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Senatore Tomaso Mitrotti

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Dear Senatore

It was indeed an honour and pleasure to meet you in Italy last week. I referred to you in my speech at the Town Hall in Monopoli as the dynamic President of AIDA and I am most impressed by the way in which you are able to translate your love of animals into positive action to help animals. Your presidency will no doubt do much to ensure a leading place for AIDA in practical animal welfare in Italy.

The visit to Monopoli will remain for Mike and myself a delightful and very worthwhile experience. We came away with an enduring picture of the problems of animal welfare in southern Italy, but also of the enthusiasm and support of many people who wish to take action to improve the situation. This came over very clearly in your speech in the Town Hall and also in the words of the Mayor, who pledged his support and indicated that this could also involve financial help.

I was asked many times to come back to Monopoli and of course I would very much like to do this. In the course of discussion with the Mayor, I suggested that I should return, perhaps in a year's time, to report on the progress that will hopefully by then have been made.

May I end by congratulating you on the establishment of the first AIDA branch and also by thanking you most sincerely for the friendship and hospitality you offered us during our short stay.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely

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Director