
Monthly Review of the Cat and Dog Welfare Programme, China (September 2012)

Join us to celebrate “2012 Sharing Love with Them”

World Animal Day celebration!

To celebrate the “World Animal Day” on October 4th, Animals Asia launched the 2012 online photo contest. With the theme “Sharing Love with Them”, the award was separated into five categories of “We are happy together,” “We are a family,” “The most creative photo,” “The most touching eyes,” and “The lost angels.”

With great support and attention from animal-lovers, over 28,000 participants joined the event. The activity lasted throughout August and we selected the 54 best photos with 5 winning photos out of a total 2,448 entries. 28,800 people joined the online event with the number of re-posts reaching 135,000.

Click to view all 54 awarded photos:

http://blog.sina.com.cn/s/blog_7311329801012ojg.html

Click to view a video of the awarded photos:

http://v.youku.com/v_show/id_XNDYwOTU1MjY4.html



Animals Asia will join hands with local animal welfare groups in Guangzhou, Chengdu, Shenzhen, Beijing, Dalian and Kunming to celebrate this big day for animals! We are also going to invite animal lovers, animal welfare and protection groups, college groups and volunteer groups to launch road-shows of all the awarded photos in schools, public areas, communities, galleries and exhibitions during October and November.

At the same time, we are to invite all animal-lovers to join our “Cyclists Love Animals” activity and to form their own cycling teams to spread the love to animals and call on ordinary citizens to care for lives.



Karen Mok, Ambassador of Animals Asia promotes the care for animals

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“Dr Dog” Project Nominated by “For better China 2012” Annual Award

“For Better China 2012” Annual Award held by China Business News and China Philanthropy Times, was launched in Shanghai in September. As the only project that targets helping animals, Animals Asia “Dr Dog” programme was nominated out of 144 projects.

Media report (in Chinese): <http://www.p5w.net/news/cjxw/201209/t4498983.htm>



Trophy and certificate

Dr Dog's special visit on Mid-autumn Day

Joining hands with Yiduo NGO group, Chengdu Dr Wang Xiaohai, Xue Gao, Winnie and Honey paid a special visit to the elderly of Xishu Ruiyuan community and sent them moon cakes and festive greetings.



Dr Honey and Xue Gao's visit brings joy to the community

It's the second time for our Dr Dogs to visit this community that welcomed them with a warm atmosphere. This time, we were separated into 4 teams visiting 4 families. Granny Chen cleaned her house carefully to give a big welcome to our volunteers and said "We are old friends!"

Mid-autumn Day is a day for family reunion. Smiles on the faces of the elderly brings great comfort and joy to our volunteers.

Media report: <http://www.sc.chinanews.com.cn/news/2012/0928/0904141067.html>

Dr Dog and Professor Paws events

During September, Animals Asia carried out a total of 22 Dr Dog visits reaching 1,080 people; 6 Professor Paws course and 1 Care for Animals Presentation to over 490 people in Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu and Hong Kong. Here are some selections:

Hong Kong Dr Dog Fresher's Meeting 2012

On 1st September, 30 volunteers attended Animals Asia Dr Dog Fresher's Meeting in Admiralty. The content included the history and introduction of AAF and the Dr Dog programme, and a Q&A session for the volunteers.

Special thanks to those volunteers who attended the meeting and gave us some valuable recommendations. We promise to continue to do our best!



“Otis lunch time relax zone – Meet and Greet Dr Dog” – Part 2



Because of the overwhelming response from our previous visit to Otis Taikoo Shing, “Otis lunch time relax zone - Meet and Greet Dr Dog” Part 2 was held on September 24th 2012 at Otis Kowloon Bay office, and 6 of Animals Asia’s Hong Kong Dr Dogs were invited as special guests.

Apart from sharing about the work and mission of Dr Dog, our Dr Dog guardians also demonstrated the “correct way to approach our canine friends “. Dr Wing Wing (Labrador) and his Guardian Tony, helped with a demonstration of basic obedience skill and tricks. During that one hour all Otis staff became fans of our Dr Dogs, they played games, shared stories and took photos with our companion animals. What a relaxing and joyful afternoon!

Special thanks to Dr Yat Yat, Dr Yuen Yuen, Dr Donna, Dr Oscar, Dr Wing Wing and Dr Jack.

Granny Ding and Dr Duo Duo’ s story

Guangdong Lions Clubs Shengde Service Team was invited by our Guangzhou Dr Duo Duo (Chihuahua), Dr Duoduo (Old English Sheepdog) and Dr Coco to pay a special visit to Guangzhou Shouxing Mansion Nursing Home.

Granny Situ is an old friend of Dr Dog who greeted us warmly and happily hugged our Dr Dogs. It was the first time for Granny Ding to meet with Dr Dogs who told us she was scared of large dogs and she liked small dogs very much. We introduced her Dr Duo Duo, a cute and mini Chihuahua who she liked so much, she held onto the little one all through our visit. Before we left Granny Ding wanted to have a photo with Duo Duo and made herself picture perfect as you can see below.



Granny Ding and Dr Duo Duo are just like old friends.

Dr Dogs make a difference in Xingguang Special Children
Rehabilitation Center

Dr Dog programme has cooperated with Shenzhen Xing Guang Special Children Rehabilitation Center for several years and every time we visit we see happy old and new faces every time.

With a visit to Xing Guang on 18th of September, we met a ten-year-old boy who loved our Dr Dogs very much and happily got close to every dog. His teacher told us that he often showed a propensity for violence in his daily life and sometimes would hit his classmates. “He is now well-behaved, totally different from what he was and he seems to like dogs very much!” We saw that he sometimes did not know how to control his strength and made the dog uncomfortable, but once the volunteer reminded him, he would become gentle and you could feel his happiness again. Helping people in this way is the wish and aim of Dr Dogs and their guardians.

Chengdu children and parents learn how to care for animals

Professor Paws carried out a presentation in Jingxin Branch of Yandao Street Primary School. Students and parents from two classes of Grade 4 learned knowledge of “caring for animals” while answering related questions. Fun games with lots of laughter became a theme of that afternoon. Professor Paws’ first visit to Soon Ching Ling International Kindergarten had attracted students, their parents, and even foreign teachers to join in the games.



Left: “Can I be your friend?”

Right: Fun games with lots of laughter.

Media reports: <http://cd.qq.com/a/20120914/000255.htm>
http://v.youku.com/v_show/id_XNDU00TAxMTU2.html

Letter to Ningde No.1 Middle School

about how to deal with stray animals within the school

Recently, a message on Ningde No.1 Middle School's official microblog caused hot discussion on the internet. It said, "These animals (means the stray cats) have caused damage and they all must be killed."

We immediately sent a letter to the school to suggest how to handle this situation in a more humane way as well as launch a public education programme for teachers and students of how to care for lives. We understood that the "main task" of students in school is to study and it would be best for them to raise animals after graduation. As for the stray animals, killing and abandonment is not a good way to deal with the situation. Also, we suggested the school to carry out TNR programmes for the stray cats.

Letter to China Aviation Administration Bureau about strengthening management of animal consignment

A mass of media attention focused on the news that "A golden retriever called "Mars" died during consignment with China Southern Airlines". It was reported that Zhao Nan took the CZ6993 of China Southern Airlines with her dog, Mars at 22:00 on August 5th, 2012. Mars was covered in a dog transport crate. After the flight arrived in Beijing at 00:30 on August 6th, Zhao was informed that Mars had disappeared and the transport crate was broken. At 12:17 on August 7th, Zhao was informed that her dog was found dead and upon visiting him she saw blood in Mars' mouth. In the news reports, China Southern Airlines refused to apologise and Zhao Nan took them to court. Beijing Chaoyang District People's Court accepted the case on August 23rd.

We soon sent a letter to China Aviation Administration Bureau and suggested improvements to the related regulations and management of animal consignment and to standardize the management and guidance of the Airline Company, Airport and operation staff in the related fields to guarantee the safety and animal welfare of animal consignment. At the same time, we sincerely requested that the authority settle this case in a positive way, finding out the truth and improving the measures during animal consignment in an effective way to avoid this kind of incident happening again.

Letter to protest stray dog killings in Renshou County

We received many letters in September protesting to the stray dog killings in Renshou County, Si Chuan Province. We were told that the local government would vaccinate dogs in the county and kill the dogs without immunization to control the rabies. We immediately called the Renshou County animal husbandry and chief veterinary officer and expressed our protest to the killings.

They stated that they would consider our objection seriously before they made the decision and we sent them all our related materials for their reference.

In the letter we stated that we thoroughly support the comprehensive management and large area vaccination of local dogs in Renshou County. However we hoped the government could use a more scientific and humane way to control the rabies. Also strengthening the idea of “Raising dogs scientifically and being a responsible guardian” public education was mentioned in our letter.

The letter can be viewed on our website (in Chinese):

<http://www.animalsasia.org/index.php?UID=7NPJ18G7W93>

Reporting to Haozhou Culture Tourism Administration and PSB of the “Dog Fighting”

We were informed that many websites reported the news of cruel “Dog fighting” in Bozhou city. (Related links: <http://www.tudou.com/programs/view/4IoUrei6A7c/>). The news also provided several photos of this activity. We were shocked to see many viewers in the horrific, bloody pictures. The case resulted in much protest from the media, the public and local animal protection groups.

We reported it to the Bozhou Culture Tourism Administration Bureau and the local PSB’s with our letter of suggestion. We hope the related departments will investigate this case as soon as possible to stop this cruel event ever happening again and to avoid injury to more dogs.

Support to animal protection groups

There were a total of 5 groups and 1 individual applying for our public education material this month which includes Zhejiang Provincial Small Animal Protection Society, Xiamen Care for Animals Education Committee, Northwest University of Politics and Law Animals Protection and Education Union, Falv Environment Protection Association and Wuhan Kennel Club Stray Pets Rescue Committee.

Zhejiang Provincial Small Animal Protection Society will carry out “Be a responsible dog owner” and “Anti eating cats and dogs” promotion in over 30 colleges and 60 communities during October and November. Over 10,000 people attended the activity of Xiamen Care for Animals Education Committee, and more than 10,000 leaflets were given out.



The activity in Xiamen attract over 10,000 visitors

Support of Taiyuan Ai Xin Jia Yuan Dog Shelter by sending dog food donated by Mars China

News on the internet said that the dogs in Shanxi Taiyuan Ai Xin Jia Yuan Dog Shelter live terrible lives because of a lack of money and dog food. Animals Asia contacted with Taiyuan PSB and the dog shelter to offer them our management suggestions. Later we got in touch with Mars China who kindly donated dog food with a value of over 10,000 RMB to the dog shelter.

Invited to join Guangzhou Youth Animal Protection Education Training

Invited by SPCA HK, we attended the Guangzhou Teenagers Animal Protection Science and Technology Education Training Class in September. With the help from SPCA HK, Guangzhou Teenager Science and Technology Education Society Biology Committee and Guangzhou Middle School Biology Teaching and Researching Committee brought out the “Guangzhou Teenager Animal Protection Education Textbook” this year and the book was ready to be promoted.



Training was offered to teachers who were ready or interested in the related field.

We introduced our Professor Paws in the training class, providing and sharing information and opinions of animal protection with the teachers.