



China Cat And Dog Welfare (2016 Annual Review)

Dog Ownership Management

The 7th Dog Ownership Management Symposium

The 7th Dog Ownership Management Symposium was held in Xi' an on 15-17 June. The two-day symposium was hosted by Animals Asia, co-hosted by HSI (Humane Society International) and Xi' an Red Pomegranate Companion Animal Rescue Centre. Over 150 representatives from 39 cities, from government departments, animal protection NGOs, the veterinary field, and experts from home and abroad attended the symposium. Various formats – specialist seminars, group discussions, sharing sessions – provided the participants with the opportunity to communicate on humane and advanced management policies and methods. Award certificates were presented to outstanding government officials to encourage their local dog ownership management work.



Mr. Zeng from Nanning government shares experiences of dog ownership management work



Jill Robinson, Founder and CEO of Animals Asia, presents certificates to government officials

2016 China Rabies Conference in Beijing

On 19-20 April, the Chinese Preventive Medicine Association held their annual meeting on rabies in Beijing. Animals Asia took the opportunity to publish and present our report "Is the large-scale slaughter of dogs after an outbreak of rabies necessary?" The report focused on regulations in China for dealing with rabies outbreaks; sharing cases from India and Guangdong; our suggestions on preventing rabies; and how animal protection groups could assist the government in the prevention and control of rabies.



Irene Feng, director of cat and dog welfare programme is giving a speech

Visits to management authorities and grassroots groups in 16 cities

During 2016, Animals Asia visited 36 animal protection institutions and dog management departments in 16 Chinese cities to assess the problems faced and solutions implemented by these cities in dog ownership management work. We also provided our recommendations and support for improving general dog care and animal welfare.



top: Visiting Hefei Canine Association Small Animal Care Center
Below: With officers from Tianjin Dog Ownership Management Office

Suggestions given to government departments

In January we provided the Qingdao government with advice and suggestions on humane dog ownership management to assist with the introduction of new regulations to the city. The regulations took effect on 1 October, covering rules such as compulsory vaccination of dogs; leashing of dogs in public; and the introduction of fines for abandonment, torture or killing dogs. The regulations have provided clearer laws for the local management team and dog owners.

Supporting shelters

In 2016, Animals Asia continued offering help to 12 organisations across China: over 5,200 animals have benefited from our support. We have donated medicine, vaccinations, food, cages, disinfectant and other commodities to shelters in need. We have also supported construction projects such as installing canopies, re-flooring muddy ground, replacing fences and rebuilding small animal houses.



Lanzhou Stray Animal Protection Association's reconstructed cat shelter



Nanchang Small Animal Protection Association's new flooring and fencing



Shade for Shi Jiazhuang Public Security Bureau's government-run dog shelter

Emergency rescue support

In 2016, we reached out to over 3,300 rescued animals by donating cat and dog food, vaccinations and disinfectants: 32 boxes of cat food were provided to Beijing Li Fenghua Cat Shelter after a fire partially destroyed their centre; 1,380 dogs received vaccinations donated to Sichuan Qiming Animal Protection Association and Shandong Taishan Small Animal Protection Association.



A survivor at Li Fenghua Cat Shelter after the fire



Dog vaccination

No to Cat and Dog Meat

Yulin Lychee Dog Meat Festival

We communicated with six Yulin departments including the Food and Drug Administration, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Bureau and Public Security Bureau by phone, interview and letters, while submitting our reports and recommendations to them on the issues surrounding dog and cat meat consumption, asking for a ban on the industry. During the festival we provided free “Say NO to cat and dog meat” posters and materials to one school and two pet clinics in Yulin city.



Our No to cat and dog meat poster prominently on display in a vet clinic, Yulin

Monitoring on-line food engines to oppose their dog meat information

Focusing on the online dog meat trade, we gave credit to Ele.me, one of China's largest food-delivery services, which banned all businesses that sell dog meat, leading to over 7,700 meal options being deleted from the app. We contacted two other major Chinese “review and group buying” websites: Dianping.com and Meituan.com, and their supervising government department, to encourage the two food engines to remove all dog meat and wild animal-related meal options.

Dog meat industry reports submitted to national authorities

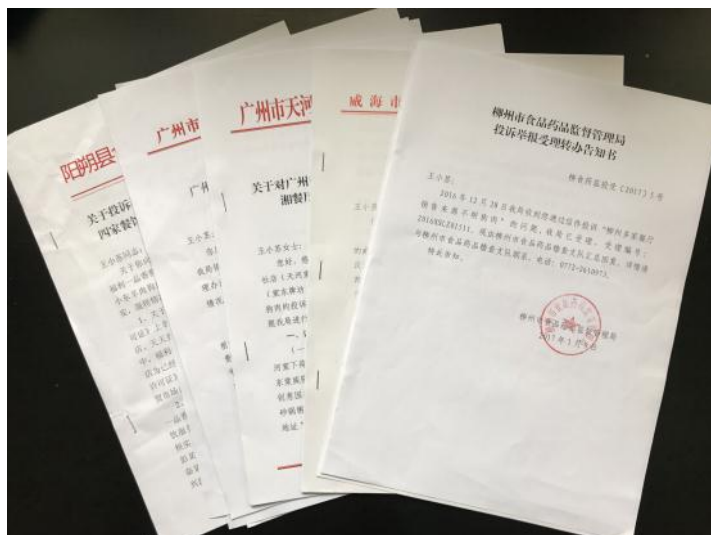
Our series of reports on the dog meat industry are based on the results of four years of research, including site visits across China. We submitted the reports, together with our suggestions to solve the problems of the illegal cat and dog meat trade, to the National Ministry of Agriculture, and National Food and Drug Administration.

Recommendations submitted to government departments

At the end of the year we communicated with three NPC (National People's Congress) members to discuss the “cat and dog meat dark industry” with them and provided our recommendations for drafting their NPC proposals. We also visited two central government departments and submitted our reports and other investigation materials.

Report illegal dog meat trade

In 2016, we reported 1,024 dog meat restaurants in 28 cities across China. A total of 124 government departments responded to our reports and accepted 542 cases. Consequently, 79 dog meat restaurants were either forced to stop selling dog meat or shut down.



Written response from Guangzhou' s Panyu District and other different local governments

Stray Cat TNR

Sponsoring TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) projects and TNR in-depth training

In 2016, Animals Asia continued to collaborate with Beijing Lucky Cat to conduct TNR in-depth training to five local groups in Qingdao and Ningbo, and provide guidance for their stray cat population control projects. In addition to the training, Animals Asia' s TNR fund project has directly helped 364 stray cats be successfully neutered and returned back into the communities in Shanghai, Beijing, Qingdao and Guangzhou. We also provided TNR guidance manuals and equipment to six groups to aid and develop their TNR projects.



TNR in-depth training for Qingdao groups, February 2016

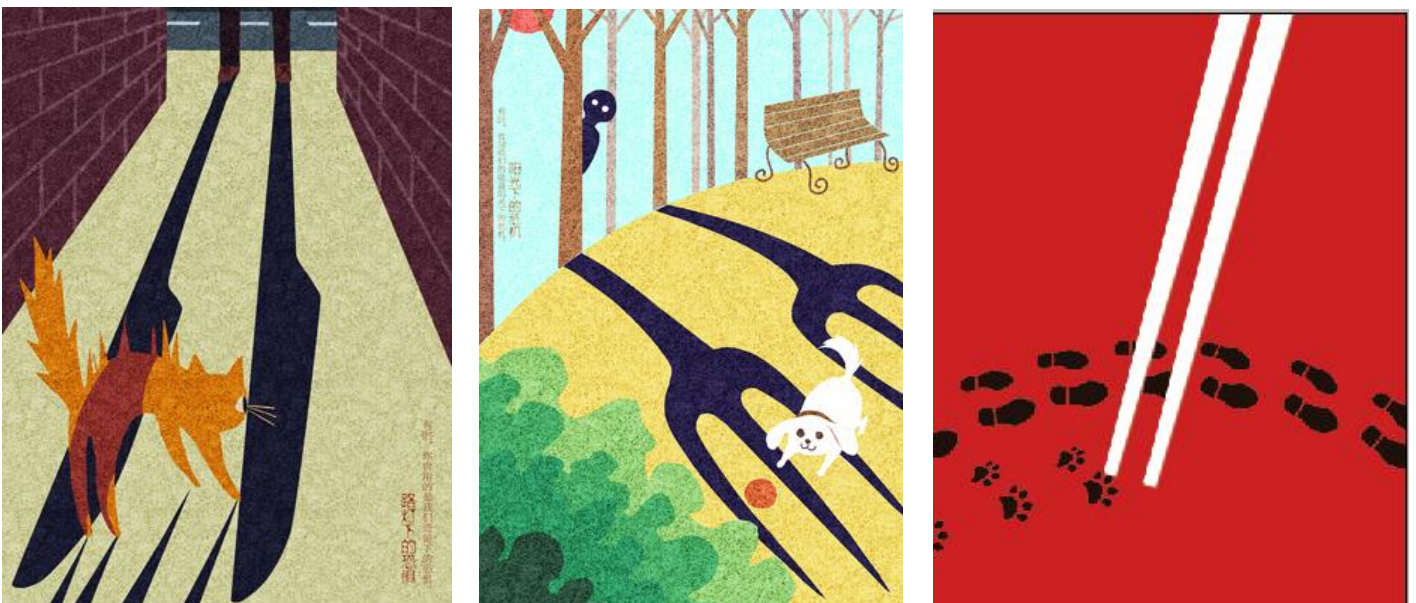
Public Activity

Poster competition - national tour - national advertisement display

Hundreds of designs shout out NO to cat and dog meat. In May, the third Animals Asia Public Welfare Poster Design Competition was launched with the theme "Friends or Food? NO to cat and dog meat!" Over 600 contributions were received from the public, and 14 outstanding designs were selected.

Universities across the country hosted exhibitions of the winning designs, with 79 participating in 41 cities across China, to expose the truth of the dog meat industry. From September to November, Animals Asia organised a National University Poster Tour Exhibition which has enabled at least 160,000 people to learn about cat and dog welfare and the cat and dog meat industry.

Cities, including the capital Beijing, also supported the campaign with poster displays in nine cities consisting of 119 advertisements through light boxes and LED screens in metro stations, bus stations and pedestrian streets, attracting over 10,000,000 people.



First (left and middle) and second (right) prize designs



Poster exhibition tour in Chongqing University,
Sichuan Province



Advertisement displayed in Harbin city,
Heilongjiang Province

Leaflet distribution

By the end of December 2016, 38,985 brochures, 2,739 posters, 1,654 banners, DVDs, stickers and a further assortment of materials had been distributed to 208 organisations and individuals across the country to support their local public education campaigns, reaching over 430,000 people.



Students with Animals Asia leaflets in Southwest University of Finance and Economy Tianfu College, October 2016

The 5th China Charity Fair

Animals Asia joined the 5th China Charity Fair in Shenzhen in September. Twelve Professor Paws were on-site to interact with visitors, together with our Moon Bear Protection Programme and Captive Animal Welfare Programme team members. Our booth attracted more than 15,000 visitors.



Dr Dog and Professor Paws

By the end of December 2016, Animals Asia had carried out 276 Dr Dog visits and Professor Paws had given lectures in over 40 schools and educational organisations in Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Hong Kong and Chengdu. Our Dr Dog visits were enjoyed by over 12,000 people, and our Professor Paws lectures and public education activities benefited over 24,000 people.



Guangzhou' s Dr. Cooper



Shenzhen' s Dr .Nina



Chengdu' s Dr. Seven

Video promotion - "Cat and Dog Welfare Around Us"

Animals Asia' s "Cat and Dog Welfare Around Us" movie was played 132 times in 14 cities, where over 66,000 people learned about cat and dog welfare. In total, 53 organisations from across the country helped to spread the video to their audiences. Four grass-root NGOs and six schools were awarded as Animals Asia' s model partner for helping to raise awareness and knowledge of cat and dog welfare.



Students of Guangzhou No. 82 Middle School watching "Cat and Dog Welfare around Us"



Presenting "Love Animal Care Life Education Model School" award to the headmaster of Shenzhen Beihuan Middle School



Kids in a Xi' an kindergarten watching 'Cat and Dog Welfare Around Us'



Partnership awards



Thank you for your support!