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City Drops Stray Dogs Plan

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Moscow's thousands of stray dogs have something to wag their tails about: Animal rights activists say the city has dropped a plan to round the dogs up and ship them to a camp far outside of town.

Animal rights activists and celebrities had been pressuring the city to abandon the plan, which they said would endanger the dogs by placing them in an environment where diseases would run rampant. Some had compared the planned facility to a concentration camp for dogs.

Natalya Yunitsyna, head of The Hope Bringers charity, said Tuesday that the deportation proposal was now off the city's agenda.

"We're very pleased that we've won a small victory here," she said.

City Hall was expected to endorse the plan Tuesday, but the session's minutes, posted online, do not mention the proposal.

The mayor's press office was unavailable for comment, and City Hall officials would not confirm the report.

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