

PETITION

Petition to the Spanish Government and Its Representatives

End the Systematic Exploitation and Abuse of Spain's Hunting Dogs!

Year after year, galgos, podencos, and other hunting dogs in Spain endure unimaginable suffering. They are mass-bred, ruthlessly discarded, and disposed of in the most horrific ways – hanged, poisoned, or abandoned once they are no longer useful. In 2023, your government made the shocking decision to exclude hunting dogs from Spain's national animal welfare law. **This cruelty can no longer be ignored!**

The Harsh Reality

Thousands of hunting dogs in Spain are bred in mass numbers every year, only to be mercilessly selected for use. Those who do not meet the standards of a perfect hunting dog are brutally discarded – abandoned, beaten to death, or killed in horrifying ways. Many spend their short lives crammed into dark, filthy enclosures with little to no food or water until they are deemed useless. Countless dogs die of starvation, disease, or untreated injuries, while others endure barbaric execution methods, such as being slowly strangled in a practice known as “piano playing”. Even those who escape captivity face a daily struggle for survival on the streets – suffering from hunger, mistreatment, and the dangers of traffic.

This systematic cruelty must end. No living being should endure such horrific suffering.

Our Demands

The Spanish government has the power to implement actual animal protection measures. We call for a legislative change that:

- Bans the **mass breeding and ruthless selection** of hunting dogs.
- Criminalises the **killing, abandonment, and mistreatment** of hunting dogs.
- Provides **financial support for shelters** caring for rescued dogs.
- **Requires hunters to register their dogs and keep them in humane conditions.**

Act now – or bear responsibility for the continued suffering of thousands of hunting dogs!

We demand an **immediate end to this cruelty** and the inclusion of hunting dogs in Spain's animal protection law. It is time for Spain to become a European animal welfare leader.

Thank You for Your Support

Together, We Create Change for Animals

About VETO

VETO (Association of European Animal Protection Organisations) works to improve the lives of homeless dogs and cats across Europe by providing shelters with food donations and

financial aid. Founded in 2016 and based in Moers, Germany, VETO promotes policy change through public awareness, advocacy, campaigns, and petitions. The organisation envisions a Europe where every dog and cat can live in dignity and safety. Find out more and how you can help on our website: veto-europe.com