
RE: Appointment Request / Solicitud de Cita

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Spanish Embassy in London.

We are pleased to inform you that the protection of animals is an issue of high priority for the Spanish society as a whole, which is reflected in the legislative initiatives that have been developed and approved for years in all areas of responsibility, both at a regional (Autonomous Communities) level, where these authorities have jurisdiction over their territories, and at national level for the coordination of all aspects required to guarantee the effective protection of animals.

In this context, please note that Law 7/2023 on the Protection of Animal Rights and Welfare, which was passed on 28th March 2023, provides that the ill-treatment of hunting dogs can be prosecuted and penalized both by the Criminal Code and by the Autonomous Community Laws on animal welfare. All the Autonomous Communities, without exception, have currently animal protection legislation applying to pet animals, dogs and specifically greyhounds being regarded as such.

In particular, the above-mentioned Criminal Code establishes prison sentences - of up to 24 months, as well as a penalty of disqualification from owning animals - for those who mistreat vertebrate animals (Title XVI bis-art. 340 et seq.-).

Furthermore, the Guardia Civil has a special body (Service for the Protection of Nature – SEPRONA –) responsible for all matters relating to the ill-treatment of animals.

For your information, and if you consider it of interest, you will find attached the complete list of regulations in force in Spain. You will be able to check the extent and forcefulness with which this sensitive issue is addressed and the importance, from a legal and criminal point of view, given in this very complete body of legislation to an issue that concerns us all.

We trust this will put your mind at ease.

Thank you again for your concern and for having taken the time to write to us.

Sincerely,

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