



If she can... why can't you?

# VOICE for the VOICELESS

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The second week of the New Year is coming to an end... and already so much has happened. For the past few days, what has been circling around through Facebook and emails have been plea letters and threads regarding homeless dogs.

When has been the last time that you saw a dog lying helpless on the middle of the road or some street corner bleeding, howling in pain with skin half torn or burnt asking for your help. What have you done in that situation... simply nothing!

If you really want to help and help in a manner

where lives won't be destroyed you can do it. All you have to do is, get the help of a dog catcher, get a group of friends who are willing to lend a helping hand and gather some funds to buy vaccines and help these innocent voiceless creatures to live rightfully in this country. It's not much if you look at it. It takes only half the amount that you would spend at a nightclub or buying things that you hardly need to help these poor guys.

People tell me to think about the humans that are suffering and think about how they live. I do think about them and I know for a fact that they KNOW how to live, how to survive and how to beg and survive. People can get into a bus with pieces of paper telling about their loss or illness and get some money to meet those needs. But can a dog do that? Can a dog get a piece of paper, get into a bus and let people know that he or she needs a vaccination for rabies or other ailments. No it can't. Why is that hard for people to understand this situation? And will a dog know it has rabies?

They say a dog is man's best friend. If that's the case, then why is the best friend being killed?

President Mahinda Rajapaksa is the one who gave the 'direct' order to bring in the 'No Kill' policy in May 2006 to mark the Buddha Jayanthi Celebrations and also stand to the commitment of the eradication of cruelty to animals. This is a quote on the policy statement on the Mahinda Chinthana made by the President: "I consider cruelty to animals

a disgrace on humanity. I therefore propose to amend without delay the outdated laws on prevention of cruelty to animals".

So I don't understand how some people can suggest and directly go above the law that was passed and for a moment think about a life they are going to snatch.

A stern decision has to be made and voiced out by the rightful authorities about that fact that this policy is not been lifted and that it was just a

rumour running around so that people who don't like animals don't take the upper-hand and begin destroying innocent lives.

Definitely a statement has to be brought out to the public that they are NOT GOING BACK TO KILLING innocent dogs for something that TRULY CAN BE CONTROLLED with effective programme and making the public aware on how to prevent dogs getting rabies and controlling that factor.



Quenching his thirst



She is one of the lucky ones to have someone to look after her. Pictures by Mahinda Vithamachchi



If you see properly... you know that she needs help as she has a wound on her already...



Having a quit meal



Looking for food