

Puerto Rico launches campaign to improve treatment of animals

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - Puerto Rico is launching a campaign to improve the treatment of animals after drawing international condemnation over the killings of dozens of cats and dogs on the island.

Terestella Gonzalez Denton, executive director of the island's tourism department, says new shelters will be built and animal protection units created within every police department in Puerto Rico.

The announcement comes after hundreds of angry tourists sent letters to Puerto Rican authorities decrying the killing of dozens of pets seized from three housing projects in October.

The animals were disposed off by being hurled from a bridge.