

Laura McGeoch
SOS Algarve Animals
“Advice from Rescue”



www.sosalgarveanimals.com



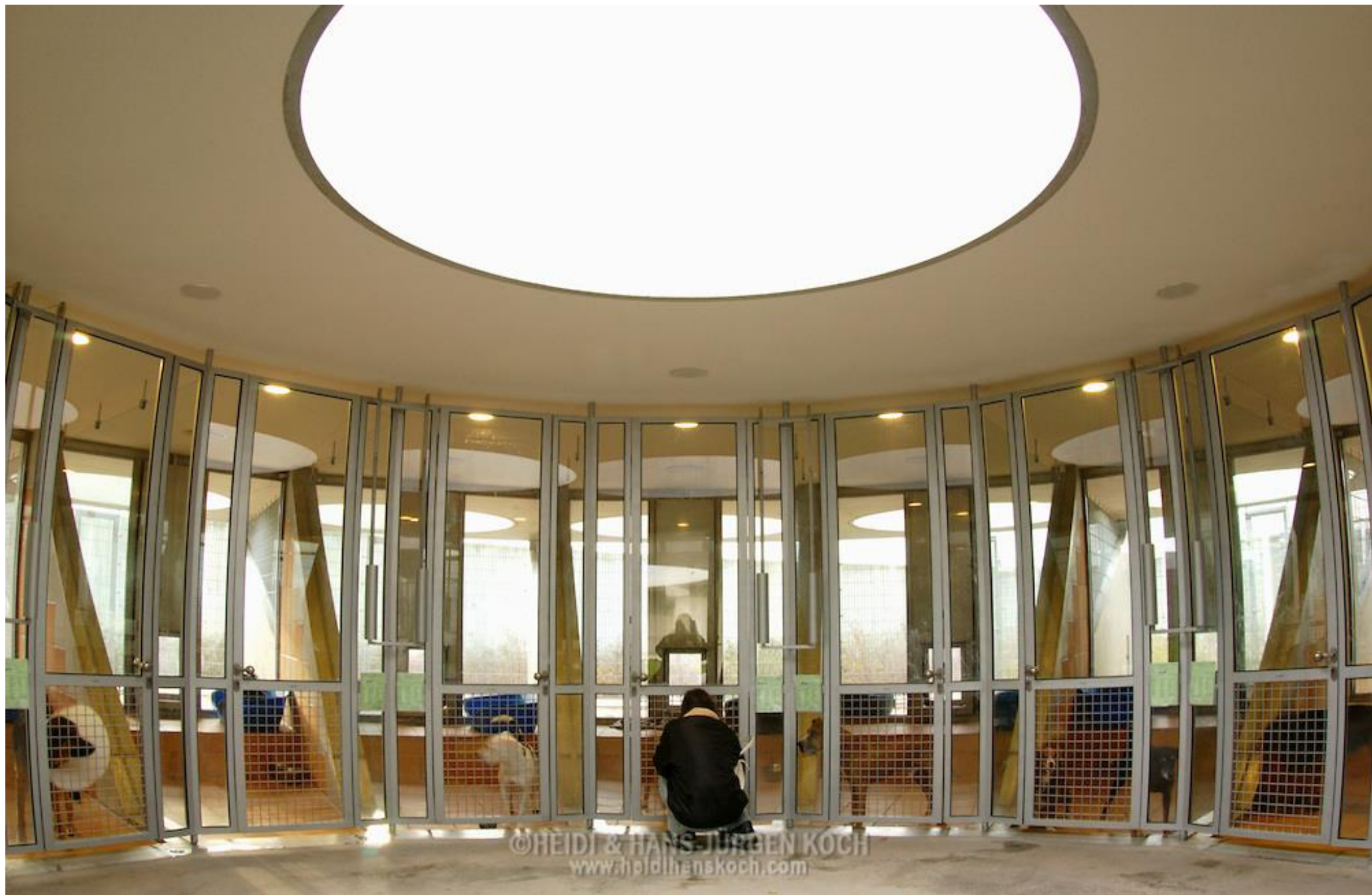
DIEREN
AMBULANCE

5

020 - 620







©HEIDI & HANS-JÜRGEN KOCH
www.heldhenskoch.com





© Owen Humphreys/PA Wire

	Portugal	UK	Netherlands	Germany
Human Population	10.5 million	64 million	16 million	80.5 million
Number of Stray Animals in Country	One Million Estimated Stray Dogs	100,000 Dogs abandoned or collected	Zero	Zero
Number of Companion Dogs in Country	Unknown	9 million	2 million	5 million
Cases of Animal Abuse	? Reported ? Investigated Listed low.	160.000 investigated by RSPCA	Low with respect to companion animals. High with respect to farm animals	Low

Some Statistics...

	Example
Algarve	<p>Population 450.000. Dogs in Shelters, Canils, Foster Organizations for adoption: Approximately 2.000</p> <p>= per 10 people there is 1 animal abandoned</p>
UK	<p>Population 64 million</p> <p>Dogs abandoned: Approximately 110.000. Dogs Available for Adoption with RSPCA in 2015: 500 Cats Available for Adoption with RSPCA in 2015: 1000</p> <p>= per 580 people there is 1 animal abandoned</p>

Ethical Concepts – CaroDog Legal Questionnaire

	Portugal	Netherlands	Germany
Do Animals have a Right to Life	Not generally. Strays Can be killed	Yes	Not explicitly mentioned. But it is not allowed to kill an animal without a reasonable ground.
What reasonable causes have to be met for an official permission to kill a healthy animal	All unjustified violence against animal forbidden.... Municipalities may reduce its number Private shelters define their own polices regarding euthanasia	Animals have an intrinsic value to recognize their dignity of animals being sentient beings	Reasonable Ground. Official permission is required. Exceptions for plague and hunting.
Is there an animal welfare committee in the parliament	No	Partij voor de Dieren (Party for the Animals), and the 'vaste commissie voor LNV'	Each political party nominates an "animal welfare spokesperson".
Does the law include definition of animals as "Sentinent beings"	No	Yes	Yes

	Portugal	UK	Netherlands	Germany
Dogs on Chains	Yes	No	No	No
Permitted for a dog to live outside at night	Yes	Questionable	No	Only if there is an accessible covered area which much be heated in the winter
Dogs on Street	Yes	No	No	No
Low Cost Veterinary Hospitals	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Low Cost Sterilisation or Assisted Sterilisation	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Microchipping	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (in most provinces)





















