



China Cat and Dog Welfare Programme (2015-07/08)

International Animal Protection Organizations Appeal the Macao Government Not to Renew Dog Track License

In July, staff from Animals Asia got joined representatives from more than 10 animal protection organisations in UK, Australia, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau to participate in the Greyhound International Conference held by Macau SPCA to appeal for the local government not to renew the license of the Macau Canidrome (Yat Yuen Dog Track) .



Karina from Animals Asia is giving a speech

The investigation of international organizations showed that this dog track has been destroying 30 greyhounds every month. Most of these greyhounds are retired or fail to win because of injuries or unqualified physical condition. The canidrome has 18 games every day for 22 days a month. These dogs run for day and night amongst the shouting of those who bet. In the past two years, Anima, an animal protection group of Macau, has been pressing the canidrome to establish an adoption plan for the retired dogs but, so far, only two greyhounds have been adopted.

At the meeting, Irene Feng, Director of Cat and Dog Welfare Department of Animals Asia, and Karina O' Carroll, Animals Asia' s Hong Kong Animal Welfare Education Manager, expressed their concerns of the living environment and welfare of these greyhounds in the canidrome.

Other representatives also expressed their strong condemnation of the dog track neglecting the welfare of these dogs. This December, the dog track license of Macau Canidrome is about to expire and once again we earnestly urge the Macau government to stop renewing the license and close the race track down.



Group photo of representatives

Dog Ownership Management

In July and August, we have visited several cities for understanding their dog ownership management work as well as the problems they meet. Below are details:

Xu Zhou Small Animal Rescue Centre

On July 19th and 20th, we visited the Xu Zhou Small Animal Rescue Center. After consultation with the local government, the Xu Zhou Small Animal Rescue Center took over the government's dog shelter and will assist the local governments in dog management.

Chang Zhou Municipal Public Security Bureau

On 21st July, we visited the Chang Zhou Municipal Public Security Bureau and discussed specific problems, together with scientific methods of dog management with the relevant people in charge. Chang Zhou plans to build dog shelters. However, legislation has not yet been resolved and it will take about three years until formal legislation is passed.

Zhe Jiang Small Animal Protection Association

On the afternoon of 22nd July, we discussed the current status and future plans of the association. This association currently employs 3 full-time staff and has participated in many activities.

Su Zhou Small animal Protection Volunteer Association

On the morning of 22nd July, we discussed the current development status and future plans of the association with their person-in-charge. This association has conducted various promotional activities in universities. They operate the shelter by themselves and hope to establish their own animal hospital.

Hang Zhou City Management Committee

On 23rd July, we visited the Hang Zhou City Management Committee to discuss the working model and development of dog management. The Hang Zhou Canine Association has just been established and will take over the issuing of dog adoption permits. After the meeting, we visited the Hang Zhou Canine Adoption Centre. The centre is well-planned, has a strict control over the number of dogs, and conducts regular adoption and open day visits.



**Dog shelter of Hang Zhou
Canine Adoption Centre**

Xia Men Animal Health Authority

At the end of August, we visited Xia Men Animal Health Authority and discussed their division of work, implementation of plans and any potential help they may need. We also discussed their future development plan and improvement of dog ownership management work in Xia Men.

Animals Asia Contact Qing Jiang Government about Dog Culling

Recently a news article, “Ba Zhong City Release Harshest Dog Culling Order” caught great attention from the public. According to the article:

“Qing Jiang Town of Ba Zhong City in Si Chuan Province released an order: all homeless dogs, fierce dogs, large dogs and dogs without vaccination are due to be culled. Those that are on leashes but not vaccinated, will also be forcibly culled, and the costs to be paid by the dog owners.”

Link to the news (Chinese): http://www.thepaper.cn/newsDetail_forward_1368464

In a call to the government of Qing Jiang town, the feedback emerged that due to many peasants moving to cities and leaving their dogs behind, a large number of stray dogs had gathered and found food in the town, with some even hurting people too. The government confirmed that they had to cull these dogs because there are no animal shelters or any NGOs that could take them on. Apparently they had already warned the dog owners in July when they initiated large scale prevention and control against rabies.

In view of these facts, we spoke sensitively with the Qing Jiang government regarding their work on rabies prevention and control, but suggested that the government catch and not cull the dogs in future. We stressed that dogs without leashes or vaccinations could belong to someone, and it is more humane to catch these dogs and vaccinate them before returning them to their owners. Regarding the homeless dogs, we suggested that they catch and keep them in a temporary shelter, ensuring they are vaccinated and encouraging people to adopt them. If the above two methods do not work, the last and final option is to put the dogs to sleep.

Finally, we suggested that the government offer a subsidy for anti-rabies vaccinations, as well as enhancing public education on the importance of people having a post exposure rabies injection after being bitten by a dog. It is hoped that the government of Qing Jiang Town can introduce a more scientific and humane way to treat stray dogs and prevent the incidence of rabies. The problem of managing stray dogs must start with educating people:

- Increase public education “be a responsible dog owner” , “think twice before keeping a dog” , in an effort to reduce abandoned dogs.
- Strictly control dog breeding and trading, in order to control the number of dogs.
- Promote dog sterilization.

Provide Support to Emergency Rescue

Fu Zhou Shelter Repaired after Strong Typhoon

At the beginning of August, the dog shelter of Fu Zhou Small Animal Protection Centre was destroyed by a typhoon. The bad weather also caused sickness and injury among the animals. We established a funding plan after we received the application from the center. The funding included:

- Exchange and enhance 16 roofs of the dog shelters.
- Cover the top of the shelters with shade cloth.
- Repair the paths to the shelters for easier car access.
- At the end of August, the above areas were almost finished. The funding helped about 300 animals.



The top of the shelter was seriously destroyed



After renovation



The top of the shelter is now fixed

60 Animals Rescued in Tian Jin Chemical Explosion

12th August, a serious explosion occurred in the Bin Hai New District of Tian Jin City. The accident was so sudden that many residents left their pets behind during evacuation. We contacted two local animal rescue organisations for help, and offered 10 cat trapping cages and the guidebook "Operation of Large Scale Animal Rescue", edited by Animals Asia. The two organisations searched through the area and helped the animals they saved to find their owners. In the rescue, a combination of about 60 cats and dogs were saved and returned.



The trapping cages we offered



Volunteers search the exploded area



A cat was found trapped in an apartment

Shelter Sponsorship

Dogs in Wu Han Shelter Enjoy New Beds

In June, following our visit to the Wu Han Small Animal Rescue Centre, we donated 10 hair clippers and 100 plastic beds to the 300 dogs in Wuhan Small Animal Rescue Center. In July, all of the materials were in place. The photos showed that the dogs are sleeping on the new beds, which are much more comfortable and easier to clean. The hair clippers will also see these dogs enjoying a much cooler summer.



Old wooden dog beds are hard to clean



New beds are ventilate



Dogs having hair trim

Updates of Stray Cats TNR (TRAP, NEUTER, RELEASE) Project

Shanghai TNR Project Close to Target

The Shanghai FN group with two properties recently completed desexing 56 cats and achieved the planned 70% sterilisation rate. While helping communities carry out sterilisation projects, Shanghai FN group also encouraged domestic cat sterilisation too. TNR projects not only help stray cats, but also help residents to live a quieter life without the disturbance of the cats crying for mates. The Shanghai FN group also cooperated with Shanghai Universities and Communities in desexing 17 stray cats. This project will continue and the ultimate goal is also to reach the 70% sterilisation rate.

To date, Animals Asia has funded the Shanghai FN group in desexing 131 cats, and talked cat owners into desexing their cats at their own expense. The following are some of the photos:



training volunteers ready for cat reintroduction



a vacated office for keeping cats after surgery

TNR In-depth Training in Xia Men

29th-30th August, Animals Asia together with Beijing Lucky Cats held a TNR in-depth Training programme in Xia Men city. Two animal protection organisations: Fu Zhou Small Animal Protection Association and Xia Men Cat took part.

In the seminar, Ms. Wang from Beijing Lucky Cat shared their experiences of trapping stray cats, and helped the volunteers to practice their trapping skills with the cages.

She also stressed the importance of ear tagging all those cats who have been neutered.



After the first day's training, a small kitten was found in a trash cart by Ms. Wang. She took the injured cat to a vet for treatment and now the kitten is recovering in the home of a volunteer. Stray cats such as this are very common in urban communities, and prove how critical it is to develop TNR projects in cities.



A kitten was found in a trash cart

The TNR training gives an opportunity to the local volunteers to have a comprehensive discussion with the lecturers on how to develop local TNR projects, how to solve the problems during implementation, and how to compile a blueprint of future development. We hope that more volunteers can join the team and help stray animals.



Volunteers are having a discussion



Volunteers are using trapping cages

Highlights of the Dr Dog and Professor Paws activity

In July and August, Animals Asia carried out 41 Dr Dog visits, 6 Professor Paws lectures and 6 rounds of public education in Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu and Hong Kong. The Dr Dog visits covered more than 1800 people. The Professor Paws lectures, the public education activities and community promotional activities benefitted over 5,500 people.



July, Shenzhen Professor Paws visited Moon Gulf Community, the children sit in a circle with Professor Paws enjoying close interaction.



July, Guangzhou Dr Dogs visited Kang Jianyi Elderly Home and making the elderly laugh so happily.



August , Chengdu Dr Dogs visited “The 4th City” Internet Company to reduce the stress of the staff in a “work life balance” day. This is the second visit to the company and everyone there loves our Dr Dogs.



August , our Chengdu Volunteer Summer Camp was also a success. Supporters and volunteers visited our moon bear rescue centre and learned more about Animals Asia and animal welfare. They also met with our Chengdu

Media Publicity

ToLi Media, an advertisement company based in East China's Nan Jing City has given Animals Asia 20 light box advertising boards for free in Nan Jing city centre. These boards are a part of the city's public bicycle stops. It is estimated that a single board is exposed to over 30 thousand people a day. We would like to thank ToLi Media for their wonderful support!



Animals Asia "Stop Abuse, Pass on Love" advertisement

Delivery of Public Education Materials

In July and August, Animals Asia delivered publicity materials to the following animal protection groups for their public education campaign.

- We send promotional materials to the Third Animal Protection Summer Camp and The Beng Bu Love Home of Wandering Angels in An Hui Province.
- We sent videos to The Tang Shan Small Animal Protection Association for The Tang Shan Adoption Day in He Bei Province.



- We sent out leaflets to Guang Dong Shoushan Volunteer Centre for their publicity activity.
- We sent leaflets to Si Chuan Qiming Small Animal Protection Association for their adoption day.



At last we thank all of our volunteers for continuously supporting our work!

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