

C. Prevention

From 2006 to date, Vida Digna has held permanent animal preventive health care programmes in poor districts working together with the school children's elected 'school councils'. See our video (*aquí Patricia, hay que poner el link con el video en Youtube: Vida Digna Programa de Salud Parte 1 y Vida Digna Programa de Salud Parte 2*).

Vida Digna also carries out Education programs. From 2001 - 2005 we worked with about 1000 state schools in Lima and outside the capital giving our "Preventive Health Care for Animals" course. The course's objective is to avoid the conditions which lead to animal abandonment, and includes the following subjects:

- Hygiene and feeding habits
- How to avoid parasites
- Vaccinating against deadly diseases
- Spay/neutering
- The responsibility involved in owning an animal
- Mistreatment of animals and its relationship with domestic violence
- The importance of a visit to the vet
- Peruvian Animal Protection Laws

This course started in November 2001. It is approved by the Lima Veterinary College. The College stamp appears in the certificate given at the end of the course. A registered veterinarian attends each one of these courses, to respond to students' questions.