

COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS IN UKRAINE

WITHIN THE INITIATIVE “CZECH LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINE”

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Introduction and Purpose of the Proposal

This project represents the first step within the broader initiative “**Czech Legislative Assistance to Ukraine**”, whose aim is to provide clear and professional translations of Czech legal regulations in areas where Ukraine faces the need for reforms in line with the *acquis communautaire*.

Based on a direct request from Ukrainian experts and non-governmental organisations, we propose, as a pilot implementation, the so-called **Comprehensive Legislative Framework for Animal Rights in Ukraine** – the translation and publication of selected Czech legal regulations governing animal protection.

Project Objective

The objective is to provide Ukrainian policymakers, the professional public, and the civil sector with high-quality and practically applicable legislative models based on the Czech legal framework, which – according to expert consensus – is more advanced and systematic in the field of animal protection than current Ukrainian legislation.

The project aims to support reform efforts in line with Ukraine’s European integration ambitions and to strengthen the rule of law and the protection of vulnerable groups (in this case, animals) under crisis conditions.

Professional Framework and Legislative Selection

The translation will focus on selected key legal regulations in the Czech Republic:

- Act No. 246/1992 Coll., on the Protection of Animals Against Cruelty
- Decree No. 208/2004 Coll., on Minimum Standards for the Protection of Farm Animals
- Act No. 166/1999 Coll., on Veterinary Care
- Relevant parts of the Criminal Code (e.g., provisions of Section 302 concerning cruelty to animals)

The translations will be carried out by certified court translators. Subsequently, methodological notes will be prepared, explaining the context, application practice, and institutional framework of the given legal regulations in the Czech Republic.

Resources and Implementation

Funding will be sought from both public and non-governmental sources. To ensure maximum transparency and sustainability, access to the translations will be public.

Request for Support

In this context, we kindly request the Government of the Czech Republic to provide professional, political, or institutional support and to include this initiative among the secondary priorities within the framework of international cooperation and support for Ukraine’s European integration.

The project will contribute to fulfilling Ukraine’s commitments to the EU in the area of law and justice (Chapter 27 of the *acquis communautaire*).