
Monthly Review of the Cat & Dog Welfare Programmes, China & HK

Animals Asia Foundation

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The 1st China Cat Management Symposium Opens in Beijing

Co-organized by Beijing Luckycats and Animals Asia Foundation, the First China Cat Management Symposium was successfully launched from March 24th and 25th. Over 70 representatives, from 30 animal welfare groups, working in 20 cities around the country, joined the event. With the focus on the “Stray Cat TNR Plan”, the symposium gathered individuals to discuss how to conduct the cat management work systematically and solve the stray cat problems, and finally how to build a suitable living environment for both human beings and stray cats.



Group photo of representatives in the Symposium

Ms. Zeng Li, founder of Luckycats, shared with us their ideas and experiences of the TNR programme which they started in 2004. The organizing committee of the symposium provided “A Guide to the TNR Programme for Stray Cats” and “De-sexing of the Dog and Cat for Chinese Veterinary Practitioners”, as guide books for the Chinese TNR plan. Mr. Liu Lang, Vice Director of the Chinese Veterinary Medical Association Pet Veterinary Branch and Director of Beijing Small Animal Veterinary Association, introduced the progress of Beijing’s TNR programme. There were also professional veterinarians from both home and abroad who answered questions about the TNR operation and the nursing required after surgery. Ms. Monica K. H. Bando, Senior Veterinary Surgeon from Animals Asia Foundation China Bear Rescue Centre, gave a presentation on how to choose the most suitable veterinary clinics for developing and maintaining a successful TNR programme. She identified the major points of the TNR programme, tailoring guidelines to be practical, feasible and applicable to the local veterinary practitioners.

After the symposium, representatives went to visit Luckycat’s shelter and a Beijing park where the TNR programme had been carried out. The China Cat Management Symposium is now scheduled to be carried out every other year, building a platform for animal welfare groups to share ideas and promote de-sexing as the best way to solve the stray cat problem as well as encourage cat and dog

owners to look after their animals for life.

Details in Chinese: <http://www.animalsasia.org/index.php?UID=1KALZ3R2FBU>



Photo:

1. Beijing Small Animal Veterinary Association receives a silk banner from the Cat Management Symposium committee.
2. Representatives visit Luckycat's cat shelter.

[Dr Dog Exam!](#)

2012 Dr Dog exams launched in Guangzhou, Shenzhen

The annual Dr Dog exam was held in Shenzhen and Guangzhou on the 11th and 18th of March. 5 new Dr Dogs were accepted in Shenzhen, bringing the total number there to 37. In Guangzhou, 19 dogs joined the event with 7 passing the exam making their new number of Dr Dogs 68.

Since starting in 2006 and 2007, the Guangzhou and Shenzhen Dr Dog teams have been steadily growing and the programme is developing a good reputation among dog lovers and people. All the new Dr Dogs will be “scheduled for duties” in April, bringing warmth and laughter to those in need.



“Mix-blood” Anna becomes +
Guangzhou's first Dr Dog in 2012!

Media reports in Chinese:

11th, Mar. China News Agency: <http://www.chinanews.com/df/2012/03-11/3734446.shtml>

20th, Mar. Nanfang Daily: http://epaper.nfdaily.cn/html/2012-03/20/content_7068157.htm

Dr Dog and Professor Paws events

During March, Animals Asia carried out a total of 26 Dr Dog visits, 8 Professor Paws courses and 11 “Care for Animals” presentations in Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu and Hong Kong, with more than 1,408 students taking part. There were 25 media reports on our activities, showing that animals can help people and gain their respect. Here are some selections:

Chengdu Dr Dog visit on Lei Feng Memorial Day

March 5th is the Chinese national Lei Feng Memorial Day. Lei Feng was a soldier famous for his kind-heart and modest character. On that day, our Chengdu Dr Dogs Huige, Tantan, Beibei and Ice-cream joined hands with volunteers from Jincheng University and paid a visit to Yilecun Nursing House.

Some volunteers wore caps and carried bags showing Lei Feng elements, and sang and danced for the elderly while some young people helped clean rooms. Our lovely Dr Dogs and volunteers went to visit some elderly who were ill and had been confined to their beds for a long time. 87-year-old Granny Zheng had 2 dogs before and when she saw our Dr Dogs, she was filled with joy. We promised her a frequent visit in the near future.



Dr Dog visit on Lei Feng Memorial Day

Media report in Chinese:

5th, Mar. Sichuan Daily:

http://society.scdaily.cn/shsx/content/2012-03/05/content_3467999.htm?node=3699



Can I make friends with you?

Guangzhou Dr Dogs visit Zhi'ai Special School

Three ladies from Agenda Company Guangzhou Branch, joined our visit to Guangzhou Zhi'ai Special School on March 15th. It was the first time for them to work with our Dr Dog's Snowy, Fanshu and Zhangcuihua to teach children in the school how to make friends with dogs. Ivy, one of the three, later shared with her colleagues the photos taken during Dr Dog visit and many of them hope to join us in the future.☺

**Dr Dog Invited to Join
Hong Kong Autism Symposium 2012**



A quiz about dog's body language with Dr Donna, ↓
Dr Pat Fung, guardian Pinky with audience↕

On March 24th, 5 of Animals Asia's Dr Dogs were invited as honored guest to attend the 'Hong Kong Autism Symposium 2012' held at the "Hong Kong Institute of Education" Tai Po, Hong Kong.

Dr Pat Fung, senior teaching fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Education gave a talk to an audience of 100 on how therapy dogs can help autistic children. Dr Fung emphasized the importance of choosing good collaborative partners who have safe

and strict protocols, for example Dr Dog. Animals Asia later explained and demonstrated to the audience the criteria we look for in the Dr Dog examinations and also held a quiz session with the audience about how to read a dog's 'body language' whilst all received some animal therapy.

Sau Po Family Service Centre visit in HK

For the first time, Professor Paws held a Cantonese run lesson with students from the Sau Po Family Service Centre. The family members that escorted their children along to the lesson couldn't even help but join in themselves!



Do you know how to say Hello to Professor Paws?↕

The majority of these young students had a fear of dogs, and faced with this experience of touching one for the first time, it was not surprising to see some hesitation. With the help of our bilingual speaking teaching volunteers who guided them through certain rules we should follow when around a dog as well as the safe way to approach a dog for the first time, everybody, parents included had not just hands, but arms around both Professors by the end of the lesson.

Shenzhen Professor Paws in the Community

Raising dogs in the community often uncovers problems for the management committees. On March 17th we cooperated with Shenzhen East and West Social Work Service and gave a "Care for Animals" special presentation to children in the Shenzhen Jindi Community. It was a fabulous day for both the children and our Dr Dogs. A mini drama of "Responsible Dog Owner" was performed

by the children and attracted many people. The quiz section and playing with our Professor Paws drew the young and old together with members of the community encouraged and supportive of our work.



A "Care for Animals" special presentation was launched in Shenzhen Jindi Community

Other Activities

Support for "Care for animals" activities

We sent our support to 10 groups in China this month, with relative materials, for their "Care for animals" activities. Shichong Union Trading Company in Hebei Province asked for materials to demonstrate to their staff ideas on animal welfare; Green Volunteer's Home in Gansu Province entered their communities to launch lectures of "Care for animals" and "How to be a responsible cat/dog owner". We also supported the Tencent Charity Foundation with their "Care for animals" public activities in various cities throughout the country.



Materials used at a "care for animals" lecture in Xiamen

Dog-catching tools donated to Chengdu PSB

In order to promote a humane and scientific way of catching stray dogs and establishing a mutual relationship between non-governmental organizations and the local government, we donated 5 human dog-catching tools to Chengdu PSB Dog Management Office.



Dog-catching tools donated to Chengdu PSB

Public service advertisement for animal protection released in Changsha

“Think twice before you raise a dog”, “Are you ready to take care of them for their whole life?” these are the questions that all the dog owners and dog owners-to-be should consider seriously. In Changsha of Hunan Province, we joined hands with Hu Nan Animal Protection Association (HNAPA) and released 40 public service advertisement boards for animal protection in 20 bus stations. We very much appreciate the help from HNAPA and those who gave their hand to this whole project. Love is helping the concept of caring for animals fly high.



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Animals Asia China Cat and Dog Welfare Team
Animals Asia HK Dr Dog and Pro Paws Team
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