

About Scion Trust

Scion Trust is a Kenyan incorporated public Charitable Trust incorporated under Kenya's **Trustees (Perpetual Succession) Act Chapter 164**. It was started in late 2015 and registered on 13th September 2016 and officially incorporated as an Irrevocable Charitable Trust on 3rd July 2017.

The Trust is a non-profit public benefit corporation within the meaning of Public Benefit Act, functioning as an operating Charity, for the public benefit towards advancement of charitable purpose in Kenya and elsewhere in the world.

About the project:

Introduction

We are for help to establish facilities where dogs will have freedom to exercise & play, potential adopters can comfortably visit with dogs, where both kids and adults can learn about animals, animal shelter staff will learn shelter management, animal care & handling, & where volunteers can be accommodated.

Summary

Homeless, Stray or abandoned dogs are a common site in Kenyan urban centers. They are often sick, malnourished and full of lice. Children as well as adults often abuse them. Some of the dogs become feral and rabid and are a danger to the community.

We are seeking to vaccinate and treat at least 10000 dogs and help others 500 that are critically ill, abused or abandoned by providing them shelter, food and veterinary care.

Purpose and aims

We are working to educate the local communities to take care of their dogs and the need for adopting & humanly dealing with homeless dogs in a manner that will protect them while managing their dogs population as opposed to drives for mass killing of dogs over rabies as witnessed in Kitui County on January 23, 2017 (<https://thenews-chronicle.com/kenya-conduct-mass-killing-of-dogs-over-rabies-photos>)





Challenge

Despite of their great importance in the society as our companions, in Kenya dogs are not taken care of, they are never fed, treated or housed. Majority of dogs are neglected, abused and in many occasions inhumanely killed for petty and imagined offenses like eating eggs or food.

This makes many dogs to flood urban centers where there many food centers to eat the remnants thrown away. This helps to massive breeding of these stray dogs ending to be a nuisance to these towns.

In order to eliminate them from these towns, various authorities are using poison to massively kill these dogs and carting them away in tracks for mass burial which is itself harmful to the environment.

Project Description

Culling dogs does not stop the spread of rabies, this is also not a humane or responsible way to manage dog populations. The best way to protect dogs and the people is through successful community awareness and educational programs to promote culture change. Well catered dogs will not stray-away; they will remain in their respective homes, thereby reducing influx of dogs in urban centers.

Solution

This project is seeking to rescue abandoned and stray dogs and provide them with a decent life by providing food, medical care and shelter.

The project will be promoting culture change in our society. In our project we are targeting to reach as many children as possible – they are the key to culture change in the way our communities handle dogs. They will push their parents, friends and relatives – this will be the beginning of the long lasting culture change

We are targeting to promote general public awareness on the need for humane treatment of dogs, carrying massive vaccination programs, treatment of the sick dogs, promoting adoption of homeless dogs and sterilization of remaining stray dogs roaming freely in different township to ensure dogs are no longer suffering and to eliminate incidences of rabies.

Project Activities:

The project is working to promote general public awareness on the need for protecting dogs, promoting housing and adoption of homeless dogs roaming freely in targeted townships in (Embu, Tharaka Nithi and Meru) counties of Kenya to eliminate incidences of rabies.

Long-Term Impact

Well taken care of dogs are a sign of wholesome society. Teaching children as well as adults to take good care of dogs will also help to promote good citizenry in the community for the future.

By training the general population, there will be better handling of dogs thereby reducing the number of nuisance homeless dogs in our urban centers - by providing education, promoting adoption, vaccinating, treating and sterilization of the roaming dogs population, we will eliminate rabies, manage their population and stop the need for massive killing of stray and homeless dogs.

By promoting adoption of the roaming homeless dogs to reduce their population, we will eliminate rabies, manage their population and stop the need for massive killing of these dogs like what has been happening in many of our counties.