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Clean Futures Fund Launches Dogs of Chernobyl Fundraising Campaign

Non-profit organization raising funds for an unprecedented project to spay/neuter and vaccinate hundreds of stray dogs in the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 22S May, 2017 – This week the Clean Futures Fund (CFF), a U.S. non-profit organization, launched an effort to raise funds for an international assistance program that will spay/neuter and vaccinate hundreds of stray dogs that live at and around the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, in Ukraine, site of the world’s worst nuclear power accident.
“The ‘Dogs of Chernobyl’ program will reduce the threat of human exposure to rabies and provide a humane option for managing the stray dog population in the area”, said CFF co-founder Lucas Hixson.

Nearly 1,000 stray dogs, descendants of abandoned pets from the 1986 evacuation, live around the nuclear power plant and within the surrounding 30-kilometer exclusion zone. These dogs are exposed to rabies by animals in the exclusion zone and by attacks from the rabid wolf population and in turn present a safety concern for the workers.

The Clean Futures Fund has developed partnerships with the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone Management Agency, universities and American and Ukrainian animal care organizations to humanely spay/neuter and vaccinate the dog population.

The spay, neuter and vaccination operations will be conducted by a team of Ukrainian veterinarians and volunteer veterinarians from the United States and Europe. Additional medical data will be collected and analyzed by research teams led by Dr. Timothy Mousseau from the University of South Carolina and Dr. Marco Kaltofen from Worcester Polytechnical Institute in Massachusetts.

“The Chernobyl catastrophe continues to have a global impact, and we are reaching out to a global audience for support of this unprecedented project”, said CFF co-founder Erik Kambarian.

If you would like to donate to the Clean Futures Fund or help another way please visit our website at http://cleanfutures.org or our campaign page at http://dogsofchernobyl.com.
Stay Updated!
CFF has started the twitter hashtag #DogsofChernobyl to raise awareness of the issue and forthcoming project.

The Mission of Clean Futures Fund

Clean Futures Fund is a non-profit organization focused on generating awareness and coordinating international assistance for communities affected by industrial accidents and long-term cleanup programs.

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