



**Greek Republic  
Region of South Aegean  
Municipality of Karpathos**



**December 30 - 2020  
Karpathos island, Greece**

**To :**

**Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE  
Founder, the Jane Goodall Institute &  
UN Messenger of Peace**

**Dear Dr. Jane Goodall,**

On behalf of the citizens of the island of Karpathos, Greece, I wish to express my gratitude for your support of our animal welfare and stray animal care initiatives. I also wish to thank you for the kind words personally addressed to me. Needless to say, such a recognition from a UN Messenger of Peace to the unfolding efforts of my administration could only strengthen our determination to transform the way our society treats animals.

We have been extremely fortunate to collaborate with Animal Welfare Karpathos. The non profit organization was officially established only a few months ago, but it has a long record of caring and helping stray animals on the island through the dedicated work of individual volunteers. I must particularly praise the work of Dr. Anna Katogiritis, lead founder, and Sophia Hiras-Micros, president of Animal Welfare Karpathos for the tremendous work their organization has accomplished in a very short period. They are credited for the adoption of the rescued cat Calypso by the President of Democracy upon her visit to the island on World Animal Day (Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>), an event that sent a strong philozoic message across the country. In addition, we are honored to support the Greek America Foundation's animal welfare spay/neuter campaign which is organized in partnership with Animal Welfare Karpathos. The volunteer program is set to take place June 2-21, 2021 and will be led by Dr. Anna Katogiritis. This initiative has bipartisan support within the Karpathian municipality.

In view of this significant event, the Karpathian people and I personally would like to invite you to the island. We will be delighted to extend to you our traditional hospitality, a minimum recognition to what you have contributed to animal welfare and humanity.

Sincerely,

**The Mayor of Karpathos**

**Ioannis Nisyrios**