

# The Dogs of Chernobyl: 35 Years later, A Story of Hope and Resilience With Stephen Quandt

35 years after the nuclear accident I went to Chernobyl to participate in a spay/neuter and research campaign for the dogs that were descended from the pets left behind after the nuclear plant disaster of 1986 (and that were not killed by the military).



With many personally shot photos and videos I tell my story of meeting the inhabitants of the mostly abandoned town of Chernobyl City (you will meet 2 squatters, one a hero of the disaster), the totally abandoned city of Pripyat and the dogs (and some cats!) that we encountered.

I will discuss (and show) radiation being detected including on some dogs and the impact of the environment on their lives. And you will even meet some inhabitants of the town of Slavutych which was built in the year following the accident to house the inhabitants of Pripyat after they were belatedly evacuated. It is a story of resilience, hope, life and even heroism. Q&A to follow.



**"This presentation blew me away. Quandt's humorous and lighthearted telling of his experience working with the dogs and the people who remain at the Chernobyl site is truly an emotional uplifter. For those who ever wonder about how disasters affect animals in the long run, or if you just love dogs, this ones for you."**  
*Amber Pasiak, librarian at the Edith B. Ford Memorial Library*

***"The story sneaks up on you in ways that catch you off guard and by the end you arrive at a place of hope and even redemption."***

Feline Behaviorist, **Stephen Quandt**, most recently the Feline Behavior Coordinator for the Animal Care Centers of NYC ([nycacc.org](http://nycacc.org)) and of the [ASPCA.org](http://ASPCA.org) has worked in animal welfare since 2002 and has created this webinar based on his experiences in the Exclusion Zone around the Chernobyl nuclear power plant. He also has a webinar on cat behavior called [Decoding the Mysteries of Cats, or Why Cats Do what They Do](#). Stephen also gives private behavior consults over Zoom.

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