



China Cat and Dog Welfare (Annual Update 2015)

Public Education Activities

Dr Dog and Professor Paws

In 2015, Animals Asia carried out 243 Dr Dog visits in Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu and Hong Kong. The Dr Dogs gave more than 14,000 elderly and children special visits and brought them comfort. Meanwhile over 100,000 people benefitted from Professor Paws' lectures and public education campaign in schools and communities.

"Every time Dr Dogs visit the centre, most of the children here enjoy playing with them. We thank the volunteers for being so nice and friendly. They understand some special children need time to learn how to get along with dogs. We could feel the love from Dr Dogs and volunteers. The interaction between animals and children makes everyone happy. This activity is affectionate and joyful. We sincerely thank the staff of Animals Asia for giving us such a great time."

**Ms. May Fock, Manager of Heep Hong Society –
Catherine Lo Centre , April 2015**



Dr Dog is interacting with children

"The children are super fond of dogs. Their enthusiasm is beyond our expectation. Thumbs up for the three Dr Dogs! This activity is very well-received. At the beginning when we got in touch with children with autism, they didn't know how to interact with others. The healing training is to let them play with balls and other tools to make them feel the outside world. I was a bit worried how they would react to dogs. But when the dogs show up, the children were completely attracted by them, they like dogs better, and they're willing to make contact with them. We were so touched by the entire activity."

Staff of Chengdu Xinxing Ai Autism Children Rehabilitation Centre. July 2015



"Under the instruction of our cute Professor Paws, the students learnt how to interact with dogs safely, to protect themselves as well as the dogs while enjoying the fun. This is a successful demo class, we will promote it to the entire school next semester."

Ms. Deng, Chengdu Xixin Primary School, December 2015



Our activities draw much attention from the media. The reports introduce what Dr Dogs and Professor Paws do and some meaningful anecdotes to the public, so as to let more and more people understand how dogs can be humans' best friends and helpers. It is positive to promote the idea of humans and animals living harmoniously together.



Dr Dog visits were featured on Guangdong TV programmes
 "Wan Jia Deng Huo" ('A myriad of twinkling lights')
 and "Zhu Jiang Ji Shi" ('Stories along the Pearl River')



Adi as Professor Paws visited school with his owner

Dr Dog Adi Presented with International Award

Adi, a Dr Dog in Guangzhou, used to have a difficult life. After he was adopted by his current owner, he participated in the Dr Dog programme of Animals Asia and visited many homes for the old and centres' for special children. His story touched the PDSA (People' s Dispensary for Sick Animals) and therefore was awarded the Outstanding Contribution Award by this world-renowned animal charity organization.

National Charity Video Campaign

At the end of 2015, in order to publicize the ideas such as "cat and dog welfare" and "be a responsible pet owner" , Animals Asia launched a charity video "*Cat and Dog Welfare Around Us*" campaign across China. We invited organisations around the country to conduct large scale video watching activities, and develop related public education campaigns. At the end of December, 12 organisations had responded and the video had been viewed by over 20,000 people. We then selected four organisations that were considered outstanding according to their activity feedback, and presented them with awards.



Fuzhou City Small Animals Protection Association giving a speech while playing the video in a local school



A student from Guangzhou Juxian Middle School is watching the video with his father at home

Charity Advertisement

We sincerely thank the following media organisations for supporting the work of the China Cat and Dog Welfare Programme, helping us spread the correct way of treating animals.



"Life Weekly of Yangzi River" published our anti animals abuse poster in their March issue



Knowledge Guide magazine published our say NO to cat and dog's meat poster on the back cover of its November issue

In April, Karen Mok's series of charity advertisements, including being a responsible owner of cats and dogs, being a healthy foodie and saying no to eating cats and dogs, and how to get along with dogs,



appeared on the LED screens of Chengdu Silver Stone Square and Chengdu 339 Square, both of which are landmarks in Chengdu. By the end of April, it is estimated that the charity advertising in Silver Stone Square reached more than 363,000 people and the Chengdu 339 Square reached more than 176,000 people.

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!



Leaflets Delivery

In 2015, Animals Asia distributed 24,509 leaflets, 962 posters and 66 DVDs to animal protection associations in 28 cities. We supported over 30 public education activities with free materials.



Volunteers of Hunan University conducting "Caring for Small Animals" campus campaign, using our leaflets



Cycling campaign of Nanchang Small Animals Protection Group

Dog Ownership Management

Communication on Dog Management with City Governments across China

In 2015 we sent out open letters to governments of Bazhong in Sichuan, Shenyang, Nanchang, Baoji, Lanzhou and Xinhua to put forward our suggestions and opinions on problems appearing in local dog management methods. Meanwhile, we handed in our suggestions for improving dog ownership management regulations to Nanchang, Changsha, Lanzhou and Zhuhai governments.



Officers of the Agriculture and Fisheries Department, Hong Kong and our staff.

Visited Municipal Governments and Local animal Protection Groups in 15 Cities

In 2015, staff of the China Cat and Dog Welfare team visited local dog management departments in 15 cities such as Jinan, Beijing, Shi Jiazhuang, Taiyuan, Chongqing, Nanchang, Xiamen, Lanzhou and Hong Kong. We communicated with the officers and visited the animal shelters. During the visits and interviews, we learnt of the practical measurements they took towards dog management methods, and the difficulties they met. Through this, we adapt the outstanding methods and recommend them to other cities. It is also helpful for us to give more down to earth suggestions to other



a "civilized dog keeping" banner outside the Taiyuan city PSB

Helping Animals

Emergency Rescues

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. Animals Asia established a funding plan after we received an 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.



Before renovation, the roof was completely destroyed



After renovation, the roof is safe again

Animal Rescue after the Explosion in TianJin

In the major port city of Tianjin in north east China, a series of chemical explosions led to uncontrollable fires that left 165 people dead and 8 people missing, causing widespread panic. In the rush to evacuate the area this disaster occurred in, many pets were left behind. While the human cost and scale of the tragedy made worldwide headlines, the animal victims went largely unreported.



A volunteer found a lost cat in an empty apartment



Volunteers searching through the affected area

Taishan Small Animal Protection Association

Taishan Small Animal Protection Association is located in Jinan City, Shandong Province, where there was a snow storm at the beginning of November. We received a call from the association for funding support as the doghouses have large open areas and measures needed to be taken to ensure warmth during winter. We drafted an urgent plan immediately sponsoring them in building heated houses.



The old doghouses had large open area



The new houses completed



Puppies can enjoy a little sunshine
in their warm houses



Cotton pads are provided inside the houses

Helping Stray Cats

Animals Asia funded two NGOs from Shanghai and Shi Jiazhuang for their TNR (Trap-Neuter-Release) programmes. The supported items include: operations, deworming medication and vaccinations. By the end of 2015, the Shanghai group had operated on about 220 cats.

In August, 2015, Animals Asia again worked with Beijing Lucky Cat to give TNR in-depth training to two NGOs: Fuzhou Small Animals Protection Association and Xiamen Cat. In the class, a speaker from Beijing Lucky Cat shared experiences of trapping stray cats and volunteers were able to practice with trapping cages following the speech.



An office of a Shanghai neighborhood committee vacated a room for the operated cats to rest

Shelter Renovation

In 2015, in order to enhance animal welfare and improve living conditions, we funded local animal shelters in the following cities: Chengdu, Wuhan, Yantai, Nanchang, Baoji, Xuzhou, Chongqing, Taiyuan, Jinan, Xi' an, and Lanzhou.

The funded items included: renovation of shelters, clippers, beds, toys, dog food, vaccination, deworming tablets, anti-pest sprays and collars. Over 7,300 animals benefited.



Funded toys for animals in Nanchang Small Animals Protection Association



Volunteers get to practice with trapping cages after the speech



Funded Wuhan Small Animal Rescue Center with dog beds



Damaged fencing in Nanchang Small Animals Association „before and after renovation



Research into China's Black Industry Chain of Dog Meat

In June 2015, Animals Asia released a series of in-depth research reports on China's dog meat industry. It took four years to complete the reports that reveal the fact that there are no large scale meat dog farms in China at all. The reports also answer the questions from the media and animal protection groups: the so called, large quantity of meat dogs, are in fact pet dogs that are stolen or snatched from households, or stray animals that are poisoned from the streets.

**Say NO to
Cat and
Dog Meat**

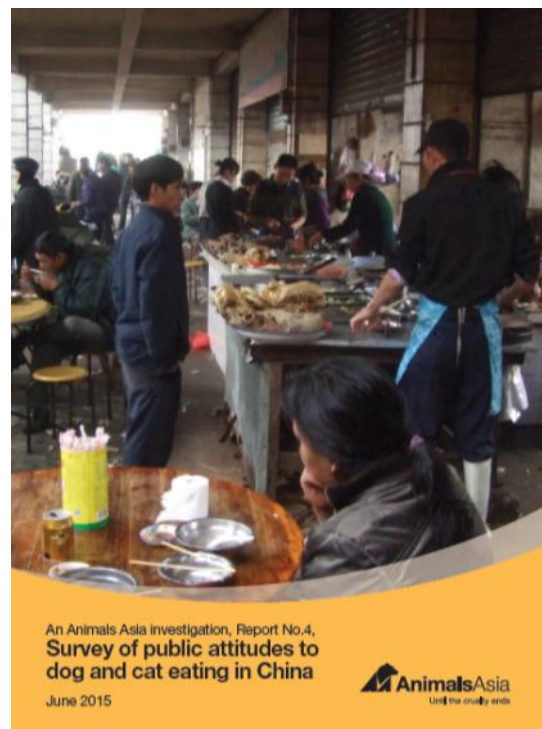
The in-depth research revealed that every part of the industry chain is full of lies and crime. Such theft is not only against the law, but serious food hygiene problems are also found in the industry. Our reports also reveal that the consumption of dogs and cats is not popular in China; over 80% of the population in most of the researched areas do not eat such meat.

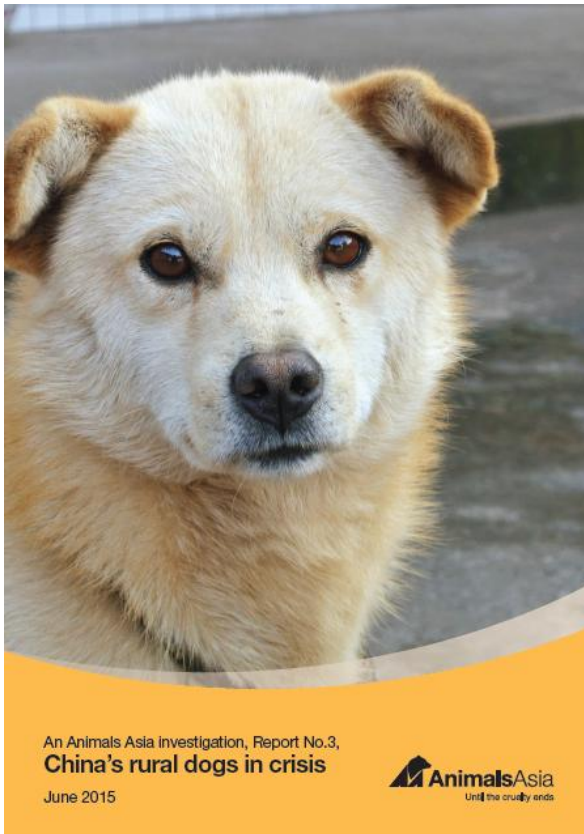
We sent open letters to the relevant government departments such as the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region (where people still retain the habit of eating dogs) and Yulin City, Guangxi Province (where the Yulin Dog Meat Festival is held every year), in the hope that the authorities will move to smash the illegal dog meat industry chain.

Animals Asia strongly calls for:

1. The establishment of regulations and laws of animal protection or anti-animal abuse. All sales and slaughter regarding cat and dog meat should be prohibited.
2. The strength of law enforcement and supervision to the entire dog meat industry to be enhanced. The penalties for poisoning and stealing of dogs should be emphasized. The illegal slaughter, transport and trade of dog should be banned.
3. The attention to the underlying problems behind the illegal dog meat industry. To eat dogs is to encourage the crimes of stealing.

The four reports are:





To download these reports, please go to Animals Asia's official website :
www.animalsasia.org-Our work- Cat and Dog Welfare- Tackling the meat trade

The four reports have not only been published on our official website and social media platforms, but also on news websites, in newspapers and magazines. Related news was forward over 60 times online. The Weibo on the reports (Chinese Twitter) was read over 50,000,000 times and forward over 10,000 times.

Hosting the 5th Companion Animal Symposium

From 22nd to 24th May 2015, the 5th China Companion Animal Symposium was held in Shenzhen. This symposium was hosted by Animals Asia and co-hosted by the Humane Society International, and covered lectures, discussions and study tours. More than 200 people attended, including government officials, experts, scholars and leaders from animal protection associations both at home and abroad.



Symposium participants



Representative from the Agriculture Department, Mr. Ma, answers questions

Anti-Abuse Programme

Follow Up of Animal Abuse Incidents

We received a few reports regarding animal abuse in 2015, among which, the dog abuse in the Chinese Academy of Sciences Chengdu branch and the cat abuse in Sichuan Agriculture University were the most notorious. We immediately contacted the two organisations to confirm details. During the communication, we emphasised the importance of animal welfare and suggested conducting public education campaigns. We then sent out leaflets and other necessary materials to help them spread these ideas to communities and campus.

International Animal Protection Organisations Appeal to the Macau Government

Not to Renew Dog Track License

In July, staff from Animals Asia 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)

before it was due for review in December, 2015. The greyhounds at Macau Canidrome have been found to live in extremely poor circumstances with a severe lack of animal welfare.



Animals Asia's Karina O' Carroll makes a presentation in support of suspending the Macau Canidrome license



We thank every volunteer of
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