

**PROJET HAYAT**



**TANGER SANS RAGE**



**SFT ANIMAL  
SANCTUARY**

# Project Hayat

Public health involves humans and animals and the environment. We the humans have the duty of care towards all living beings, humans, animals, plants, etc. We are on a mission to make planet earth a safe place for all, where humans and animals live in harmony & protect our one & only planet.

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# World Rabies Day Awards

We received the World rabies day award for three years in a row (2018 & 2019 & 2020) from the Global Alliance Rabies Control Organization for Meracon Region which includes Middle East, Eastern Europe, Central Asia & North Africa. We were shortlisted by WHO, UN, GARC, MSD, OIE... etc, and then voted by the public.



*This Award is presented to*

**SFT Le Sanctuaire de la Faune de Tanger**

*in recognition of valuable contributions to rabies prevention in the region of MERACON (Middle East, Eastern Europe, Central Asia and North Africa Rabies Control Network)*

  
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# Who is SFT Animal Sanctuary?



- ▶ SFT was the childhood dream of our founder, Salima (Sally) Kadaoui who is a native of Morocco & lived in Tangier for many years.
- ▶ In 2013, Sally began to rescue strays from the streets. She would treat, neuter & vaccinate all of the dogs and then take them home. After rescuing more than 128 animals from the streets, more land was needed so she moved to an area with 23km<sup>2</sup> outside of Tangier.
- ▶ Over the years, through hard work & determination, SFT has become home to over 600 rescued animals. We have a strict no kill policy & offer a forever loving home to all our animals.

# Why did we start the Project Hayat?



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- ▶ Even though we would like to offer a loving home to all the strays in Tangier, it is impossible as the population is too large.
- ▶ It is estimated that Tangier alone has over 30,000 stray dogs & even more cats.
- ▶ Therefore we put together an idea to reduce the stray populations in a humane way, vaccinate against rabies to protect all, allow humans & animals to live in harmony (educating the community), prevent disease, and stop unnecessary suffering.
- ▶ This is how our Project Hayat started...

# What does the Project Hayat include?



## ▶ TNVT

- ▶ TREAT - against internal & external parasites to benefit the humans and the dogs
- ▶ NEUTER - to reduce the canine population in a humane way & prevent unnecessary suffering.
- ▶ VACCINATE - against rabies & with each dog vaccinated we build a herd immunity, which protects both humans & animals.
- ▶ TAG - an ear tag with personal identification numbers for each dog & we have a record of all the details of each dog (vaccine, address, guardian etc.)

*We gained the trust of the strays to catch them in a loving way as it is essential to be able to give them the annual boosters and treat them regularly.*

*This involves volunteers, guardians, workers, etc.*

# Involving the community

The most important part of our project is **education**. When you teach the community how to behave around dogs, the joy it is to help others, and that we the humans have the duty of care towards all, it's not just a duty, **It's an honor**.

In our community, the grand majority of the population are Muslims. We remind our community that Islam equals humanity.

Involving the Community 100% to make the project a success means helping the community also. How?

Paying street guardians to look after our TNVT strays. Street guardians are on a very low income (\$150 a month), SFT offers them a part time job, teaches them about animal welfare, about love, care, compassion towards all. The dogs love their guardians, and the guardians love their dogs and teach others to love dogs. Guardians spread the word about the project and deliver our message to the people we can't reach.

SFT has also employed 7 homeless men who are now living at the sanctuary looking after our precious animals. These wonderful humans not only do a great job but also value their own lives so much more thanks to the humanity.

# Project Hayat protects all

During Covid-19 lockdown, SFT distributed food, thanks to the community's contribution delivering food for the homeless, the poor and the animals.

Being an animal charity it was very important to show that all lives matter and of course that is the case. Planet earth belongs to us all and we must protect the humans the animals and the environment.





## What does the Project Hayat include?

### EDUCATION

- ▶ Children are the future & therefore educating them from a young age is so important if you want to change the future of your country.
- ▶ **We are on a mission to change attitudes towards the stray population and show that every life is precious through love, care, compassion and being an example to follow.**
- ▶ We educate by going to schools, universities, neighborhoods and conferences.
- ▶ Better role models
- ▶ We also educate via social media which is extremely powerful.
- ▶ We use materials such as videos, posters and also role play to keep the children interested & allow them to engage with us.

# Why insist on children education?



To stop animal abuse, human abuse, we must be the example, we must protect all. Children are the future.

If we teach them that violence is unacceptable towards any living being the next generation will no longer be violent. Children must not be exposed to any kind of abuse.

Creating an awareness that animal abuse affects the children and therefore affects the community, which is proven scientifically and is now being embraced by the UN committee & UNICEF on the rights of the child.



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Dogs have the right to live just like we do. Our Project Hayat is to protect us humans and animals. We want to eradicate rabies. If we vaccinate 70% of the canine population we will eradicate rabies. Every tagged dog is treated against parasites, vaccinated against rabies and will never reproduce. The dogs job is to chase away other dogs not belonging in his neighbourhood. He is then protecting his neighbourhood against disease.



Dogs with yellow tags on their ear are there to protect us against disease. We the human must protect them because they do not have a voice, we are their voice.



If a dog/dogs approach you or run to you, stand still, do not move, do not make a noise, do not look at the dog.



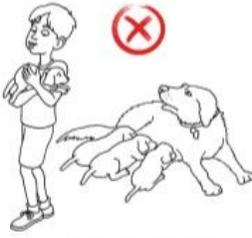
Do not let a dog near your face.



Do not approach a dog when it is eating.



Do not chase or hurt a dog



Never take a puppy or approach a mum with her puppies. She could bite you to protect her puppies.



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المحافظة على البيئة



من الواجب رمي القمامة في الأماكن المخصصة لها والإعتناء بالنباتات

مساعدة الناس



مساعدة كبار السن أو الأعمى لعبور الشارع  
مساعدة كبار السن في حمل الأمتعة  
مساعدة الأصدقاء ومحاربة التنمر

الإهتمام بالحيوانات



لا تؤذي الحيوانات قم بحمايتها والإهتمام بها  
إذا عظك كلب يجب غسل المنطقة بالماء والصابون لمدة 15 دقيقة، ثم قم بزيارة أقرب مستشفى لك لطلب نصيحة طبية

**Rabies is a major public health problem**  
Fatal once symptoms appear  
One death every 15 min worldwide

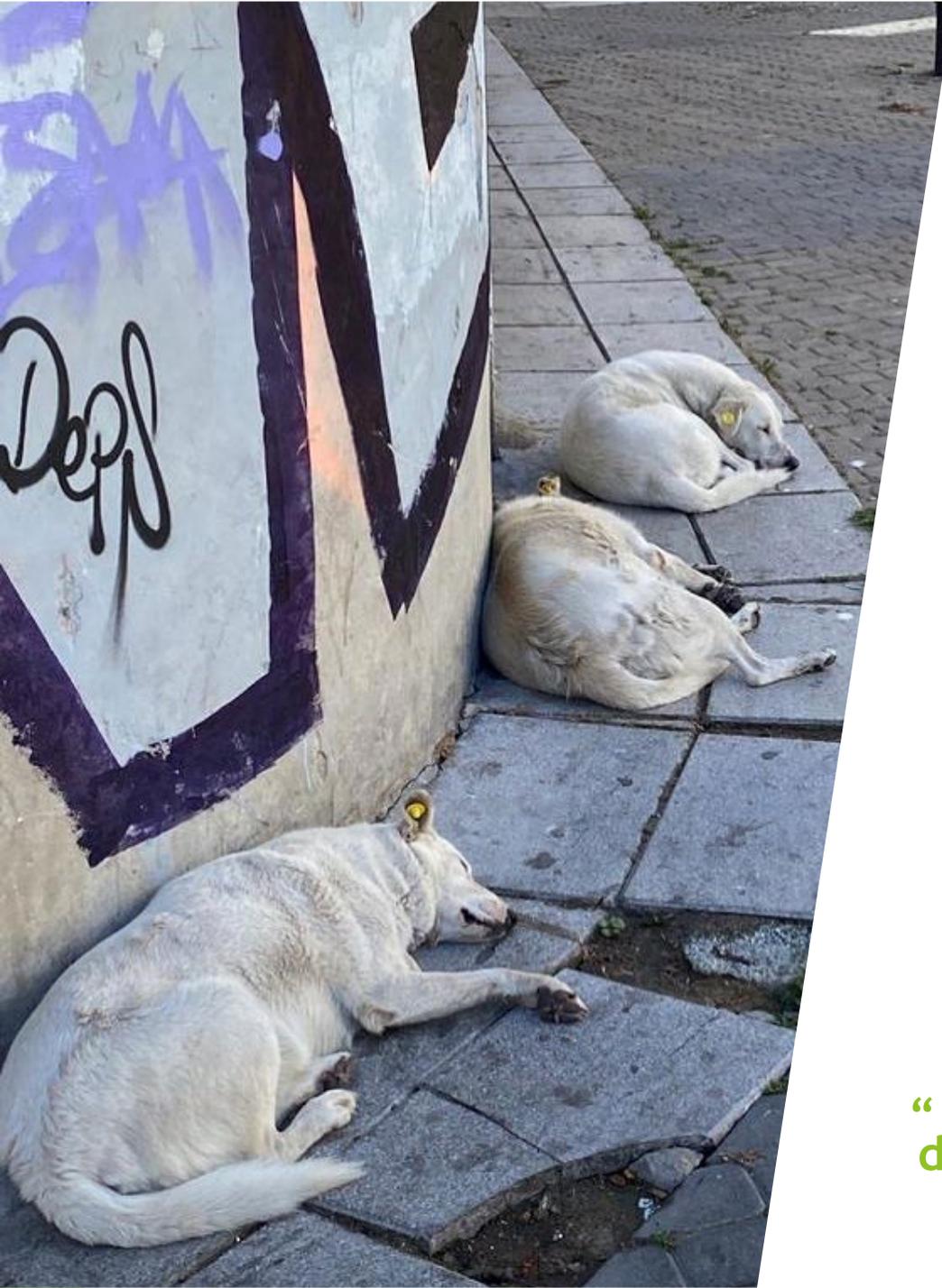
**Rabies is 100% vaccine preventable**  
99% human cases result from dog bites  
4 out of 10 deaths are in children

**VACCINATE TO SAVE LIVES**  
**VACCINATE TO STOP TRANSMISSION**

**No bites - No rabies**  
Learn how to interact

**Zero by 30**  
29 September - World Rabies Day

Examples of Education Materials



## What controls canine population

- Dogs numbers in a neighborhood is 100% because of the amount of food available in that area.
- **HUMAN WASTE = FOOD = Proliferation.**
- Wherever there is human waste = there are dogs, cats , rats, and mice.
- Thanks to dogs & cats we don't have astronomical numbers of mice and rats who are carriers of **deadly diseases.**
- The more food animals eat the more they re-procreate.
- Therefor the one & only solution to keep canine and feline population under control is **to sterilize.**

**“ Did you know that a single female dog or cat could have up to 65 000 descendants in 6 years”.**

# Why culling is inhumane and a waste of time & resources



- ▶ We should know that for **every dog killed** there will always be **another dog** -if not more- to replace him.
- ▶ Culling causes terror among dogs, so they run away from their territories, making it very difficult for us to find our tagged dogs.
- ▶ **The culling must absolutely stop**, and dogs should not be moved from their territories.
- ▶ Also our religion Islam insists on **humanity**, so forth we must **protect** both humans and dogs equally.
- ▶ if the culling would stop in Morocco as his Majesty recommends, Morocco would receive more international fundings, more tourist, fantastic image, & truly represents what we are : **MUSLIMS**.



# Quick facts about stray dogs & rabies



- ▶ The common misconception of strays dogs being the main cause of rabies **IS FALSE**.
- ▶ Also, the idea that a dog that salivates in excess is rabid **is in some case yes**, some others no.
- ▶ It's true that rabid dogs are attracted by dog barks, but **all dogs have a sixth sense** making them able to detect if a one of them is rabid so that they will do everything possible to **chase the dog away & avoid physical contact**.
  
- ▶ Rabies is **100% preventable**.
- ▶ **99% of rabies deaths** are because of domesticated dogs not stray ones!\*
- ▶ **68% of rabies deaths** are children.
- ▶ If we manage to **vaccinate 70% of canine population** we would eradicate human rabies.

\* In poor countries dogs are usually tied up by their owners, so in case they came in contact with a rabid dog they can't run away, and they end up being bitten & developing the disease (sometimes without even showing symptoms!)



## Educating the Moroccan population is key

- ▶ In Moroccan culture, kids are taught to be scared of animals because of fear of rabies, so forth Project Hayat focuses on delivering some crucial **educational messages** to the population regularly.
- ▶ Some of the main messages we insist upon are :
  - ❑ If you **get bitten or scratched** by a dog - or any mammal - you must **wash** the wound & **get it treated** by a health professional as soon as possible.
  - ❑ dogs come running and barking at you only because **they're curious** to know who stepped in their territory, it has nothing to do with them being **aggressive**.
  - ❑ In case you get scared in such situation, just **stand still and look at sky**. Dogs can sense fear and once they will make sure you mean no harm to them **they'll walk away in the majority of cases**.



# What progress have we made so far?



- ▶ Since November 2016 we have completed the following:
- ▶ A signed convention with the Mayor of Tangier confirming our tagged dogs will not be culled.
- ▶ TNVT approximately 2500 dogs
- ▶ TNV +1070 cats
- ▶ TNVT over 1,500 animals belonging to poor families
- ▶ Attended many schools & universities for educational purposes.
- ▶ Rehomed over 320 animals within Morocco and abroad.
- ▶ A much bigger amount of the population are now protecting the animals since we started.



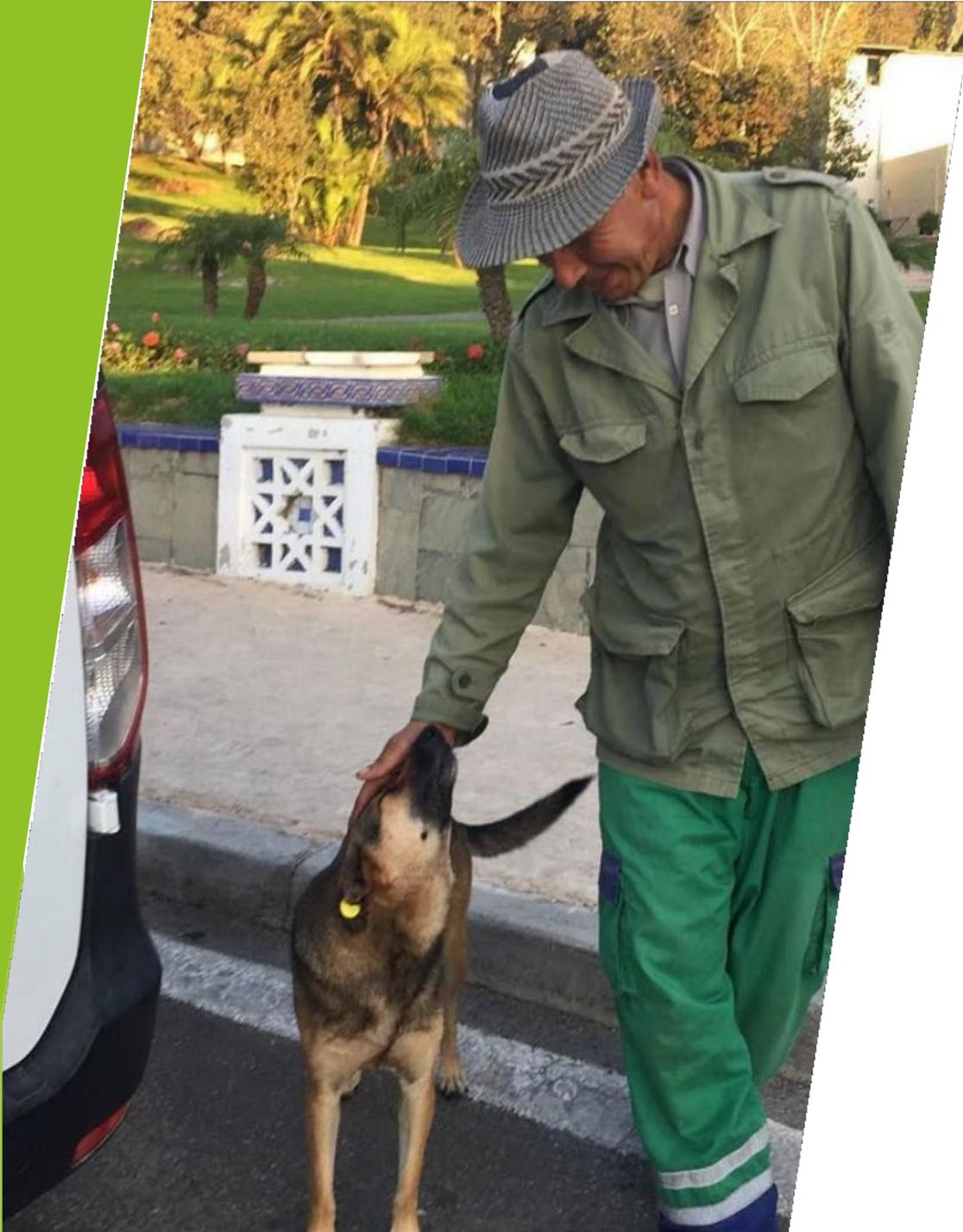
# Who is supporting us?



**Les Néréides**  
LOVES ANIMALS



- ▶ We have had the support of both individuals & foundations on our mission with the vast majority of donations coming from individuals.
- ▶ Our foundational supporters to date include:
- ▶ Brigitte Bardot Foundation - Cover costs for the sterilization of 520 female dogs
- ▶ An anonymous British foundation - for the purchase of 3 animal ambulances.
- ▶ Les Néréides Paris
- ▶ The Supreme Master Ching Hai International Association -
- ▶ Harmony Funds -
- ▶ GARC -



## What are our goals for the future?

- ▶ Stop the culling once and for all and engage the authorities 100% in the TNVT program. (as for now only the tagged dogs are safe )
- ▶ To have TNVT all of the canine population in Tangier & for Tangier to be named the first city in Africa Rabies Free and be the example to follow for the rest of the country and other countries
- ▶ Stop dog bites by 95% purely by teaching the community how to behave around dogs to avoid dog bites.
- ▶ Keep educating about Rabies and what to do if bitten as Rabies is 100% preventable.

A composite image featuring a woman in a red hijab and sunglasses petting a black and white dog in the foreground. In the background, there is a park-like setting with palm trees and a building with a tall, ornate tower. A dark diagonal banner is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

One day because of our Project Hayat, Tangier will be Rabies Free making it a safe place for both humans & animals!

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**NO RABIES TANGIER**

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**Thank You**