

On behalf of  
The Body Shop Foundation

on behalf of  
Animals Lebanon

Date:

# THE BODY SHOP FOUNDATION

## MONITORING AND EVALUATION

### PROJECT REPORT FORM

1. Has the project, to date, achieved all or most of its stated objectives within the timescale set out. **The project has met the stated objectives, but not within the original timeframe. The government collapsed for the first six months of 2011 and it was determined that it would be best for the long term success of the campaign to be launched only once the government reformed, and this was communicated to The Body Shop Foundation.**

2. If so, explain how the issue you were trying to address has been improved or changed and provide a brief breakdown of the project's achievements, including any statistical information that is available. **The draft law was reviewed and finalized by international experts including the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and the World Animal Health Organization (OIE). The draft law was then formally presented to the Minister of Agriculture on 24 November at the Parliament. This was the launching conference of the campaign, and every Minister and Parliamentarian received the draft law and campaign package. This conference was held under the patronage of the Minister of Agriculture and attended by ten parliamentarians who each voiced their support. The Ministry quickly formed the necessary government committee to review the draft and have it sent to Parliament by 19 March to be added to their agenda. This committee is composed of nine individuals, four of them from Animals Lebanon. Part of the draft would make Lebanon compliant with the regulations of CITES, and the Minister announced at the launching conference that the process to join CITES has moved forward and should be finalized in 2012.**

3. Where certain objectives have not been achieved, what plans are there to review and amend the project's work? **The objectives of the initial campaign have been met, and we continue to work with the Ministry and Parliamentarians to move the draft through the government process to enact it as law.**

4. If you answered question 3 above, please set out the targets to be met to achieve the reviewed project work.

5. Provide unexpected achievements due to our grant, recent success stories etc. **We received the necessary permissions to have the launching conference at the parliament, the first time in at least five years that a local NGO has been granted this opportunity. Four NGO partners and 13 media partners joined the campaign, giving significant local support and media coverage.**

6. Provide feedback and, where possible, oral testimony from direct beneficiaries of the project. **Much of this is included in the package that was posted to The Body Shop Foundation, including statements from NGO partners. So far over 5,000 signatures have been gathered for the petition, and 4,000 letters sent to the President of Lebanon and the Minister of Agriculture. "Despite the challenges Lebanon faces, top of which is the well-being of citizens, there is nothing which forbids us from also working to make Lebanon a better country in relation to animal welfare," said Minister of Agriculture Dr. Hajj Hassan. "We adopt the presence of laws on animal welfare in Lebanon and we thank Animals Lebanon for their efforts," concluded Hajj Hassan, "Our culture, our morals, and our Islamic and Christian religious values, all call us to be good to animals, just as the economic, financial and health interest require us to enact legislation related to animals." Nicolas Lilienthal, European Commission "In May 2010 TAIEX organized a Workshop on Animal Welfare in Beirut in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Animals Lebanon. As this was the first TAIEX workshop on animal welfare in Lebanon, I am very happy that this workshop was a point of departure for the adoption of the new animal protection and welfare law. I wish our Lebanese colleagues all the best and I hope the TAIEX instrument will be available when it comes to the implementation of this legislation."**

7. Outline future plans in brief as a point of interest. **We have become part of the government committee to review the law as per the Minister of Agriculture's decree. This will be in effect until 19 March at which point the law should move from the Ministry to other Ministries and Parliamentarian Committees. Experts from some of the major international organizations have been contacted to present on specific topics that we may be in disagreement with the government. Celebrity supporters have been arranged for a major media campaign once the law is to Parliament to directly target the voting Parliamentarians. Mini campaigns will be launched every six months to highlight specific animal welfare issues in Lebanon and how the law will address these issues.**



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**Animal Welfare Legislation May Soon Be Reality For Lebanon**  
Draft animal welfare and protection legislation to be presented to Lebanese government

Beirut, Lebanon, 24 November, 2011 – National animal protection and welfare legislation took a step closer to reality as the campaign was launched today at the Parliament Building.

Under the patronage of H.E. Dr. Hussein Hajj Hassan, Minister of Agriculture, Animals Lebanon formally presented its draft legislation to the Minister and all Parliamentarians at the launching conference.

The draft was reviewed by over 20 international organizations including the World Animal Health Organization, and the campaign is being carried out in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture.

"After receiving comments from experts around the world our draft is now complete, and this conference saw the law distributed to stakeholders in Lebanon and internationally," said Lana El-Khalil, President of Animals Lebanon. "After today no one can say 'we weren't aware' of this huge problem."

Unregulated zoos and pet shops exist throughout Lebanon, the smuggling of endangered species continues, quarantine and international trade regulations are often ignored. The draft would move Lebanon into being more compliant with the obligations of the World Animal Health Organization and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, as well as specifically addressing local issues such as stray animal control.

"There are many issues that Lebanon needs to address, but this does not mean we should simply choose to neglect or ignore the suffering which is going on around us," continued El-Khalil. "Animal welfare legislation existed in Lebanon since its independence nearly 70 years ago, and at that time Lebanon was recognized as a leader in the Middle East for animal welfare."

This draft has the potential to return Lebanon to this position and be compliant with international conventions. Animals Lebanon is now working to secure 25,000 signatures in support of this law and meeting individually with Parliamentarians, while cooperating with the Ministry of Agriculture to see the draft proceed as quickly as possible.

"Animals can feel, and that alone is enough reason to provide protection," El-Khalil said. "At the same time, this is about meeting international obligations, protecting local wildlife, and recognizing the real economic, social and health benefits that animal welfare laws bring about."

#### **About Animals Lebanon**

Founded in 2008, Animals Lebanon ([www.animalslebanon.org](http://www.animalslebanon.org)) works to protect animals through legislation, education, campaigns and rescues. As one of the most effective organizations in the Middle East, Animals Lebanon has rescued thousands of animals while closing down unregulated zoos, campaigning against abusive circuses and investigating the smuggling of endangered species.

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For video footage, images or additional information please call 01 751 678 or email [contact@animalslebanon.org](mailto:contact@animalslebanon.org).

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الوزير

قرار رقم: ١/١١١٠

تاريخ: ١٩-١٣-١١

تشكيل لجنة لمراجعة مشروع القانون المتعلق برعاية الحيوان وحماية الاحياء البرية

"Animal Welfare law"

ان وزير الزراعة،

بناءً على المرسوم رقم ٥٨١٨ تاريخ ٢٠١١/٩/١٣ (تشكيل الحكومة)،

بناءً على المرسوم ٥٢٤٦ تاريخ ١٩٩٤/٦/٢٠ (تنظيم وزارة الزراعة...)

بناءً على مطالعة مديرية الثروة الحيوانية رقم ٦/٥٤٢٨ تاريخ ١٢/١٢/٢٠١١،

بناءً على اقتراح مدير عام الزراعة بالانابة،

يقرر ما يأتي:

المادة الاولى: تشكل لجنة وطنية لمراجعة مشروع القانون المتعلق برعاية الحيوان وحماية الاحياء البرية Animal

Welfare law على الشكل التالي:

رئيساً	مستشار وزير الزراعة	- القاضي عبدالله احمد
نائباً للرئيس	مدير الثروة الحيوانية بالكلية	- د. نبيه غوش
عضواً	رئيس مصلحة مراقبة التصدير والاستيراد والحجر الصحي البيطري بالتكليف	- د. صبيدة مدور
عضواً	مسؤول الوحدة الادارية المعني بملف السائيس بالتكليف	- م. جورج افرايم
عضواً	رئيس دائرة التماسل وتربية الخيل بالكلية	- د. ميشال سلامة
عضواً	جمعية Animals Lebanon	- السيدة مرغريت شعراوي
عضواً	جمعية Animals Lebanon	- السيد جابسون مير
عضواً	جمعية Animals Lebanon	- السيدة لانا الخليل
عضواً	مهامي جمعية Animals Lebanon	- السيدة رنا صاغية

المادة الثانية: تجتمع اللجنة بدعوة من رئيسها لاعداد الصيغة النهائية لمشروع القانون خلال فترة ٣ أشهر كحد أقصى

اعتباراً من تاريخ صدور هذا القرار.

المادة الثالثة: يبلغ هذا القرار من يلزم.

تبلغ نسخة الرد:

- مديرية الثروة الحيوانية
- اصحاب العلاقة
- قسم الموظفين - الملفات الشخصية
- المحفوظات



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Lebanese Republic  
Ministry of Agriculture  
The minister

Decision number 1/1110  
Date: 19/12/2011

Subject: formation of a committee to revise law project concerning animal welfare and protection of wild living.  
"Animal Welfare law"

Minister of Agriculture,  
based on resolution number 5818 dated 13/09/2011 ( formation of government)  
based on resolution number 5246 dated 20/06/1994 ( organizing of ministry of agriculture...)  
based on revision of animal resources section number 5428/6 dated 17/12/2011  
based on the suggestion of general director of the ministry

**it was decided**

**Article one:** a national committee is formed to revise project law regarding animal welfare and caring for wild life "Animal Welfare Law" as per the below:

- President: Judge Ahmad Abdallah - advisor to minister
- Vice president: Dr. Nabih Ghoush - Head of animal resource department
- Dr. Obeida Moudawar: head of export /import section and quarantine
- George Freim: CITES
- Dr. Michel Salameh: head of equines section - breeding and care
- Marguerite shaarawi - member
- Jason Mier- member
- Lana El Khalil - member
- Rana Saghiech - Lawyer/member

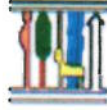
**Article two**

the committee will meet based on an invitation from the president to finalize the project law in the duration of 3 months maximum starting from the date of this resolution.

**Article three** this law should be sent to concerned parties

- head of animal resources
- concerned people
- employee section: personal files
- archive.

## *Animal Encounter*



### *Educational Center for Wildlife Conservation*

مركز التعرف على الحياة البرية

علم وخبر 13/أد 2000

Dear Sir/Madame,

The Animal Encounter "Educational Center for wildlife Conservation" is a unique center dealing with conservation of wildlife in Lebanon and the region. Our aim is to conserve what is left of our biodiversity that is badly affected by unregulated hunting, poaching, and selling them in black market or exhibited in zoos. With over 20 years of experience in this field the future of our biodiversity does not look promising if actions were not taken to stop its degradation. We believe that our wildlife is our heritage and must work to protect and conserve what we have inherited.

We fully support Animals Lebanon's campaign to enact animal welfare laws. This is an opportunity to improve the conditions of all animals and prevent the abuse of our animals before it becomes a wider and uncontrollable problem.

Sincerely,

  
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3 August 2011

Animals Pride and Freedom (APAF) supports Animals Lebanon's campaign to enact national animal protection and welfare legislation.

The protection and welfare of animals is a must in the Middle East, and especially Lebanon. Mistreatment and disrespect towards all animals has been witnessed for years.

We recognize that there are many problems, but each problem has a solution. Illegal pet shops, dog fighting, shooting and poisoning of stray animals, the disappearance of wildlife, and the health risks associated with animal abuse and smuggling can all be dealt with through legislation and cultural awareness.

Animals Pride and Freedom intends to address the many different issues affecting animals, but without a law full protection will never be possible.

Animals Lebanon has been working very hard on enacting legislation for animals, and we offer our help and support this campaign. We all need to work to make Lebanon a better place, the ideal example, and our support of Animals Lebanon is one way of achieving this.

Sincerely,

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Founder and Director  
Animals Pride and Freedom  
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Registration number 7634/2011

August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

Subject: Statement of Support

Cirque Du *Liban* is a Lebanese circus, and the only circus based in the country.

We believe the use of animals in circuses is no longer ethically acceptable and do not use any animals in our work. Circuses provide entertainment for all segments of society, and circuses which do not use animals are some of the most successful in the world.

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Signed, 

Izak Abou-Sari

Founder and Director