

WHY NOT DUMP YOUR DOG OR CAT ON YOUR DOMESTIC WORKER?

Please read the letter below that we sent to Chris and Alicia, who dumped their unsterilized, female Daschund on their domestic worker in February this year.

TO: The previous owners of the black Daschund

We are a registered Animal Welfare Organisation who works in the poorest sectors of society, namely Townships. The biggest problem in these areas is that people **DO NOT HAVE THE FINANCES, TRANSPORT OR MEANS** to provide their pets with basic health care or veterinary treatments. When a dog gets sick or injured (and **ALL** dogs get sick or injured at some point), the dog literally dies a long, slow, painful death.

Overpopulation is another big problem as people in Townships **CANNOT AFFORD** to have their pets sterilized. The result: people simply cannot sustain these numbers and **MANY** dogs and puppies become unwanted and die from starvation. **ALL** puppies need to be de-wormed between 6 and 8 weeks old, or else they are very likely to die from worms.

We were contacted for our assistance by Dawn Beckett, who had serious concerns about a black Daschund that was given by you to your domestic worker, Anna. On arrival, we found the emaciated Daschund, covered in fleas, with one puppy. We were told by Anna that the other puppy died. The remaining puppy showed signs of malnutrition and severe worms (very bloated tummy). There was **NO** proper shelter for them, only a piece of corrugated iron that obviously could not protect them from any of the elements such as rain, wind or cold. Since Dawn had already negotiated to buy the dogs from Anna, we handed over the money and took the dogs.

You have placed your dog in a situation where the new owner could not afford to feed her proper dog food, de-worm her, de-flea her, supply a proper kennel or have her sterilized and as a result she and her two puppies **SUFFERED** – one of them to the point of death! Please also see a picture of both (below), where the mommy dog's spine bones are clearly visible.

With no regards,
Merinda

