

# **HOLY ANGEL UNIVERSITY**

## **6AWEB Final Requirement 1: Exploratory Stage WD-302**



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## **Introduction**

Animals are a fundamental part of our existence, bringing us companionship, love, emotional support, and even contributing happiness to our society. Despite that, some pets are cruelly treated, exploited and neglected, resulting in fighting for survival on the streets.

PARA\_DEVS aims to advocate animal rights and instill to the people in Pampanga the importance of taking care of such animals and how adopting one will greatly help in reducing the number of suffering animals today.

## **Problems**

### **1. Animal Cruelty and Abuse**

- Pet owners typically view their pets as companions and family members (Animal Welfare Institute, n.d.). However, some animals suffer from abuse, including physical harm and neglect where owners fail to provide for their basic needs. Cases of animal cruelty in Pampanga have been reported, with authorities and animal welfare organizations working to rescue abused animals and prosecute offenders (Punto! Central Luzon, 2024).

### **2. Product Testing on Animals**

- This is the practice of using animals to test the safety and effectiveness of consumer products, such as cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, and chemicals, often causing suffering through exposure to potentially harmful substances.

### **3. Lack of Public Awareness and Education**

- Education and awareness among the public are required to combat animal cruelty, adoption rather than purchase, and shelter support. However, a lot of individuals take this for granted and lack the necessary knowledge. This helps in building a more animal-friendly society.

### **4. Rising Stray Animal Population**

- According to the Philippine Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), there are 12 million stray dogs in the Philippines (Philippine News Agency, 2024). In Pampanga, stray animals, particularly dogs and cats, often roam on the streets due to neglect, abuse, abandonment, and lack of ownership. These animals usually face starvation, disease, and abuse, contributing to health risks in humans like rabies. This issue not only affects animal welfare but also poses environmental and public safety concerns in the community.

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### Objectives

- Promote the advocacy of animal rights activists and inform/educate others about the importance of animal rights.
- Promote an ‘Adopt, Don’t Shop’ campaign, wherein multiple adoption centers are referenced and linked to provide convenience to soon-to-be pet owners in Pampanga.

### Members and Roles

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### Organization in GitHub

<https://github.com/WD-302-PARADEVS>

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