[Your Name and Address]

[Date]

[Name and address of Ambassador]

Dear [Name of Ambassador],

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction at the animal welfare situation in Montenegro. I would like to know that my country is showing leadership in helping Montenegro humanely improve the situation.

 I recently visited and it is clear the stray animal situation for dogs and cats is out of control in the country. There are a few foreign groups, such as Kotor Kitties and Stray Coco, that focus on spaying and neutering community animals (cats and dogs) and local NGOs involved in rescue and owner education, but there appears to be nothing done at a government level to focus on animal welfare.

It is understood that there is a current initiative to review the animal welfare laws in Montenegro. This provides a wonderful opportunity for Montenegro to improve the situation for animals, and for the communities throughout the country that are impacted by their overpopulation.

It is my view that this is long overdue. I would request your support for tighter controls for animal welfare in Montenegro – and in particular that this should include :

* A requirement that the government and the citizens at all times consider animals with respect, and treat them with compassion.
* A requirement that the Montenegrin government develop laws and enforcement structures so as to afford animals the highest level of protection.
* A requirement that the government develop and support humane public education programs to encourage respect and compassion for people, animals and the environment.
* In particular to support spay and neuter programs by removing the taxes charged on veterinary fees for such surgery until the crisis with overpopulation of unwanted animals has been controlled.

Yours Sincerely,

[Your name]