The 7th Dog Ownership Management Symposium 2016
On 15th June and 16th June, the 7th Dog Ownership Management Symposium was held in Xi’an.

The two-day symposium was hosted by Animals Asia, co-hosted by HSI (Humane Society International) and Xi’an Hong Shiliu Companion Animal Rescue Centre. Over 150 representatives from 39 cities from government departments, animal protection NGOs, the veterinary field, and experts from home and abroad attended the symposium. Various formats - specialist seminars, group discussions, sharing sessions – provided the participants with the opportunity to communicate with and learn from each other, as well as building connections and co-operation.

Day One theme – ‘The basis of dog ownership management – legislation’ saw experience-sharing between representatives. Currently over 60 cities in China have established dog ownership management regulations. Ms. Li from Changchun PSB (Public Security Bureau) shared her opinion on how legislation can improve work efficiency and popularize and improve dog care and welfare in the community. During the meeting, Mr. Zeng, person in charge of the government-run shelter of Nanning city in Guangxi province introduced the humane measures they have implemented in managing dog ownership. All these presentations and information sharing are hugely significant in moving forward dog management work in China.
Day Two theme – ‘Veterinarians’ role and cooperation mode in dog ownership management; highlights of domestic dog ownership management’ – was enlightened by speeches from Dr. Anna Woodhouse from Hong Kong SPCA and Dr. Liu Lang from the Chinese Veterinarian Medical Association.

Since the first Dog Ownership Management Symposium in 2009, Animals Asia has continued to host this annual event and it is encouraging to see progress made by different cities each year. At the 7th symposium, we set up awards to recognise government representatives who have contributed to improving cat and dog welfare and dog ownership management work.

Over these seven years, the symposium has been held in many cities including Guangzhou, Nanjing, Dalian, Shanghai, Chengdu and Xi’an. It has provided training opportunities for 385 government representatives from 46 cities and local grassroots NGOs. Consequently the symposium continues to be very well-received. It is also encouraging to see a lot of cities have adopted the management methods they took away from the seminars and have made great progress. One example of this is Anshan City, whose representative said they were inspired by the symposium in terms of creating publicity for their efforts and raising awareness, which went a long way to help Anshan’s dog ownership management work.

In July, Animals Asia visited animal protection institutions and dog management departments under the Public Security Bureau in Changchun, Harbin and Shenyang to assess the problems faced and solutions implemented by the three cities in dog management work, and see how we could assist them in promoting improved dog care and welfare.

**Shenyang Base of China Small Animal Protection Association**

On July 18th, we visited the Shenyang branch of the China Small Animal Protection Association. The newly-built dog houses are in good condition, and since there is no large space for the dogs to play outdoors, the staff take turns walking the dogs outside of the base. We extended a sincere thank you to all the staff and volunteers in providing a good, basic living standard for more than 300 cats and dogs at the rescue centre.

![A corner of the dog shelter](image)

![Cat trees and beds are put inside cat shelters as enrichment](image)

![Representatives are discussing in groups](image)

![Mr. Zeng, the representative of Nanning PSB is giving a speech](image)

![Dr. Jill Robinson is awarding outstanding government officers who conduct local dog ownership management work](image)
Harbin Public Security Bureau dog rescue base
Animals Asia visited the Harbin Public Security Bureau and had a meeting with Mr. You, the person-in-charge of the dog management team. Also in attendance was the Harbin Small Animal Protection Association, a local animal protection group.

Currently, the first-time registration fee for dogs in Harbin is 300 yuan, including insurance, electric chip and vaccinations and an annual health check, and there are eight locations where dog owners can get a one-stop license for their dogs. The dog management team here has been very creative and they encourage dog owners to get insurance, with 50 yuan from the registration fee going to accident insurance, and 200 yuan covering the annual check up.

The Harbin dog management team has attended Animals Asia’s Dog Management Conference since 2010, and over these six years of continuous learning, has acquired a greater knowledge of animal welfare. Although the condition of the rescue centre is currently rather limited, Mr. You is committed to sourcing more financial support to improve the centre and we look forward to following developments.

Small Animal Protection Alliance of Harbin
Our next stop was the base run by the Small Animal Protection Alliance of Harbin. The group has participated twice in the China Companion Animal Symposium held by Animals Asia and they have been following Animals Asia’s work. The newly-rescued dogs and cats are fostered by volunteers until they are adopted. The group hope that this process can raise the adoption rate and in future, cancel the need for the centre entirely. So far, it seems that this practice is effective in helping to find rescued animals their new homes. The group is also conducting a TNR programme for stray cats and we will follow this up and hope to extend more support to them as needed.
Changchun Public Security Bureau
On July 21st, Animals Asia had an in-depth meeting with Ms. Li, the person-in-charge of the dog management team in Changchun. Her predecessors in this position have been participating in the China Dog Management Symposium for five years in a row to learn about animal welfare and dog management and for Ms. Li – who was transferred to the dog management team this year – 2016 was the first time she attended the China Dog Management Symposium. After the symposium, she acknowledged the significance of promotion and education in improving dog management and care within local communities. We hope that we can continue to work with the security team of Changchun Public Security Bureau to continually improve welfare standards and care for dogs in the area.

Shelter Sponsorship
As dogs are more vulnerable to diseases in summer, we have drafted a serial sponsorship plan to provide necessary daily products to ensure their health in animal protection associations.

Taishan Small Animal Protection Centre – 50 bottles of insect repellent spray donated by Animals Asia earlier this year, were put to use to protect the resident dogs from the increased risk of fleas and ticks during the summer months. The 580 vaccinations that we promised to sponsor in May have now been delivered to the centre and arrangements are being made for vets to vaccinate the dogs.

As a grassroots animal protection group that cooperates with Jinan Public Security Bureau, Taishan Small Animal Protection Centre has been actively assisting the government in conducting dog management work and provided shelter and care for street dogs that were rounded up in a capture programme in May. Given the sudden increase in the number of dogs because of this programme, Animals Asia is confident that, by donating these materials, we have provided the dogs with a healthier and more comfortable environment for the summer months, before they are adopted.
**Xi’an Hongshiliu Companion Animal Rescue Centre**

To help more dogs use the outdoor space available at this shelter, we sponsored 19 elastic canopies to provide additional shade in the intense heat of summer and to protect the dogs from inclement weather. With these new canopies, more dogs are able to go outside on a daily basis, regardless of the weather.

**Chengdu Love Home Small Animal Rescue Centre** has rescued more than 2,000 cats and dogs from the cat and dog meat industry over the years. Currently over 1,500 cats and dogs live at the rescue centre and, while the centre supports and encourages de-sexing, due to the large number of animals and lack of funds, it has been difficult to implement surgery for all the resident animals. When we learnt of this situation, Animals Asia immediately donated sufficient Zoletil anaesthetic needed to complete the surgeries. We hope that these medicines could help the cats and dogs in the shelter.
Spring and summer are the peak seasons for zoonosis and in June, Animals Asia sponsored mixed vaccinations and rabies vaccination for 1,000 dogs at the Sichuan Qiming Animal Protection Centre.

The vaccination of 185 dogs was achieved through donations from the general public through W4, a Guangzhou new media platform. The vaccination work was completed by experts from three pet hospitals and students from animal husbandry schools.

Sponsoring the dogs recued in Handan
On July 31st 2016, an illegal truck loaded with more than 400 dogs was successfully reported by volunteers in Handan city, Hebei province. Leader of Handan small animal protection association rushed to the site and assisted the staff of local animal epidemic prevention department to unload the dogs and settle all the dogs in the shelter of Handan small animal protection association.

Animals Asia contacted the association immediately after we learnt the incident. According to their priority, we donated vaccinations and disinfectant for emergency use. We have also offered our professional guide book of large scale animal rescue plans, to give the volunteers some advises to settle the dogs. Because of the awful transportation in the illegal truck, many dogs showed suspicious symptoms of canine distemper or canine parvovirus, some even were in severe weakness. Vaccines and disinfectant we provided can quickly prevent the spread of infectious diseases and improve their survival rate. 400 vaccines we donated are able to cover all the rescued dogs. The disinfectants we donated to them are utilized twice a day in shelter. We donated 12 buckets of disinfectants that can cover 120 days disinfection (1 bucket for 10 days).
Sponsoring insect-repellent sprays
At the end of 2014, we visited Changsha Small Animal Protection Association. This association has been conducting animal protection work for many years, including caring for the dogs in their base and the small animal rescue work in Changsha. This month, we learnt that the dogs in this base are in good condition. To ensure the health of the small animals in this base, the Association is planning on preparing insect-repellent sprays for 120 dogs and 15 cats. Animals Asia sponsored these sprays, hoping that the cats and dogs in this base will enjoy a higher level of animal welfare and no longer suffer from parasites such as fleas. Now the insect-repellent sprays have been sent to the base and we will follow up on their use.

Feedback on the renovation project of Lanzhou Stray Small Rescue Base
In 2015, Animals Asia visited Lanzhou Stray Animal Rescue Base and communicated with Mr. He, the person-in-charge of this base. After discussion, we worked out an improvement plan that is specially designed for this Rescue Base to improve the living environment of the cats and dogs within. We especially standardized the replaning of different areas, the renovation of cat houses and the building of the quarantine area. The cat house was renovated during the first half of 2016 and the building of dog houses was completed this month. The Rescue Base made their best in the renovation work, and hoping that they could tidy up the loose ends soon. This renovation project helped improve the animal welfare and living environment of 470 cats and dogs and we thank the efforts made by the working staff and the volunteers of the Rescue Base.
Emergency rescue

Follow-up on the Caofeidian rescue on May 21st
On 21st May, a truck loaded with dogs was spotted by the public in the Caofeidian area near Tangshan city – travelling from Shandong province to Jilin province – and reported to the police. As the driver could not provide relevant transportation licenses, the police confiscated the dogs for further investigation. A total of 400 dogs – some with collars – were crowded into five cages, sadly some were already dead and others extremely sick. We learnt that Dalian Weishan animal rescue group took in more than 200 of these dogs and because of their limited resources and urgent need for sanitizers, Animals Asia has donated a batch of sanitizers to cover the additional needs of the centre in caring for these rescued dogs.

Stray Cats TNR Programme (Trap, Neuter, Release)

Shanghai
From 2015 till now, we have been sponsoring the TNR projects for stray cats by Shanghai FN team and have been receiving their feedback. This month, we received the sterilization records by FN team. Up till now, this team used the Animals Asia’s grant on the sterilization surgeries and insect repellent medicine for 47 cats from 8 communities.
Up until now, Shanghai FN team completed the sterilization of 190 cats. Under the support of Animals Asia, this team had been conducting TNR project for more than a year. Now the average sterilization rate of cats reached 70% and in future, we will continue to support the Shanghai TNR project, hoping that more cats from the communities in Shanghai could receive our help and have their living conditions improved.

Chengdu
For a long time, there has been no team conducting complete TNR project in Chengdu. The owner of Travel Memory café (Hage) had been conducting animal protection related work and he hoped that he could conduct TNR project in Chengdu. In view of this, we provided the TNR guidance pamphlets for stray cats and would continue to communicate and provide guidance through the whole process. Up till now, Hage already built a TNR team, signed cooperation contract with 2 vet hospitals in Chengdu and found the test community. Apart from providing technical guidance, Animals Asia also provided 10 trap cages. In future, we will continue to provide technical guidance and sponsorship, hoping that the TNR project in Chengdu would set off successfully.
Ningbo

The U-TNR team members, also students from the University of Nottingham Ningbo China have been conducting the TNR project within the university in a creative and earnest manner. We kept our communication with them and continued to provide technical guidance. We learnt that this team, apart from conducting their own TNR projects, has been providing guidance to other schools in conducting TNR projects on campus. This month, according to their demands and requirements, we donated 2 TNR trap cages. We are also planning to travel to Ningbo and provide these students with a professional TNR training, hoping that the TNR project could bring about a better animal welfare for stray cats on campus.

Public Education and Promotion

The 3rd Animals Asia Welfare Poster Design Competition

In May, the 3rd Animals Asia Public Welfare Posters Design Competition has kicked off. The theme of this year: “Say NO to cat and dog meat!” We invited those who agree the theme and eager to show their design talent to join. In about a month time, we received over 400 contribution works from the public. At last 14 outstanding designs were selected by our judges.

First Prize Winner: Yang Mengyun
Design Work: Light VS Fear
Brightness and sunshine is supposed to be good for animals. But to the stray cats and dogs, it means they could easily be spotted out by meat dealers. These 2 posters convey the message that most of the cat and dog meat are from stray animals, or even stolen pets from households!

Second Prize Winner: Nie Chonghao
Design Work: Companionship
The image is simple and clear: a pair of chopsticks stops the paw prints, it cuts the companionship between human and their four-legged friends. This poster hope to transmit the message: please stop consuming cat and dog meat, they are our friends not food!
Third Prize winner: Sheng Yuhan
Design work: Food or Friend
This is a “missing dog notice”, describing a dog owner anxiously looking for his dog. But what he doesn’t know is, his dog could already become a dish. Ms. Sheng said, she understood most of the dogs in restaurants are stolen. Some of these dogs could be pets! She wanted to use the “notice” to make the public feel the anxiety of the dog owner, so as to emphasize that “what you are eating, could be someone else’s friend.”

Third Prize Winner: Mengxuan
Design work: Accompany
According to Ms. Meng, “Cat and dog are common pets, but they are more than pets, they are already like family members to many households. Therefore the background of the poster is at home, showing a warm image of a cat accompany an old lady, but the shadow of the knife and folk destroy the peaceful atmosphere. I want to let the public understand what they are eating, when they eat cats and dogs.”

Highlights of Dr. Dog and Professor Paws activities
From June to August, 2016, Animals Asia carried out 82 Dr Dog visits, 18 Professor Paws lectures and 8 rounds of public education in Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu and Hong Kong.

The Dr Dog visits engaged more than 2700 people and the Professor Paws lectures and public education activities benefitted over 1450 people.

Chengdu: Professor Paws
On June 11th, Weiming School, the Affiliated High School of Peking University, had a special Professor Paws activity. Apart from our Professor Paws team of dogs, we also welcomed Dr. Jill Robinson, Sheridan Lathe, one of the Chengdu Bear Rescue Centre veterinary surgeons, and Mr. David Higgs, a UK supporter of Animals Asia. Everyone learnt to make sticky rice cakes for celebrating Dragon Boat Festival in June.
Guangzhou: Professor Paws
On July 31st, Animals Asia held a charity activity themed “My Puppy Buddies” with company “Swire Property” in TaikooHui Mall, Guangzhou. Altogether 8 Professor Paws appeared in the shopping mall with volunteers to popularize the cat and dog welfare knowledge to more than 20 children and their parents.

Chengdu: Dr Dogs
On 9th August, Chengdu Dr Dogs together with “Tomorrow Sunshine”, a poverty alleviation organization conducted a special visit to over 30 children from several rural areas of Sichuan province.
Xi’an Love it Welfare Group continues to support Professor Paws Outreach activities. On June 16th, volunteers from the group screened Animals Asia’s video, ‘Cat and Dog Welfare Around Us’ and interacted with students from the Cuihua Kindergarten of Chang’an University. The students learnt how to safely interact with dogs and that it is not easy to be a responsible cat or dog owner. After the lesson, the teacher from this kindergarten commented. “Animals gave people silent company. Each and every life should be cared for, therefore loving animals is the duty of each individual. It is OK to not love them, but please do not hurt them”.

Xi’an Love it Welfare Group is a relatively new team that conducts public education activities on animal protection. So far in 2016, they have organized five Professor Paws outreach activities, delivering the concept of animal care and kindness to more than 600 students and teachers.

Nancheng Small Animal Protection Association has also been authorized to screen the video, ‘Cat and Dog Welfare Around Us’, and since this agreement, their efficiency in conducting educational and promotional activities has certainly been raised. Up to the end of June, they have had 20 different screenings including at universities, high schools, primary schools and for communities. On June 8th, the volunteers from this association conducted an activity in Class 13 Grade 1 of the Honggutan campus of The Primary School Attached To Nanchang Normal University.

During the summer vacation of 2016, a life-education activity was initiated by Shinning Action Love Animal Centre and was officially approved as Animal Fun Class. The programme, called “Care for animals and be kind to animals”, was open to the public and included a screening of Animals Asia’s video, ‘How to get along with cats and dogs’. Throughout July, the Shinning Action team conducted four sessions, with 20 families participating in each session. According to the feedback, the atmosphere while watching the video was very happy and the entire activity was highly praised by the parents.
Delivery of promotional leaflets

From June to August, Animals Asia provided promotional materials to 11 groups, sending out over 4200 leaflets. What’s more, we also provided 400 leaflets for two civilized dog-raising promotional activity held in Jinbi Garden community and Yujing Number 1 community.

We believe that our promotional leaflets will help support the public educational activities carried out by:

Nanning Shining Action Love Animal Centre
Nanchong Small Animal Protection Association
Guiyang Jianai Dog’s Home
the Registration Centre for Dogs under the Public Security Bureau of Haikou
Nanchang Small Animal Protection Association
Mudanjiang Animal Protection Volunteer Association
Ms Sun from Qingdao
Liuzhou Small Animal Protection Association
Chengdu Tomato Filed Art School
Guangzhou Xinming Love Social Work Service Centre
Guangzhou Yujing Number one Property Management Centre

On July 9th and 10th, Animals Asia set up a promotional booth in Western Veterinary Conference and delivered leaflets themed with Animals Asia introduction and cat and dog welfare, through which we transmitted the correct concept of cat and dog care, sterilization and saying no to cat and dog meat. We also visited other companies and communicated with relevant people, hoping to apply what we have learnt to our work. It is estimated that 2000 people have read our posters and taken our brochures during the 2 days.