption of animals found without owner.

Based on this Law, the government has established some programs to support, mainly through the municipalities, the modernization of official kennels, as well as to financially support programs for the sterilization of dogs /cats and the promotion of the adoption of recovered animals, in the sense of seeking to reduce unwanted breeding and the number of animals found to be unowned.

Thus, in the year 2018 about 13,350 dogs and cats were sterilized through the official kennels, which represents almost double that had been carried out in 2017.

For the year 2019 the government have established again a financial support of 500,000 € to the program of sterilization and adoption of pets, by the official kennels.

Hoping to have answered your concerns, I offer my best wishes,

HUGO LOBO
Chefe de Gabinete