

Poisoning Campaign

Kyrenia Animal Rescue has always been very concerned about the indiscriminate use of poison to control the population of stray dogs and feral cats. One of the potentially lethal poisons being used is Lanate, an odourless and tasteless organophosphate commonly used by beekeepers against hornets and also being laid down by shepherds against foxes, wild dogs and rats which sometimes otherwise shun food in which they smell rat poison. Water melon growers are also said to scatter it around their crops as protection against crows.

The symptoms of Lanate poisoning are a sudden uneasiness seen in cats and dogs shortly after the poison has been ingested. Increase in saliva secretion, dehydration, and pain in the stomach area and weakness in pulse and blood circulation. The animal cannot control evacuation, the pupil of the eye is constantly enlarged, if there is difficulty in breathing because of the blocking of the bronchus by fluids and most characteristically, the smell of garlic.

The availability and use of poisons is a very important issue and KAR are part of a campaign to collect all known poisoning of dogs and cats in the Kyrenia area and to work on changing the attitude of the local population and alerting government bodies to the dangers of the lack of control of the use of insecticides pesticides.

Guidelines for Emergency Action in the event of Poisoning

Induce Vomiting.

This can be done by administering Charcoal Tablets (named Eucarbon Tablet in local Pharmacy) or by strong salted water, Do not give liquids other than to induce vomiting.

Immobilise animal.

Carry animal, do not try to make it walk. Do not panic as this can stress the animal and make it go into shock.

Telephone to seek veterinary help and get the animal to the vet as quickly as possible.

Symptoms: Foaming at the mouth, body trembling like movement under the skin, spasms, weakness and diarrhoea.

Remember: Always carry your mobile phone with you when walking your dog and make sure that you have all veterinary telephone numbers entered into your phone.

Avoid areas that have been reported as previously know for poison being put down. It is advisable to muzzle your dog whilst exercising your dog and it is running loose. If you find anything that looks suspicious like poisoned meat carefully pick it up and report find to KAR.

If your animal picks up poisoned meat return to area as soon as possible and pick up any remains of the poison. Report incident to KAR, Police and local Belediye or Muhktar.