



March 2010

Animal welfare legislation in China

A draft animal protection law has been created in 2009 by Chinese law academics. It could be a big step forwards in the battle against animal suffering, **provided** it really protects animals. Because animal welfare doesn't have high priority on most political agenda's, and laws have proven difficult to amend once accepted, we are putting in all efforts to make it as animal-friendly as possible, right from the beginning.

We have set up a team of experts, which includes lawyers from the US and Europe who have specialised in animal protections legislation. With their advice, we have submitted extensive recommendations to the drafters for improvement of the first draft animal protection law.



May 2010

Future for Taiwanese dogs a bit brighter

Early 2010 we have asked support for the tens of thousands of forgotten dogs and cats that are suffering lifelong in government pounds in Taiwan. Thanks to the many responses to the call to support EAST's lobbying activities, the campaign has had great impact. Following release of the report on government pounds by EAST and massive protests both national and international, the Parliament of Taiwan has decided to:

1. immediately closed down the temporary dumping stations, where the condition was worst.
2. draft a 'code of conduct for shelters', which includes animal welfare and needs .
3. propose to transfer the catching of dogs back to Animal Protection agencies. Currently this is being done by the garbage collection squad who are untrained in handling animals humanely.



August 2010

Vets for stray cats in China

25 Chinese vets with more animal-friendly neutering techniques and more awareness on animal welfare; 7 local vets with skills to train their peers; 73 stray cats spayed/neutered, and 45 sick cats that were given medical treatment! This was just the direct outcome of our vet training programme 'Cure with Care'.

In the medium term we expect a significant increase in the number of animals treated, and clinics that provide free neutering, like last year.

And the cooperation of the Beijing authorities and vet associations for our programme is unique and extremely encouraging for achieving long-term, humane stray animal management.



October 2010

5th annual capacity building workshop on sustainable animal advocacy

For the fifth year in a row, we held our annual capacity building workshop for Chinese animal protectionists. More than forty five members of animal groups from all over China participated. With newly acquired skills on campaigning, media relations and public outreach, they become better equipped to help the animals in their country.

Special attention was given this year to the cruel trade in dogs and cats for their meat and fur. Most of the attendees are seeking ways to battle this horrible practice and we gave them tools to take a strategic approach for more effectiveness.



December 2010

Chinese government prohibits showing animal abuse footage

After last year's horrendous kitten-crushing film, another gruesome animal crush film produced in China appeared widely on the internet. This time it featured a tiny rabbit that was put under a piece of thick glass and being slowly crushed to death.

ACTAsia immediately started a campaign to get it banned, supported by over forty Chinese and international animal protection groups. **And.....we succeeded!** All websites that were showing the horrible footage, have removed it. Furthermore, the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television ordered radio and tv stations at all municipal and provincial levels to remove all animal abuse and violent images. They also ordered them not to repost such footage.