

# SUPPORT FRIENDS...OR FOOD? AND HELP ANIMALS ASIA END DOG AND CAT EATING



Millions of cats and dogs are slaughtered each year for human consumption in markets across China. Crammed together in cages without food, water or shade, dogs and cats are slowly beaten to death or boiled alive in the misguided belief that "torture equals taste".

Every one of these animals is a potential helper, healer and friend. They are also great ambassadors. We hope that by learning to love dogs and cats, more and more people will come to respect all animals.

Animals Asia is working to create change through pioneering grassroots educational programmes. Our short film, "Dr Eddie: Friend...or Food?" compels its viewers to reconsider their attitudes to eating dogs and cats. We have distributed more than 133,000 free copies of the VCD throughout China. We are now supporting more than 40 small, local Chinese animal welfare groups, helping with such practicalities as desexing, vaccinating strays and building temporary dog shelters.

Our successful animal-therapy programme, Dr Dog was launched in Hong Kong back in 1991, and now operates in 10 cities throughout Asia, including China's Chengdu, Shenzhen and Guangzhou – the country's dog and cat eating capital. More than 350 registered animal-therapy dogs visit the sick and lonely in hospitals, elderly homes, orphanages and disability centres, spreading their special brand of love to all they encounter. In Hong Kong and Guangzhou, our Dr Dogs double as Professor Paws, visiting schools in public housing areas, where dogs are banned.



The success of these programmes means more and more people are embracing dogs (and cats) as their friends, not food.

Find out more about Friends...or Food? at [www.animalsasia.org](http://www.animalsasia.org).

## PLEASE SIGN ON TO END THE TORTURE

**"We, the undersigned, respectfully ask that the Chinese Government give dogs and cats the legal protection and respect they deserve. Please support Animals Asia Foundation's call for an end to dog and cat eating."**

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