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Opportunities: Developing Countries

- **Dog Overpopulation Crisis Proportions**
- **Mexico, India, China**
- **Mass-Vaccination Programs for Rabies Exist**
- **Governments Address Public Health**
- **Injectable Sterilant Compliments Existing Programs**



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Juarez, Mexico

- “Cardboard City” of Aprovecha Outside Juarez
- Community Dogs with No Guardian
- Dogs Are Friendly and Social
- Fed Scraps by Residents
- Dogs Receive No Medical Care
- “MASH-Style” Clinics Deliver Vaccinations and Sterilization



Animal Collector in Aguadilla



- Many Collectors in Developing Countries
- No Formal Animal Sheltering System
- Government Pounds Are “Catch and Kill”
- No Alternatives for Animal Rescuers

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Working with Local Vets

- Veterinarians Outside U.S. are Eager to Learn New Technologies
- Frequent Participation in Local Events
- Community Residents Comfortable with Local Veterinarians
- Transport Animals to Local Clinic



The Pet Vet Aguadilla, Puerto Rico



- Dr. Gwen Davis and Staff
- Neutersol® Event Promoted to Community
- Utilize Existing Clinic Facilities
- 80 Dogs Sterilized in One Afternoon
- Community Animals Kept Overnight and Released

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Owned Animals Returned Home

- **Try Not to Enable Collectors**
- **Sterilization Programs Control Animal Population**
- **Poor Families Who Help Animals Cannot Afford Vet Services**
- **Neutersol® Inexpensive and Immediate Solution**



“Train the Trainer” Programs

- Puerto Rico Neutersol® Training in San Juan, Isabela, Aguadilla
- Supported by Puerto Rico Veterinary Medical Association
- American Veterinarians Teach Local Veterinarians
- Funded by Pegasus Foundation
- Training and Materials in Spanish (Culturally Sensitive)

