



Bimonthly Review Cat and Dog Welfare Programme, China (March-April 2013)

Cat and dog rescue - Ya'an Earthquake



Immediately after the Ya'an earthquake of **April 20th**, with communication and support from the local government, Animals Asia co-operated with several animal protection groups and

organizations to carry out rescue work in Ya'an, offering stray and owned animals food, water and vaccination.

Organisations involved:

- Sichuan Qiming Animal Protection Center
- Ya'an Small Animal Rescue Center
- Chongqing Small Animal Protection Association
- Xi'an Hong Shi Liu Animal Rescue Center
- Sichuan Agricultural University
- Sichuan Animal Veterinary Association

Our rescue work lasted for over 10 days as we raised and donated

relief goods worth more than 130,000 RMB.

Supplies included:

- 4,020kg dog food
- veterinary medicine
- 2,500 doses of vaccines
- medical supplies
- bottled water
- supplies for dogs
- daily-use items for people

We rescued over 40 stray dogs and provided dog food and vaccinations for over 2,200 owned dogs. At the same time, we supported 300 dogs in Ya'an Small Animal Rescue Center, providing dog food, vaccinations and medicine.

★24th, April

Apart from donations for animals, Animals Asia also sent rice, edible oil, bottled water and hygiene products for Ya'an victims via a Chengdu local non-profit group called **"420 Joint Relief Action"**. The group helped to distribute the donations directly to people in need.

On the same day, our donation of 1,550kg dog food and 800 doses of vaccine arrived at Ya'an and the volunteers of **Home of Love Animal Rescue Center** helped distribute 600kg of dog food to stray and owned dogs and helped vaccinate the dogs. The remaining 950kg of dog food was sent to Ya'an Small Animal Rescue Center.

★25th, April

Home of Love group helped distribute our donations of dog food as well as vaccinate dogs in Lushan County, Ya'an.

After communicating with **Chengdu Animal Husbandry Bureau**, our rescue team was approved to carry out animal rescue and vaccination work in the harder-hit areas in Tianquan, Lushan, Baoxing and some other counties and villages.

★28th, April – 1st, May

Our rescue team got further support from the government after communicating with **Lushan Agricultural Bureau**. We assisted them with the vaccination of 1,406 dogs in Tongtou Village, Qingjiang Village, Siyan County and Zhou Village with part of the vaccinations donated by Animals Asia.

We also distributed over 1,000kg of dog food, food-bowls and potable water in these areas and set up a rescue station for vaccination of dogs and to distribute dog food in Lushan County. On learning that Lushan Agriculture Bureau lacked essential medical supplies, we immediately donated 10,000 syringes and 100 sets of protective clothing.

Many doghouses in **Ya'an Small Animal Rescue Center** were damaged during the earthquake. Animals Asia donated 1,500kg of dog food, rabies vaccines, multiple vaccines, sanitizer and other medicines worth over 10,000 RMB to the shelter, helping 300 more dogs in the center live a stable new life.

In addition, we worked with a local earthquake rescue center called **"Di Shui Gong Yi"** who helped to distribute 150kg of dog food to dog owners in the villages they covered.



The rescue team vaccinated and fed dogs in Qingjiang Village and Zhou Village

For more information please click here:

<http://www.animalsasia.org/index.php?UID=F9QYO3A5A48>

<http://www.animalsasia.org/index.php?UID=0JSV8M1UQ3X>

Responsible Dog Ownership Promotion

Joint event: Responsible Dog Ownership Promotion with Shenzhen Luohu City Management Office



A grandpa plays games with his grandson.

A child answers a question on dog care.

Supported by Shenzhen Luohu City Management Office, we are carrying out a series of responsible dog ownership promotions in Shenzhen, Luohu District. Beginning in March, two activities were launched in Jiabaotian Garden and Donghu Street, attracting many residents to join the games and promote being a responsible dog owner.

Guangzhou Municipal Dog Shelter opens to public

Invited by **Guangzhou PSB**, Animals Asia took part in the “**Weibo fans visit police station**” activities on 21st April, 2013. It was the first open day and official launch for the Guangzhou dog shelter.

The shelter provides good conditions to improve its dogs’ welfare. Dogs are free for adoption after they are vaccinated, de-wormed and de-sexed. Four citizens successfully adopted dogs at the shelter on that very first open day and received their dog licenses at the same time, with a one-stop service at the shelter.

The dog shelter is separated into different areas including a special area for public education. Guided by shelter staff, visitors can view



Irene Feng, Animals Asia China Cat and Dog Welfare Director, and Huang Yueqiang, Chief Officer of Guangzhou PSB, exchange souvenirs at the opening ceremony.

posters and watch films to learn how to raise dogs legally and scientifically, as well as how to be a responsible dog owner.

Information about animal welfare is also on display to show people how to care for all animals.

According to “**Guangzhou Dog Keeping Management Regulation**”, the shelter is used for “receiving, inspecting and dealing with abandoned, stray, detained or confiscated dogs”. We hope that the new shelter will be a platform for dogs to find their new homes and for promoting care for animals

and respect for life.



Shelter staff introduce a dog to visitors.

Animals Asia keeps in touch with dog ownership management departments in over 30 cities in the country. We have a long history of co-operation with Guangzhou PSB and communicate with them frequently, giving advice to their

teams and joining responsible dog ownership activities together with the PSB. We are very happy to see that the shelter has paid attention to dog welfare and met the requirement of our “*Shelter Management Guidelines*”.



Visitors listen carefully to the introduction in the public education area



Mr. Feng was the first person to successfully adopt a dog from the shelter.

For more information please click here:

<http://www.animalsasia.org/index.php?UID=7PMULKIJZOD>

TNR training in Changsha City

Following Zhangzhou and Tianjin City, Changsha was the third stop for Animals Asia to carry out TNR (Trap-Neuter-Release) training. Volunteers of **Changsha Miao Plan**, the local animal welfare group, joined the event at which the principal of the local veterinary hospital the group cooperates with, provided training, along with tips on co-operating with the veterinary hospital and improving TNR work for stray cats. The training closed with a successful Q&A session.

To support Miao Plan’s work, Animals Asia donated cat food and transfer bags to help with the TNR project.

We are also happy to report that, after undergoing our training course last year, **Tianjin Cat’s Hope** has commenced its TNR project for 2013.



A trainer from “Lucky Cats” shares experience of TNR work



Volunteers from Miao Plan learn how to use a cat trap

Animals Asia offer veterinary support to “Chongqing Dogs”



AAF staff vaccinating the rescued dogs



Feeding the dogs after vaccination

vaccinate all 700 dogs. Thanks to **MSD** company who donated 1,000 doses of intervet vaccine. We hope that all of these dogs will find a new life after experiencing such tragedy.

For more information please click here:

<http://www.animalsasia.org/index.php?UID=2HTX3AK18AA>

On 2nd March, a truck carrying caged dogs was reported, and subsequently stopped, by volunteers in Chongqing. As the volunteers reported at the time, most of the dogs were of unknown origin and some guardians who arrived at the scene, found their stolen dogs among the terrified animals being conveyed out of the province to die in meat markets.

Many of the dogs on the truck were sick and some were already dead. Two vets who had issued animal quarantine certificates before transport, were suspended pending an investigation and the dogs were confiscated by the government. This news exposed the illegal industry chain of the cat and dog meat trade and highlighted a common concern again. Animals Asia sent a letter to the government expressing the hope that the Chongqing Ministry of Agriculture would investigate the case of illegal issue of quarantine certificates and of stolen dogs and cats.

To protect humans and animals in this kind of event, we immediately sent our “**7 Point Rescue Plan**” to the rescue group and provided our suggestion on how to save more lives and avoid epidemics. 700 of these dogs were temporarily housed in the new base of Sichuan Qiming Animal Protection Center located in Luodai Town, Chengdu. However, most of them were in bad health, so we went to the new base on 14th March and 2nd April to

“Dr Dog” and “Professor Paws” events

From March to April, Animals Asia carried out a total of **53 Dr Dog** visits reaching 2,526 people; **20 Professor Paws** courses and **7 Care for Animals Presentations** to cover 3,661 people in Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu and Hong Kong. Here are some selections:

Yuen Long Catholic Secondary School VIP Students

On Thursday March 28th 2013, Yuen Long Catholic Secondary School had a very special task for our Dr Dogs – meeting with the “VIP students”.

Ninety-six VIP students out of the whole school of 720 were selected by teachers based on improvement in behavior and homework.

These VIP students learnt about "Life Education" with our Dr Dog team in a 30-minute session after which they demonstrated what they had learnt to a school audience of 200. These VIPs made a pledge to all that they would *“Respect life, love all animals and of course, will continue to behave well”*. Everyone applauded and everyone had a great time enjoying the benefits of animal therapy.



The students get to know our Dr Dogs

Chengdu Dr Dogs visit Tiefu Village Nursing Home



March 5th is **Lei Feng Day** which is to encourage people to learn from Mr Lei Feng and always offer help to those in need. Chengdu Dr Dogs Aixi, Ruixi, Xiaobao and Ha’ni shared this festival with elders in Tiefu Village Nursing Home, joined by overseas students from Standard Chartered Bank US-China International School. Student showed their skills playing YOYO, hosting a talk show and singing, providing a great day of entertainment for the elderly residents. Volunteers also helped to

clean the nursing home.

Guangzhou gets another five Dr Dogs

The **9th Guangzhou Dr Dog Exam** was held on 24th of March with five dogs passing our exam and becoming new Dr Dogs in 2013. **Dr Xiao Mei**, one of this year’s newcomers, was a stray dog before she was adopted by Ms Zheng, one of our volunteers who supports our public education work. Xiao Mei is very docile and friendly and she behaved very well during the exam



The vet gives new Dr Dog “Ge Ge” a health check.

Since we launched our Dr Dog project in Guangzhou in 2006, 73 dogs have passed our tough exam. Dr Dog provides love and warmth

to people in need and promotes the idea of animals as our friends.



The examiner tests 12-year-old “Bao Bao”

Related links:

<http://www.animalsasia.org/index.php?UID=10A8K24891M>

Media report from Guangdong TV:

http://v.youku.com/v_show/id_XNTMyODI1NTlw.html

Share “World Earth Day” with Guangzhou Professor Paws

Guangzhou Professor Paws spent “World Earth Day” with children of Guangzhou PSB Kindergarten on 22nd April by sharing with them a special “**Care for Animals**” course. We introduced the proper way to make friends with a dog and asked students to repeat it themselves on the platform. It was a fun course and it is always great to see children learn and play with our lovely four-legged teachers.



Volunteers introduce four Professor Paws.



Children greet the Professors

Support to animal protection groups



Area residents read about care for animals

During March and April, a total of six groups and three individuals applied for our public education material. These included:

- Hohhot Angle Guard
- Nanchang Small Animal Protection Association
- Muqing Environment Protection Association of Nanjing Forestry University
- Beng Bu Stray Animal Love Nest
- ICAT Volunteers Group
- Hunan University
- Yin Chunyu, Beijing / Zha Shengyuan, Jilin City / Chu Lina, Mudanjiang City

On 10th March, **Nanchang Small Animal Protection Association**, in co-operation with **Xiaojudeng Book Bar**, held a street promotion on “*How to get along well with animals*”. They played movies about animal protection, promoted adoption from rescue centers, held a charity bazaar and distributed leaflets about animal protection.

Media report: Nanchang TV station <http://www.tudou.com/programs/view/K8ByLthsn1g/>

China Cat and Dog Welfare Programme – Volunteer Camp

The 2nd **China Cat and Dog Welfare Programme – Volunteer Camp** was held from 20th - 23rd April, in appreciation of our volunteers’ great support and to give them a better understanding of animal welfare.

The camps were separated into “**Chengdu Camp**” and “**Guangzhou-Shenzhen Camp**”. Volunteers at the “Chengdu Camp” visited our Sichuan Longqiao Moon Bear Rescue Center and learned to make food for the bears.

The volunteers at the “Guangzhou-Shenzhen Camp” listened to animal welfare lectures about animal performances, bear bile farming and illegal hunting in China with lecturers from Animals Asia and **Birds and Animals Institute of Nature University**. They also visited **SPCA Hong Kong** as the last stop of the event.



Volunteers in “Chengdu Camp” learn to make food for bears.

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