

# Iran's Islam-Inspired Brutality Toward Dogs

Highly disturbing video footage has recently emerged of Iran's systematic brutality toward dogs, in which the unfortunate animals are injected with acid. Stella Morabito, of [child martyr](#) to protect the country's limited military infrastructure during the Iran-Iraq war. The torturous treatment of animals also has [religiously inspired suppression of dogs](#) which may in time also apply to other animals kept as pets. When asked in an interview why was there a wish to ban people from walking their dogs, and keeping pets at home, Salek responded:

"In the name of God. Our Islamic Revolution is based on religious, divine and humane values. ... Look, people who keep dogs do not believe in these values. They don't get enough affection, are lonely or want to imitate Europeans and a Western way of life. Naturally this behavior is not appropriate for the social environment of our cities."

Thus, according to this sickening mindset, it is somehow inhumane to possess pet dogs, but, ironically enough, those who buy or sell dogs will face up to 74 lashes – nigh on a death sentence for some.

When asked why did some Iranians supposedly wish to follow a Western lifestyle by having pets (a rather absurd opinion given the long-standing prevalence for keeping pets the world over) Salek claimed that the 'horrid' Western media was somehow entrapping poor Iranians to obtain dogs as pets:

"Cyberspace and foreign media—radio stations and websites—try to teach people many things, including association with dogs. Some people in Iran are influenced by these teachings and think that keeping animals such as

dogs will give them peace. This belief is very wrong. [...]

Some domestic media outlets are influenced by foreign propaganda and produce content that is not appropriate for the Islamic Republic. They promote this unconsciously. If a punishment is stipulated, then they will smarten up and not fall into the trap set by foreigners.”