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## Mission and Aims

a) Protection of the animals and the environment in which they live to the best of our abilities, with particular attention to the rights of abandoned and abused dogs through interaction with the competent authorities

b) Encourage the notion that a dog is an integral part of family and community life, through dissemination, including educational action in schools at all levels, of solidarity, of voluntary work and of social aggregation and cultural activities in a variety of forms

c) Promotion and sponsorship of sterilization campaigns as the most effective way to fight the overpopulation of the island's dog shelters.

d) Enhancement of dog shelters not as places of abandonment and until-death repository, but as a starting point for a new dog's life.

e) Promotion of training courses for specialized volunteers and shelter personnel.

f) Increase of local adoptions through campaigns to raise awareness in Pico and neighbouring islands.

g) Increase of international adoptions through collaborations with associations for the protection of animal rights based abroad

h) Behavioural rehabilitation of dogs that have been mistreated, with the aim of favouring their reintegration into a family and therefore their adoption.

i) To take care of the institution, the management (and, where required, the purchase) of structures to assist and shelter animals, in particular dogs

j) Perform any necessary activities related to the purposes indicated in the previous points.