

Monthly Review of Cat and Dog Welfare Programmes, China

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1st Chengdu Adoption Day

On May 19th the 1st Chengdu Adoption Day was held in East Chengdu Music Park, hosted by Qiming Companion Animals Protection Center and Chengdu City Broadcast, and co-organized by Animals Asia. The event attracted many warm hearted citizens, media and four of our Dr Dogs attended. Together we all hoped the dogs would find lovely homes.



Dr Angela shows children how to get on well with dogs



Our booth at the event with dog care information posters

“Together we care” – Thanking our Volunteers in Hong Kong

On 19th May 2012 in Hong Kong, Animals Asia’s Dr Dog Volunteers were invited to attend “Together we care” – a day for us to thank them for all their hard work and support. It was also the Hospital Authority’s 20th Anniversary ceremony. The Queen Elizabeth stadium was filled with joy and happiness as it packed with 2500 volunteers from different organizations.

The hospital volunteer service extensively recruits various enthusiastic people from the community including professionals, business sector employees, housewives, retirees and students, etc. Special thanks go to Fanny, KK, Doris, Kevin and Iris.



Animals Asia’s volunteers and staff setting up for the ceremony.

Guangzhou Dr Buddy shines on CCTV

Guangzhou Dr Buddy has an impressive story. Due to the carelessness of his former guardian, Buddy would get cramp in his right hind leg from an acalcerosis. Life changed however when Buddy met his new guardian Ms Chen who took good care of him and soon he recovered. In 2009 Buddy passed the Dr Dog Exam and became a star for the special need children and elderly.

Buddy's story has moved people even in Beijing. In May this year, Dr Buddy was invited to join the CCTV YE XIAN programme, famous for telling inspirational stories among ordinary people in China. They interviewed our Dr Dog's during a visit in Guangzhou and told audiences around the country how dogs are our best friends and good helpers, that we should treat them well and with respect. We offer our thanks to the TV program for helping to spread the word by showing the 40-minute report of the Dr Dog story.



TV links: <http://news.cntv.cn/program/yexian/20120524/100412.shtml>

Dr Dog and Professor Paws events

During May, Animals Asia carried out a total of 26 Dr Dog visits reaching 1,372 people, 12 Professor Paws courses and 10 "Care for Animals" presentations in Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu and Hong Kong, with more than 1,450 students and citizens taking part. Here are some selections:

Special visit on Mothers' Day



Mothers' Day is a big day in China where children take the opportunity to show their love to their mum's in many different ways. On May 13th, our Guangzhou Dr Dog's visited many mothers in the Suikang Elderly Home, sharing the love and warmth of the day.

Photo: This 99-year-old lady really loved Dr Meimei and said she was like a shy little girl!

It's a happy Children's Day!

Three days before Children's Day, our Shenzhen Dr Dogs Duoduo and Sunliangliang paid a visit to Xingguang Special Children Rehabilitation Center. We brought the children coloring pencils as gifts on this special day and played games with them. Lovely Dr Duoduo received many kisses from all the happy children!



Photo: Two children kiss Dr Duoduo

Media report in Chinese: http://epaper.nfdaily.cn/html/2012-05/30/content_7088811.htm

We learn and we play

In May, our Shenzhen Professor Paws had a fun day with talented kids at the Shenzhen Schumann Music Kindergarten. It was all about the music where we played musical games with the children and they soon became little fans of our lovely dogs. In Chengdu, our volunteers went to the local Children's Palace and held a presentation about caring for animals. Many little hands were raised during the Q&A section to show to us their knowledge about animals.



We are little fans of Dr Dog!

Support for the management of humane dog ownership

Contact of the government department about rabies control

On May 5th a villager in Jiajiang County of Leshan City, Sichuan was diagnosed with rabies. Sadly a storm of killing dogs then swept through Taiping and Baimiao Village in Jiajiang. Over 700 dogs were killed and buried after the bodies were sterilized. We received the news and immediately contacted the Sichuan Provincial Disease Prevention and Control Center who stated that it was the right "treatment" according to related local legal documents. Later we also contacted the Jiajiang Disease Prevention and Control Center, giving them our suggestions and sent them our materials about how to deal with wounds after dog bites. The local staff advised they would send the materials to the villagers.

Here, we mourn the loss of the 700 innocent dogs and remind everyone that rabies can be prevented and controlled. We hope the local government can spread information on the benefits of vaccines for dogs and related information to avoid such tragedies happening again.

Dog shelter guide book offered to the Shijiazhuang PSB

Shijiazhuang PSB in Hebei province requested from Animals Asia leaflets and posters about caring for animals and dog ownership management. Those materials were for the local dog shelter and related public education activities in the community. We sent them the "Dog shelter guide book" and offered suggestions to the Shijiazhuang Dog Shelter, hoping that it would be a humane temporary home for stray dogs.

Continued launch of community education activities with Chengdu PSB

After a successful trial launch of public education in the communities of Chengdu with the Chengdu PSB, and receiving many positive feedbacks last year, we continued our project in the city's Jinjiang District in May. It was the 17th educational activity with Chengdu PSB in 2012. Through these activities, we hope to improve responsible dog ownership and solve any social problems involved in dog keeping in the community.



Activities for anti-cat and dog eating

Letter to Yulin government about Lychee Dog Meat Festival

Recently we received many phone calls and emails protesting the Guangxi Province Yulin City's Lychee Dog Meat Festival which was set for June 21st. The festival boasted the good taste of eating lychee and dog meat together. We sent a letter to the local government demonstrating the cruelty of killing our companion animals as well as the illegal source of the dog meat, which is a health concern for the public. We urged the Yulin government to fully consider our suggestions and cancel the festival.

To see our letter to Yulin government, please follow the link:

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

Protest to Shanxi Province Yulin City dog meat festival

Every May in northwest China's Shanxi Province Yulin City, a festival featuring local cuisine and dog meat is held. We joined hands with Xi'an Red Pomegranate Companion Animal Rescue Center and many animal welfare groups from around the country and sent a joint letter to the government protesting the festival.

Support to animal welfare groups

11 animal welfare groups from 5 cities of Beijing, Anshan, Nanjing, Chengdu and Shijiazhuang requested public education materials of over 4,000 leaflets and 94 posters from Animals Asia. Groups in Chengdu and Anshan distributed the leaflets during their local events.

Sichuan Ya'an City Animal Adoption Center and volunteers from Sichuan College of Forestry launched a public



education event on May 19th in the local communities to encourage responsible dog ownership. The activity received great attention and support from local citizens. Animals Asia supported the event and offered many suggestions to the construction of the adoption center and future events.

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