My Beloved Pet

Background



The beloved pet program is non-profit program, funded entirely by individuals and institutions interested in the principles and concepts of animal welfare and the animals' rights to live without pain or illness or abuse, in accordance with the declarations of the World Organization for Animal Health and a range of global and regional organizations working in the field of animal welfare.

This program aims at encouraging Sudanese communities to adopt dogs and cats rescued from the streets for provision of companionship and services.

The animals participating in the program will receive the necessary veterinary treatment and vaccinations required to enable them to live as pet animals inside the house.

The Objectives of the program:

a. Overall goals

1. Restraining the phenomenon of animal abuse and negligence by building a friendly society towards animals.

b. Specific

1. Minimize the number of stray dogs by providing homes for them, thereby improving public health;

2. Raising the awareness of the community about the rights and welfare of animals, and their compatibility with Islamic (and Christian) values;

3. Introduce Sudanese breeds and the benefits and characteristics of each, ensuring their continued survival by providing supportive homes for them; and**[p1]**

4. Enable people who are interested in pets to adopt a one or more in an affordable way.

The program is urging the community members to adopt one or more pet (dogs and cats) rescued from the streets, and we assist them in the following: -

1. Provide all primary processors of medicines and vaccines before adoption

2. Provide the advice in the following:

a. design of pet house

b. feeding system of the pet

3. Provide services in the field of training and behaviour therapy

- **The program is divided into two phases:**

A. First Stage: Adaptation phase (Free of cost to the adopter)

This duration of this phase is three months. During this phase the program will help the adopter and his/her family build a positive relationship with the pet. As the pet was a stray animal this phase will include regular follow-up visits to encourage the pets' social behavior and help it to adapt to the new lifestyle at homes.

During the first stage the program will provide the following:

1. All veterinary treatment costs and health care;

2. Design of a scientific feeding program and diets that enable the pet to achieve its necessary nutritional requirements; and

3. Responsibility to solve initial behavioural problems that may appear during this period by providing professional advice in behaviour therapy.

- **The adopter responsibilities**

1. Provide an appropriate and loving environment for the pet;

2. Provide adequate food, according to the program nutritionist's advice; and Commitment to look after the pet and ensure that it is living free from thirst, hunger, pain and physical and behavioural stress.

B. The training phase (For a reasonable fee)

This phase ranges from three to four months[RE2][RE3]. During this phase training in obedience and other types of training will be implemented according to the wish of the participants and the characteristics of each pet. Any sort of training, treatment or handling that is considered abusive or might lead to discomfort of the animal will not be accepted.

- **During this phase; the program is committed to provide the following:**

1. The provision of trained specialists in dog training;

2. Providing advice in behaviour therapy, nutrition and animal welfare for free;

3. Providing medication, training and related equipment at reasonable prices.

4. At the end of program, a workshop will be conducted with the aim of having feedback from the trainers and owners and also to exchange of knowledge good practices and lessons learned with regards to their experiences during the program.

- **During this period, the adopter shall be responsible for:**

1. The veterinary care and feeding costs; and

The training costs

Expected Results:

- We expect to find 50 new homes per year for street pets

Build an advocacy group defending the rights of street pets

- **The conditions for joining the program are as follows:**

1. The pets that are part of the program must never be subjected to any form of abuse, torture, neglect or illegal mistreatment.

2. Trafficking or sale of the pets participated in the program is completely prohibited.

3. The sale of medicines and equipment devoted for the dogs participating in the program is prohibited.

4. The centre is entitled to visit the pets adopted to ensure proper education/raising and care of these animals, and that the adopter is following advice given by ACVC.

5. If confirmed for the management of the project that one of the participating dogs was subjected to mistreatment or neglected, ACVC has the right to retrieve the animal.

6. The adopter can only return the animal after giving two weeks' notice to the management of the program.

7. The adopter should fill and sign a participation agreement stating his/her commitment to the conditions listed above

[p1]Not sure what this means

[RE2]

[RE3]You should clarify whether this will overlap with the first stage or not. However, 7 months seems to be a long time to be involved with one animal… is this cost-effective?