



To: Universidad de Barcelona

Rector's office and rector Dr. Guàrdia Olmos

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Subject: Execution of 38 puppy dogs

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Dear member of the rector's office, dear rector Guàrdia Olmos,

We, politicians from all over the world, call on you to take immediate steps to stop the execution of 38 beagle dogs by the controversial laboratory Vivotecnia and ensure effective protection of animals.

It has come to our attention that the University of Barcelona, through the Barcelona Science Park Foundation, has contracted laboratory Vivotecnia last November 10th with the aim to experiment on 38 beagle dogs. Undercover footage from that laboratory, published by Cruelty Free International (CFI) last year, has shown that the laboratory does not comply with EU rules on animal welfare. The footage showed horrible treatment of different animals: animals housed in barren conditions, being taunted, smacked and shaken, and cut into with no or inadequate anaesthesia. One example of that cruelty includes fully conscious rats having blood drawn out of their eyes.

A petition for the beagle dogs to be saved on the website change.org has almost 300,000 signatures as of today. Spanish and European citizens are clearly concerned about the lives of animals and want you take responsibility. We want to emphasize that Spain is part of the EU and under the EU treaties animals are recognised as sentient beings. As a consequence, current and future Member States must pay full regard to the welfare requirements of animals.

The regulations regarding animal experimentation stipulate that at the end of the study the animals (in this case the beagles) must be put up for adoption. We therefore ask you to stop the execution of

the beagles used in the experiment and to give these puppies up for adoption. There are numerous families willing to give them a second chance and to take care of them as they deserve.

It is essential to remember that the vast majority of the results derived from animal experimentation cannot be extrapolated to humans and that there are ethical alternatives that do not involve the immense suffering of animal victims of experimentation. It is urgent to validate and invest in alternative methods to put an end to this barbarity.

We urge you to take the necessary measures and stop the execution of the 38 dogs, as their fate is in the hands of the University of Barcelona.

Sincerely yours,

Javier Luna, PACMA (Spain)

Anja Hazekamp, Member of European Parliament for Party for the Animals (The Netherlands)

Vanessa Hudson, Animal Welfare Party (United Kingdom)

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