**Response to Civil Petition**

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| Summary of Petition | ○ Rescue all of the dogs from the dog farm at Ganghwa-gun Bureun-myeon, Samseong-ri |
| Results | ○ The following is the response to your complaints.○ After the enquiry into your complaints, we have found that the Animal Protection Department of Ganghwa-gun Office already reported this matter of animal abuse at the dog farm in Ganghwa-gun Bureun-myeon, Samseong-ri to the local police, as it is the violation of the Animal Protection Act. The police investigation is now underway. ○ In addition, we inform you that each related department inspected the site and reported to the police on the violation of the Wastes Control Act of the farm. Moreover, having identified an illegal building in violation of the Building Act, the corrective order was issued along with the restoration order for illegal diversion of farmland which violates the Farmland Act as well. If you would like to know further information, please contact each responsible department. ○ Incheon Metropolitan City has proposed to improve the animal protection laws and system to eradicate dog farms with growing public sentiment towards companion animals, considering them as part the family, and awareness on animal welfare. Due to the social consensus and public opinion demanding the ban on dog meat consumption, the Korean government and the National Assembly are also making efforts in many ways such as revision of laws and policy-making. ○ In addition, Incheon Metropolitan City is implementing various animal protection and welfare policies and budget projects with a sincere sense of sympathy for the issue of respecting animal life, recognizing that animal life is equal to our own as humans and animals are bound to live together in harmony. ○ Incheon will continue to strive to create a city where humans and animals can live happily by developing and promoting the projects to improve animal welfare and foster a culture of adoption of abandoned animals while improving the related system.○ We hope that your question has been answered satisfactorily, and if you have further inquiries about Incheon’s animal protection policies, please contact the Animal Protection and Welfare Management Team (032-440-4433) of Incheon Metropolitan City. Thank you. |
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