

Dhaka orders end to 'cruel' culling of dogs

DHAKA: The Bangladeshi capital has ordered an end to the culling of dogs in the drive against rabies after complaints that the animals were being cruelly beaten to death.

The Dhaka City Corporation previously held the responsibility of conducting mass extermination drives to protect the city, with up to 20,000 dogs killed a year.

"It is inhumane and ineffective," local government secretary Abu Alam Shahid Khan said.

The ban is a victory for the animal rights movement and campaigners who say neutering and sterilisation are better methods of combating strays. — AFP