

An Andalusian vet assists unemployed people's pets half prize to avoid their slaughtering

LOCATION: Aracena (Huelva)

DURATION: 1'42"

SUMMARY: A veterinary from Aracena, an Andalusian town in Huelva, has started an initiative consisting on just charging just a half of the consultation fee to unemployed people so they don't stop taking their pets to the vet. The bad economic situation of their owners may cause that when the pet gets sick, as they won't take it to the vet until it is seriously ill, the treatment can turn up to be too expensive and if they can't afford it, the owners may have to slaughter it.

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This little dog, Susana, has diabetes, must follow an expensive treatment and must go to the vet at least twice a month. An economic effort for its owners who are unemployed.

JOSÉ MARÍA FERNÁNDEZ
Unemployed person

"She needs special food, insulin... around 150 euros."

However, today it is a little easier for them, because a veterinary of the Andalusian town of Aracena offers discounts to unemployed people, to avoid that their pets also become victims of the crisis.

FCO. JOSÉ RIVERA APARICIO
Veterinary

"All the veterinary services fee are reduced up to a 50%."

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Unemployed person

"With so much unemployment, half the people who has a pet, although they love it a lot... but, if they don't have money for them, how are they going to spend money on their pet?"

FCO. JOSÉ RIVERA APARICIO
Veterinary

"The owners of this dog don't take them to the vet, they don't prevent with vaccines or deparasitization...even when they get sick they wait it case they recover by themselves."

Because in this difficult situation going to the vet can be considered a luxury, and what could be a disease easy to treat may become something much more severe if the visit to the vet is delayed.

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Veterinary

"When they come to you after 10 or 15 days of vomits or diarrhoea, the dogs is very dehydrated, malnourished...so the treatment is more expensive. Many time, when they owners see it in that situation decide to slaughter it, as they can't afford the treatment."

A tragic ending that this vet tries to avoid being solidary to people who can be obligated to sacrifice something they even consider as a part of their family.