

Draft law on shaping a conscious public attitude toward animals and encouraging adoption

In Georgia an animal on the street is seen as nobody's and as something ordinary. The draft law sets out to change that attitude with two instruments: support classes for people who have taken in an animal, and public service advertising that says how many dogs and cats are still waiting for a home in a specific shelter.

Many people believe feeding an animal is enough. Feeding relieves the person's worry, not the animal's: it is still left without a home, a family or care. In this Georgia stands alongside Turkey, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan — not Russia, Germany or the Czech Republic, where an animal on the street is not the norm.

The draft does nothing to animals on the street — nobody is caught or moved. It works with people who have taken an animal or are planning to: free sessions with a psychologist, a dog trainer and a vet, and for attending — microchipping, a special passport and half-price sterilisation.

Pilot year: 2027, Tbilisi — five groups, about 170,000 GEL. The state pays only for rooms and facilitators. From 2028 other municipalities follow, depending on the pilot's results.

NUMBERS

≈40,000

stray animals in Tbilisi (unofficial estimate; City Hall count: 29,676 dogs)

21 %

of shelter intake adopted (109 of 518, 2024)

22 %

name stray animals the most pressing problem (NDI, 2025)

170,000 ₾

pilot year in Tbilisi — under 2 % of the city animal agency's budget

WHAT IS NEW

- Sessions for people who have taken an animal home: psychologist, dog trainer, vet; free; eight weeks.
- Gifts for attending the sessions: microchipping, a special passport, half-price sterilisation.
- Public service advertising with a number: "214 cats and dogs are waiting for a home in this shelter today."
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QUOTE

"Feeding relieves the person's worry, not the animal's: it is still left without a home, a family or care. We want an animal on the street to stop being normal — just as it is not normal in Russia or Germany."

— the authors of the draft

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