



Cat and Dog Welfare Programme, China

Photo contest celebrates animals in China

To celebrate global “World Animal Day” on 4 October, Animals Asia launched a nationwide online photo contest (<http://event.weibo.com/993930>) in August, with singing sensation Karen Mok as the event’s ambassador. Thirty of the best photos and three overall winners were selected from over 2,600 entries.

(http://blog.sina.com.cn/s/blog_731132980101a1gf.html).

With the theme of “Sharing Love with Them”, the award has three categories: “We are a family”, “Most touching eyes” and “Stray angels”. A total of 2,600

photos were submitted, with the number of Weibo reposts reaching 13,000.

The annual photo contest encourages responsible companion animal care and compassion towards stray animals, and it provides a platform for people to protest peacefully against the consumption of cats and dogs.

Our ‘Say no to cat and dog meat’ ad campaign, running from September to November, is encouraging members of the public to pose with our advertisements in bus and metro stations and share their images with friends and post them on Weibo.

The ad campaign is informing the public about the illegal and brutal realities of the cat and dog meat trade.

Our winning photo exhibitions are running throughout China from October to December, raising



Winner: "We are a family"

awareness of responsible pet care, love for companion animals and encouraging the public to boycott the consumption of companion animals.

More details of the contest:

<http://weibo.com/1868995340/A2fwkDfhE>



Winner: "Most touching eyes"



Winner: "Stray angels"

Ads target the risks of eating cats and dogs

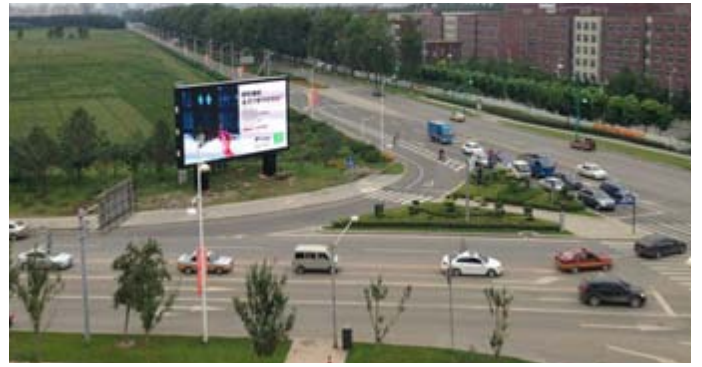
Cat and dog eating is still prevalent in China, and through both investigations by welfare organisations and eyewitness reports, we know that a large number of the cats and dogs butchered are stolen pets or stray animals.

Consumers who eat such meat make themselves

part of the illegal trade chain – and could be harming their health. Dog and cat meat can be unhealthy because stray animals commonly have diseases and domestic animals are often poisoned by dog meat dealers.

To inform the public of health risks, Animals Asia has launched a series of advertisements with the theme **“Be healthy. Say NO to cat and dog meat”** in metro and bus stations as well as elevators in a number of Chinese cities, including Beijing, Shijiazhuang, Changsha, Changchun, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu, Handan, Wuhan, Hangzhou, Shenyang and Nanning. Public welfare websites such as Taobao (from Alibaba group) and Yibo have also posted the ads.

Animal-lovers are encouraged to pose with the ads and share the information with their friends.



An LED advertisement in northeast China's Changchun city.



Bus station advertisements in Changsha, Hu'nan province and Shijiazhuang, Hubei province.

Celebrities say NO to cat and dog meat

A number of celebrities have joined our **“Celebrities say No to cat and dog meat”** activity. TV star Zhang Jiani is one such celebrity to have joined up to support us – and already she has posted her photos with our “Say NO to cat and dog meat” banner on Weibo!

Weibo: <http://weibo.com/1868995340/A5tdj0wo4>



TNR training in Guangzhou and Shijiazhuang

After the success of Animals Asia's TNR training in Zhangzhou, Tianjin and Changsha, we extended the programme and carried out comprehensive TNR (trap, neuter, release) training in Guangzhou and Shijiazhuang, in July and August.

We've learned that team building is as important as providing TNR skills, so trainers from Beijing welfare group Lucky Cats, shared their experiences with Xixi



Left: Trainers share their experiences with Xixi Senlin Guangzhou Cat group.
Right: Visiting a park in Shijiazhuang to see the TNR work.

Senlin Guangzhou Cat and Shijiazhuang Yi Mi Ai Stray Cat Rescue Team.

We visited one of the parks where the Shijiazhuang Cat Rescue team has carried out TNR work. Most of the cats in the park have been desexed.

Lucky Cats provides an adoption platform on their website to help these cats find loving homes.



Zhoushan City stops stray dog culls

In mid-July, Animals Asia wrote to the government of Putuo District, Zhoushan City after it announced that stray dogs within the district would be killed to create a cleaner environment. We provided our suggestions

on humane dog population management and eventually convinced the city management office to drop its policy of culling stray dogs.

Promoting responsible dog care in Shenzhen

With the kind support of the Shenzhen Luohu City Management Office, we have held responsible dog ownership promotions in eight communities of Luohu District this year. From July to August, three more communities – Qingshuihe, Dongxiao and Guiyuan



Left: Children colour pictures of animals in Guiyuan Street community.

Right: Residents read promotional materials in Dongxiao Street community.

Street – joined the promotion, attracting many residents to join in the public education games and some dog owners to consult us about how to be responsible dog owners.



Dr Dog and Professor Paws events

Professor Paws launched in Guangzhou in 2008 and in Chengdu and Shenzhen a few years later. **At August 2013, Animals Asia had provided Professor Paws courses for over 17,500 students from 100 different schools and organisations in the Chinese mainland** and the course has always popular.

From July to August 2013, Animals Asia undertook **42 Dr Dog** visits reaching 1,968 people; **15 Professor Paws** courses and **five Care for Animals Presentations** covering **11,981 people** in Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu and Hong Kong. Here are some highlights:

Professor Paws and 'GG Bond' join forces to care for animals

Animals Asia recently teamed up with Winsing Co Ltd and Teemall, a grand shopping mall in Guangzhou, to launch our "Care for Animals" promotion. Twenty "Care for Animals" posters were shown in Teemall from July 22 to 31 and were well

received by the passing shoppers.

As a part of the promotion, the long-awaited "Professor Paws Fun Day" finally came on July 26. Professor Paws and GG-Bond (a famous cartoon

character in Guangdong province) attracted a lot of little “fans” . The participants learned how to make friends with animals through playing games.

Through the “Care for Animals” course, our volunteers showed the public how dogs can help us, how to get along well with animals and how to be a responsible companion animal owner. The children listened very carefully and asked some interesting



Left: “Care for Animals” posters shown in Teemall

Right: The children loved making friends with animals through interactive game playing.



Left: Children listened to the “Care for animals” course very carefully with GG Bond.

Right: A children loved Dr Meimei very much.

Media reports:

Guangdong TV station Kuai Le Yi Zhi Channel:http://v.youku.com/v_show/id_XNTg5Mzc3MzEy.html

People’ s Daily Online:<http://roll.sohu.com/20130729/n382853291.shtml>

Supporting the SPCA’ s Animal Friendly Campus Programme

Animals Asia was delighted to attend the closing/award ceremony for the SPCA’s Animal Friendly Campus Programme.

From the official awards website: “The AFCA Closing and Awards Ceremony 2012-13 took place on July 8 at Chai Wan Youth Square. Representatives from nearly 30 schools attended the ceremony along with

questions.

Six Professor Paws helped give the children a chance to practice what they had learned during the course. Miao Miao is a six-year-old girl and she has a dog at home. When asked what she had learned from the course, she said, “Leash a dog and clean up after him when I take him out for a walk.”

guests from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department and other animal-concern groups such as Animals Asia, WWF Hong Kong, and Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden. A total of 35 schools won AFCA programme awards, the top prize, the “Animal Friendly Campus Champion Cup”, going to Madam Lau Kam Lung Secondary School of

Miu Fat Buddhist Monastery.”

Animals Asia will continue to assist and support the



SPCA with their Animal Friendly Campus programme and we look forward to participating again this coming school year.



Shenzhen Professor Paws English course opens

Shenzhen's Education First (EF) English education centre welcomed three of our Professor Paws to be their special little "professors" for the day. The course started with full attention and the foreign teacher combined a special animal related English

class in conjunction with our regular lesson content. The children were thrilled with the dogs and learned how to make friends with their four-legged companions.



Left: Teacher Ryan told the children about some of the ways they can make friends with dogs.... one of which includes being quiet!

Right: Professor Jiaxin played happily with the children.

Training for Dr Dog volunteers

Thirty people attended the third round of our Dementia Care Ambassador training in August. Thirty people attended our half-day meeting at the HKJC Positive Ageing Centre in Shatin.

Eva Chan, a social worker familiar with our Dr Dog programme, conducted multiple training sessions for our Dr Dog volunteers over the year, helping them become familiar with different scenarios they may encounter when working with patients with dementia, the difficulties they may encounter, positive

techniques and tips for interaction with the dogs and areas that may present difficulties.

Our volunteers engaged in a number of role playing activities, sharing sessions and presentations specific to interacting with dementia patients.

Sadly, Ms Chan, has now conducted her last training session with us as she is going to become a "Mrs" very soon! MANY CONGRATULATIONS EVA!!

Dr Dog volunteers also engaged in a brief sharing

session run by our staff member Marnie. Marnie gave an overview of the experiences encountered during our multiple visits to care homes and facilities for dementia patients, how many visits we have made in the past year and how the tips and techniques learned during Ms Chan's presentations were applied during visits and how they better

equipped our Dr Dog volunteers to interact with patients. Volunteers also shared their experiences and any difficulties encountered, helping each other to gain a more in-depth knowledge base, for continued positive visits with seniors suffering from dementia.

Thank you Fu Tak lam



We would like to show our gratitude to Fu Tak lam Foundation for supporting our Dr Dog programme. Through the financial support of the Fu Tak lam Foundation, we have been able to recruit another 30 enthusiastic volunteers to join our dementia project. The foundation's funding has enabled the training sessions to go ahead and with this additional specialist training, we now have 30 volunteers comfortable, knowledgeable and appropriately engaging with seniors during our Dr Dog visits.



Chengdu Dr Dog makes new blind friends



A blind worker strokes Dr Tong Bao.



A blind girl enjoys hugging Dr Xiao Bao.

“Dialogue in the Dark” is an experimental workshop that explores life as a blind person. Our Chengdu Dr Dog visited blind workers in the workshop on its

open day. After learning that disabled Dr Qi Xiaofu was still friendly and happy with only two legs, a blind worker told us, “She is as tough as me!”

Media Report:

Sichuan Zhengxie Bao Newspaper:http://222.209.217.193:8088/html/2013-09/03/content_766.htm

Alliance working to end dog trade between Thailand and Vietnam



At times, discussions between animal welfare groups and officials were intense and difficult.



The dogs travel in the heat for days through three countries – and get no water.

An estimated 5 million dogs are consumed each year in Vietnam, and around 10 per cent (500,000 dogs) are sourced from Thailand. The dog meat trade is illegal in Thailand, but traders are either catching roaming dogs or stealing pets. Some owners sell their pets directly to the traders. Once sourced from the streets of Thailand, dogs are transported for days

over long distances through Laos and Cambodia before reaching Vietnam.

During transport, the dogs are usually tightly packed into cages, unable to stand up or turn around. They are often sick and injured from rough handling, and they are provided with no food or water throughout

the journey. Many die from suffocation, dehydration or heatstroke long before they reach their destination in Vietnam. The trade in dogs for meat has been linked to outbreaks of cholera, trichinella and rabies – and slaughtering, butchering, and consuming dogs increases people's exposure to rabies.

To tackle this illegal dog trade, in May, Animals Asia, Humane Society International, Soi Dog Foundation, and Change for Animals Foundation formed an alliance – The Asia Canine Protection Alliance (ACPA). ACPA has a shared focus on improving the welfare of animals across Asia, and has extensive experience and expertise in the delivery of humane dog population management and rabies elimination programmes throughout the region.

ACPA's mission is to provide the people and governments of Asia with the required support and expertise to eliminate rabies and other communicable diseases, by ending the trade in dogs for human consumption and providing humane and sustainable dog population management solutions.

On 22-23 August 2013, ACPA hosted a conference in Hanoi, Vietnam "Eliminating Canine Rabies in South East Asia: Ending the Illegal Trade in Dogs and Implementing Sustainable Solutions". The conference was attended by government representatives of Vietnam, Thailand, Laos and Cambodia. Representatives from UN Food and Agriculture Organisation, local animal welfare organisations in Vietnam, and Jill attended the

conference. Vietnam Director Tuan Bendixsen and the Animals Asia team in Hanoi organised the two-day forum for about 50 people. After intense and at times very difficult discussions and negotiations among the government representatives and ACPA, the following recommendations were reached.

Joint recommendation by representatives of Vietnam, Thailand, Laos and Cambodian governments at the conclusion of the conference "Eliminating Canine Rabies in South East Asia: Ending the Illegal Trade in Dogs and Implementing Sustainable Solutions" regarding the illegal transport of dogs for commercial purposes between Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam and the risks involved:

- 1. Risk assessment of link between mass transport of dogs and rabies transmission.*
- 2. Moratorium on the transport of dogs for commercial purposes from one country to another for five years to research the impact on rabies transmission.*
- 3. Stronger enforcement of existing regulations concerning illegal transport of dogs.*
- 4. Provision of technical support and human and financial resources by international organisations. Use of other regional initiatives to address the problems of rabies elimination and illegal movement of dogs.*

Plans are under way to follow up with each government on the implementation of the recommendations. Thailand has agreed to host a follow-up conference in Bangkok later in the year.

Teaming up to end the dog meat industry in South Korea

Animal protection groups in South Korea got together from August 29 to 30 to discuss ways of "Creating a Unified and Effective Campaign to End the Dog Meat Industry in South Korea". Animals Asia was invited to make a presentation at the conference. Jill Robinson introduced our investigations into the consumption of cat and dog meat and the development of Animals Asia's

anti-cat-and-dog eating campaigns in China. Irene Feng, Animals Asia China Cat and Dog Welfare programme director spoke about the importance of cooperation among animal protection groups and how it is working in China. Our presentations were evaluated and strongly supported by the participants.



Left: "Django", a dog saved from the dog meat industry in South Korea, attends the meeting.
 Right: The meeting participants.



Promoting care for animals

During July and August, a total 10 groups and three individuals applied for our public education materials. The groups now helping us to spread the "Care for Animals" message around China are:

- Zhongshan Qishan Care for Animals Service Center
- Nanning Stray Cat
- Nanchong Jialing District Love Public Volunteers Association
- Guangzhou Chongwuxing Animal Hospital
- Nanjing Ping An A Fu Stray Animals Rescue Center
- Zhuzhou Small Animal Love Association
- Lanzhou Lvdi Volunteers Center
- Oasis Animal Protection Association of High School Affiliated to Central China Normal University
- Chengdu Shude Middle School Organization Federation

- Nanchang Small Animal Protection Association

This was a great response to the promotion of our "Care for Animals Promotion Partner" educational materials. Eight sent us feedback of their activities. Chemistry students from Hunan University held a promotional event called "Love It Action". Because of the students' good planning and implementation, they were selected as 'Best Team' for our second promotional campaign of 2013. Animals Asia will reward the group with certificates and subsidies.

Our promotional materials have four themes:

- Ending cat and dog eating
- Responsible dog ownership
- Getting along well with animals
- Caring for animals

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