

Monthly Review of the Cat & Dog Welfare Programmes, China

Animals Asia Foundation

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From this month on, we are going to share with you some Dr Dog and Professor Paws activities from Hong Kong. More updates to follow!☺

Dr Dog Special New Year Visits

Dr Dog “Cooks” New Year Family Dinner for the Elderly of Chengdu’s Community

On 12th January, our Chengdu Dr Dog’s paid a special New Year visit to the Shuijingfang Community



Dr Dog’s carrying vegetables from the market



A New Year Family Dinner Couplets for the residents

over the Chinese New Year. Volunteers cooked a New Year family dinner and put up spring couplets for the residents, bringing good wishes of prosperity, fortune and peace for the New Year. Our lovely Dr Dogs lifted resident’s spirits and were great helpers who carried vegetables from markets and help to wash the dishes! More details: <http://www.animalsasia.org/index.php?UID=2J15AY0BA9S>

“HKU Bone Voyage Marathon”

On January 14th 2012, 10 of Animals Asia’s Dr Dogs were invited as guests of honour for the 50th Anniversary of Hong Kong University’s Orthopedic and Traumatology department’s, where there were over 200 attendees. The Animals Asia’s Dr Dog team was invited to talk about the responsibilities involved in caring for a dog as well as how they should not be treated as toys. Some of the younger members of the staff’s families demonstrated the correct way to approach our canine



A little girl demonstrating how to correctly approach dogs with Dr Goldie and Dr Co Co

friends.

On Feb 6 2012, 5 Dr Dogs joined with a team of hospital volunteers called the "PMH Purple Angels" and together they visited different wards, giving all patients and staff some well needed animal therapy along with some lovely "Get Well" soon" book marks.

Dr Dog Celebrated the Lantern Festival with the senior citizens of Guangzhou



On January 28, the 6th day of the first month in the Chinese Lunar Calendar, Dr Dog's in Guangzhou joined hands with some young volunteers from Baoyuzhi Experimental Primary School in Haizhu District to pay a New Year visit to the elderly residents of Shouxing Mansion. Volunteers from both the YMCA and "Love Record" of the Information Times newspaper, together with our Dr Dogs, chatted with the residents. The students

performed songs and dances, filling the house with laughter and smiling faces.

More details can be found at:

http://informationtimes.dayoo.com/html/2012-01/29/content_1596431.htm

On 5th February, one day before the Lantern Festival, Dr Dog's in Guangzhou visited the Social Welfare Institute of Haizhu District. Together they made rice dumplings and celebrated the Lantern Festival with the grandpas and grandmas. 10 volunteers from Starbucks and 2 friends from Zhujiang Wing Tsun Association of Foshan Martial Arts Association, played games with the elderly residents and demonstrated their Wing Tsun skills. It was a great get-together, bringing warmth to all in the cold weather.



86-year-old Granny Zhou was a skilled hand at making rice dumplings.

Please see the link for more details:

<http://www.animalsasia.org/index.php?UID=1NOSUCA5XD6>

Dr Dog and Professor Paws Activities

During January and February, Animals Asia carried out a total of 45 Dr Dog visits, 6 Professor Paws

courses and 10 “Care for Animals” presentations in Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu and Hong Kong, with more than 1,200 students taking part. There were 14 media reports on our activities, showing that animals can help people and gain their respect. Here are some selections:

Cat Education Course Launched In Chengdu Primary School

During the refurbishment period in the Jinxin branch campus of Chengdu Yandaojie Primary School, the construction team tried to raise cats on the campus to help remove any mice. Unfortunately they were left after the refurbishment had finished which caused concern for their welfare. Taking responsible action, the school organized a “Cats Feeding Team”, made up of student volunteers and their parents, who took it in turns to feed the cats during winter vacation. Even on the Lunar New Year’s Day they were still on duty! On 6th January, Animals Asia ran a course for the students based on the idea of “Caring for all lives; how to live happily with cats”, from which students gained knowledge in how to correctly look after and feed cats. These lucky cats now have a stable future and the children also had a meaningful winter vacation.



Guangzhou Professor Paws interviewed by 70 Student reporters

On 15th January four of our lovely Professor Paws; Xiaobai, NONO, Jinbao and Jimmy, were invited by “Counselor” magazine (Guangdong station), together with 70 student reporters from all over Guangdong, to take part in a education course directed at caring for the lives of all animals. Our Professor Paws played games with the reporters, taught them how to make friends with dogs and took part in



interviews by the young reporters.

Care Cadet Challenge Opens in HK



Professor Paws Hong Kong held its second Care Cadet Challenge at the Hong Kong International School on the 12th Feb 2012. The event was designed to bring together international and secondary school students through their common love of animals. Secondary school students are asked to act as 'big brothers' and 'big sisters' to their younger primary school classmates, guiding them through the campus grounds where different educational challenges were set up to teach students how to be good

ambassadors for the animals. With almost 100 primary school students attending, the 30 big brothers and sisters were fantastic mentors to these young minds.

Dr Dog and Pupil Volunteers Visit Special Children

On 14th January, our Guangzhou Dr Dog's, together with 10 students from Baoyuzhi Experimental Primary School in Haizhu district of Guangzhou, and their parents, paid a visit to children in a Disabled Rehabilitation Health Center. The parent-child group helped the special children make friends with our Dr Dogs who provided some loving animal therapy. Being a volunteer from childhood can develop the spirit of caring for, and helping others.

Special Dr Dog Visit to Shenzhen City Volunteers Service U Station

On 18th February, 3 of our Shenzhen Dr dog's were invited by the Shenzhen City Volunteers U Station (used to be the service station for the Universiade Shenzhen 2011), to join hands with the local social workers and pay a visit to some special children. The U Station was located in Xinan Qianjin Road in Baoan district, in front of a large shopping mall. Many passers-by were attracted to our event on that day, learning about the Dr Dog programme and the important work we do.



Over 7 media outlets reported on our U Station event, see the links below for such reports:

http://barb.sznews.com/html/2012-02/21/content_1935032.htm

http://sztqb.sznews.com/html/2012-02/23/content_1937390.htm

Madam Lau Kam Lung Secondary School of MFBM - Parent-Teacher's Day



A lovely dog tag given by the teachers and students to Dr Koli Animals Asia's Dr Dog on Longman English

On February 19th 2012, Madam Lau Kam Lung Secondary school had a very special task for our Dr Dog's on their Parent-Teachers Day. Whilst parents came to the school to chat with teachers about their child's progress at school, 9 Animals Asia's Dr Dog's were honoured to be ambassador for the day. Through these ambassadors, the school demonstrated to the parents how their children can have real life experiences with a special character from one of their Longman's English book. Animals Asia Dr Dog's also shared what special roles they held within the Dr Dog Programme.

Other Activities

Say "No" to cat and dog meat

On January 8th, 2 of our lovely Chengdu Dr Dogs DODO and Zorro became "Animal Ambassadors" in Xinhua Wenxuan Book Store, where we had a "Caring for the life of all animals" event, attracting many readers and teaching everyone that "companion animals are our friends not food." During the event we distributed educational materials and held a "Flash Mob" to attract the public, getting more young people to join the event. Readers signed their names on our banner to support us, and children wrote their wishes on our wishing card. It was wonderful to see so many people leave their message of support on our "Care for all animals; lend your voice".



More details can be found at: <http://www.animalsasia.org/index.php?UID=NO1ND9AJ5YA>

**Animals Asia Invited by Chengdu C.C.P.P.C
to discuss “Chengdu Dog Management Regulation”**

Chengdu C.C.P.P.C invited Animals Asia to be a member of the research project team that attended a meeting on the implementation of the “Chengdu Dog Management Regulation”, to provide suggestions and supplements to the existing policies. We emphasized the importance of education towards ordinary dog owners; dog management is not only the management of dogs but also of dog owners and this idea was approved by all at the meeting.

We also launched the activity of “Being a responsible cat and dog owner” in villages around our Moon Bear Rescue Center in Chengdu. We had provided 1,500 leaflets to the local government during a local election meeting, telling people how to take care of cats and dogs; say “no” to cat and dog meat and how to live in harmony with small animals.

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