

## Monthly Review of Cat and Dog Welfare Programmes, China (April 2011)

### Working with Tencent Charity to promote “caring for animals”

Dr Dogs of Chengdu, Guangzhou and Shenzhen joined hands with Tencent Charity and Tencent Game to launch the “caring for animals” event, spreading the message of our Dr Dogs and teaching people how to live in harmony with dogs and animals. The event also allowed us to join with other animal protection organizations from Xi’an, Shanghai and Dalian to together call on the public to care for all animals. We reached approximately 3,000 people through leaflet distribution alone.



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### Chengdu’s 11th Dr Dog Exam

On April 22<sup>nd</sup> Chengdu launched the 11<sup>th</sup> Dr Dog Exam with 24 dogs taking part; 10 successfully passed our vigorous tests and another 3 were placed on probation. Keno, a 3-year-old Australia Shepherd, is an ‘overseas returnee’ who visited autistic children at Queen’s Park in New York every weekend with his guardian Ms Huang, a strong supporter of animal therapy. We hope to continue growing our team to help spread the work that dogs are our friends and helpers.



3-year-old Australia Shepherd Keno shows his friendliness during the exam. ↵

Media report in Chinese:

<http://sichuandaily.scol.com.cn/2012/04/24/20120424331114025262.htm>

*Chengdu Has 13 New Dr Dogs*

### Dr Dog, guest of Music Festival

On April 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, Animals Asia was invited to attend the Guangzhou Baiyun Music Festival and Charity Carnival held by the Communist Youth League of Guangdong, Guangzhou Youth Federation and South Metropolis Daily. The charity carnival was a great platform for local NGOs to share information and create cooperative relationships for the future. 8 of our Dr Dogs took turns to be ambassadors and we



Our new Dr Dog DouDou and his guardian Ms Chen at the carnival.



Say no to cat and dog meat!

ran games at our booth attracting many people, these included “drawing faces” and “Q & A”.

Also in Chengdu, we took part in the Zebra Music Festival in Poly Park 198 where we distributed our leaflets and also had games of graffiti and writing wishes. “Let’s dance to the rhythm of the music with our animal friends!”

### Dr Dog and Professor Paws events

During April, Animals Asia carried out a total of 18 Dr Dog visits reaching 1,161 people, 14 Professor Paws courses and 6 “Care for Animals” presentations in Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu and Hong Kong, with more than 2,088 students and citizens taking part. Here are some selections:

### 2012 - new Dr Dogs on duty!

In March this year, we held the annual Dr Dog Exams in both Guangzhou and Shenzhen with 12 new Dr Dogs joining the programme. By late April our new Dr Dogs were already on duty! In Guangzhou; Dr BaoBao, Maomao, Money, MeiMei, Chen BiBi, Anna and DouDou visited Ciai Geracomium and KangTai Geracomium. Both Dr BaoBao and Dr Chen BiBi were adopted by their owners from Shenzhen, Chen BiBi joins her sister Chen BaoBao who passed our exam last year and Dr MeiMei is a blind dog who was rescued by her owner on the Guangzhou Bridge. Dr Anna is also blind in her left eye; her caring guardian believes that stray dogs can also be human’s great friends and helpers!



Dr MaoMao on duty!

Happy, smiling faces!

**Chinese and foreign children learn how to  
make friends with our dogs**

In April, children and parents from Chengdu Music Box Kid’s Club had a special time with our Professor Paws Thirteen, Henry and TuTu. Volunteers taught the children how to “shake hands” with dogs and they played games together. The founder of the organization, Ms Louise, had grown up with dogs in her family and was so happy to see the children and parents learning together how to get on well with animals.



“Hey, buddy! Do you know how heavy you are?!”

**Dr dogs - ambassadors for “life education”**

On April 13<sup>th</sup> 2012, Animals Asia’s Dr Dogs were invited to visit Garden Estate Baptist Nursery School as animal ambassadors for “life education”. We demonstrated to the kids how to approach dogs safely and also explained to them some basic dog care information. We were all happy to find how quickly these “little people” can be taught when they showed us what they have learnt after the lesson. Special thanks to Dr Shek Q, Dr Jeep and Dr Dor Dor who brought all the kindness and happiness to nearly 100 kids. The very lovely thank you card from the kindergarten was given to our brilliant Dr Dogs.



“Thank you Dr Dogs, we all love you!”

**Art students and Professor Paws celebrate World Earth Day**

April 22<sup>nd</sup> was World Earth Day. Three of our Professor Paws Apple, DuoDuo and NiuNiu visited Yang Mythos Education Shenzhen Base and had an interesting life education course with 20 art students. After watching a video and an excellent presentation, our three little dogs acted as models for the children to draw and paint. These young artists said they had never seen a little and furry model so cute and lovely!



Children said these little models were so cute and nice!

Media report in Chinese:

<http://news.xinmin.cn/shehui/2012/04/23/14518956.html>

Professor Paws visit Shenzhen Art Base

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## Other activities

### **Suggestions on the new “Harbin Dog Management Regulation”**

We received many calls from citizens complaining about the terms of the new Dog Management Regulations released by northeast China’s Harbin City on April 1<sup>st</sup>. We communicated with the Harbin PSB and dog management office before and after the regulations were carried out in February and April. Later we sent an official letter to both Harbin Mayor office and the dog management office expressing our opinions and suggestions;

1. Promote the idea of “being a responsible dog owner” instead of launching the new regulation on dog breed limitations.
2. Suggest that the regulation of “every family can only have one dog” should be applied to new dog owners, not those who had already have more than one dog.
3. Launch education events and expand dog exercise areas.
4. How to conduct dog management work in a scientific and humane way.

We received a reply letter from Harbin Mayor office expressing their thanks and expressing their wish for further communication with us to better improve the Harbin dog management effort. We also sent them our leaflets on being a responsible dog owner and how to get on well with animals, hoping that the local government could promote education work in this field.

Details of our official letter in Chinese: <http://www.animalsasia.org/index.php?UID=7UCXJ7NZXNB>

### **Letter sent to Baidu Charity—urging them to delete information of cruelty**

In April, we found information and discussion topics on cruelty towards cats and dogs on the Baidu website (Baidu, a famous search engine in China). We sent a letter to the Baidu charity immediately and urged them to delete all this information and impose censorship on their website.

### **Suggestions provided on the FoShan Dog Management Regulation**

Animals Asia sent suggestions to the Dog Management Regulation work team in Foshan City, hoping that the local government could carry out more scientific and humane dog management regulation.

### **Address protest to Xingyi City’s stray dog killing**

Not long ago, Xingyi City in Guizhou Province made an announcement that all stray dogs within the city would be killed to create a clean environment and control the spread of rabies. We called their city management office immediately after receiving this news and expressed our protest to the slaughter and offered suggestions of scientific and humane ways for the city to best manage the stray dog population.

### Support for animal protection groups



11 animal protection groups requested some of our materials to use at several events throughout April. They were from 8 cities of Shenzhen, Xuzhou, Changsha, Lanzhou, Shenyang, Sichuan, Harbin and Guiyang to whom we sent out 8,950 leaflets and 176 posters in total. The Guiyang's event had a huge influence in the city with over two thousand citizens joining the "be a responsible dog/cat owner" event.

Guiyang's activity making a huge difference in the city.

### Support for the "Pink Necklace Plan" in Pingyao

In order to popularize vaccinations for dogs, promote the idea of "being a responsible dog owner" as well as the de-sexing of local dogs, Animals Asia donated 1,000 NOBIVAC Rabies vaccinations along with some leaflets in support of the Swiss Animal Protection's (SAP) "Pink Necklace Plan" in Pingyao City of northwest China's Shanxi Province. The "Pink Necklace Plan" means dogs who had the free vaccination would receive a pink necklace as a gift. So far, over 10% of registered dogs in the city have been vaccinated. Moreover, some of the dog owners who joined the "plan" were persuaded to take their dogs for a de-sex surgery.



"Pink Necklace Plan" in Pingyao City ↵

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