



Ending the trade in dog meat and saving farmed dogs

Snatched off the street. Caged on farms. Stolen from their homes.

Conservative estimates are that some 30 million dogs are killed every year for human consumption. Four countries in Asia drive this horrifying trade—China, South Korea, Vietnam and Indonesia. Our global affiliate, Humane Society International, educates consumers about the brutality behind dog meat, partners with local animal welfare groups to rescue dogs, works with governments to outlaw the trade and much more.

As the only country in the world that intensively raises and farms dogs for their meat, South Korea is ground zero in our fight. Your support in 2018 was critical in helping us shut down more dog farms, work with stakeholders to find ways to accelerate the end of the trade and increase our efforts at the legislative level. And you helped us break the news about what's going on in South Korea; when the eyes of the world were on Pyeongchang for the XXIII Winter Olympics, we carried out several high-profile campaign events that brought the plight of these dogs widespread and sympathetic international media attention.

- Working with partner groups KARA and KAWA, HSI collaborated with authorities in Seongnam City to close and demolish South Korea's largest dog slaughterhouse, where for years thousands of dogs were killed annually for their meat.
- Our work with the Dog Meat Free Indonesia coalition led to a historic victory, with an August announcement by the government that it will ban the trade in dog meat.
- We shut down three dog farms in South Korea and rescued 363 dogs, bringing our totals to 13 farms closed and more than 1,600 dogs rescued so far.
- In China, we helped rescue 137 dogs from a transport headed to Yulin, site of the infamous annual dog meat festival, assisted with the closure of four slaughter operations in China's dog and cat meat industry (leading to the rescue of more than 300 dogs and 375 cats) and helped with a rescue that saved 110 dogs.



CELEBRITIES CALL FOR AN END TO INDONESIAN DOG MEAT TRADE

More than 90 celebrities, including Cameron Diaz, Ellen DeGeneres, Ricky Martin and Naomi Watts, worked with Humane Society International as part of the Dog Meat Free Indonesia coalition to send a letter to President Joko Widodo, urging him to end the slaughter of millions of dogs and cats for their flesh.