

Yulin Dog Festival and South Korea Dog Farm Opposition

On June 21, 2017 China's Yulin dog meat festival will be held in Yulin, Guangxi, China. This horrifying event has created international outrage due to its practice of its barbaric treatment of dogs. As many as 10,000 dogs, some of which are stolen pets, are skinned alive, butchered and eaten to mark the summer solstice during this 10-day event.

Dogs to be butchered are forced to travel long distances in overcrowded, unsanitary cages and are deprived of food and water as they await their fate. Witnesses report nightmarish scenes in which these abused dogs are butchered, boiled, or burned alive in front of other dogs. Their meat is then sold for human consumption, in the mistaken belief that eating dog meat will ward off heat in the summer months.

The same practice is rampant in South Korea, where the dog meat trade sees more than two millions dogs slaughtered and eaten each year due to the belief that eating dog enhances male virility and stamina. Koreans believe that the quality of dog meat is enhanced by making the dogs suffer. Cats are frequently boiled alive to make

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South Korea is the only country known to have large farming systems to raise dogs for the meat trade. However, the demand is so high that many instances of pet theft have been reported, with the stolen pets sold for butchering.

Los Angeles County is home to millions of people who care deeply about preventing animal abuse and suffering. On behalf of our residents, I ask the Board of Supervisors to join me in condemning the Yulin dog meat festival, and the rampant abuse and torture of dogs and cats for human consumption in both China and South Korea.

Mahatma Gandhi said, "The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animal are treated." The cruelty found in the dog meat trade is barbaric and must be ended immediately.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, direct our legislative advocates in Sacramento and in D.C. to support all efforts at the State and Federal levels necessary to eradicate the Yulin and South Korea dog farms practices until these atrocities are eliminated and no dogs/cats are harmed for meat festivals or food consumption.

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