



CAT AND DOG WELFARE

You're the reason they're cosy at night

Abandoned, stolen or born into misery on the streets, they suffered in silence... until you came along... and dried their tears. Thanks to your support, thousands of dogs and cats can now snuggle up in warm beds, their wounds treated with love, and their tummies full of good food. Our work with shelters around China is having a profound impact... and this is just one of the ways your kind support is helping our best friends.

Abandoned for being disabled...

... now little Xiaoxi has a family who loves her. **All because of your love and kindness.**

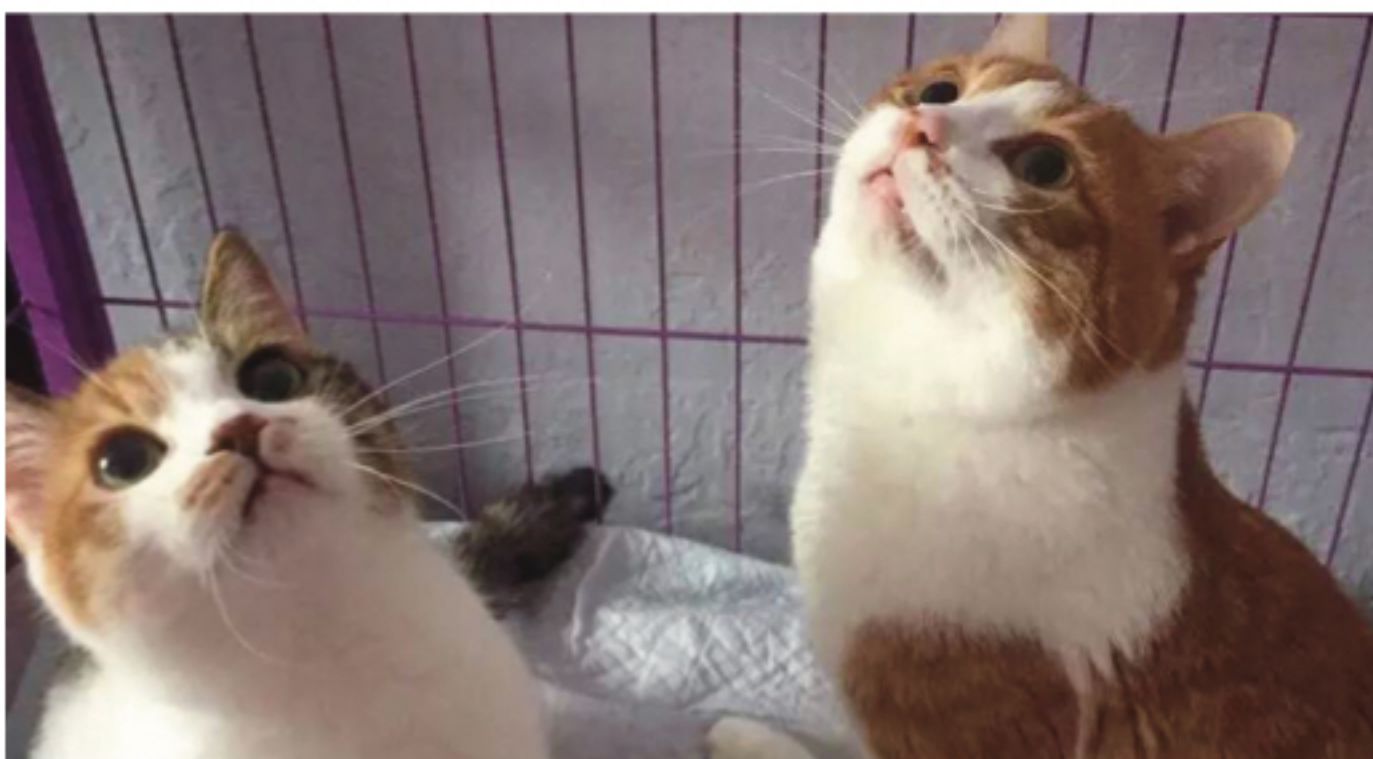
Still a crying baby, Xiaoxi was **tossed from her home** like a broken toy. Her crime? Paralysis in her hind legs. On the city streets she struggled to survive. But this brave little kitten refused to give up.

Thankfully **loving volunteers** from a local animal welfare group found Xiaoxi at four months of age. They carefully scooped her up, a precious little bundle, **shaking and barely alive.**

These volunteers at the Harbin Small Animal Protection Centre are among many Chinese animal welfare groups that receive vital support from Animals Asia through **your kind gifts.** We work with over 120 of these groups offering **funding, advice and training.**



Hungry and paralysed, poor little Xiaoxi wouldn't have lasted much longer on the streets. Now she has the care she needs...



...and a loving family where she feels right at home. Three of her new cat siblings are also disabled. (Here's little Xiaoxi on the left.)

'We're so happy for Xiaoxi. This is exactly why we fund and help develop shelters in China. The work they do all over the country, every single day of the year, is absolutely vital to animals like Xiaoxi. It literally saves their lives.'

Irene Feng, China Cat and Dog Welfare Director

More than **130,000**

people watched Animals Asia's animated video 'Cat and Dog Welfare around Us' in 2017. The video was played over 3,300 times in public areas and 81 schools in 32 Chinese cities.

A decade of hugs

At the ripe old age of 16, our veteran therapy dog Dr Heimei might just be **the most hugged dog in China!**

Sweet little Heimei and her lovely guardian, Mrs Zhang, have been **volunteering for Animals Asia's Dr Dog programme for over a decade.** And in 2017, they marked this amazing milestone by returning to the centre for disabled children where Dr Heimei made her very first visit. There were new children at the centre of course, but one thing hadn't changed – their **beaming smiles** at seeing Dr Heimei waddle in.

Over the years, Dr Hemei has comforted countless sick and disabled children, been a friend to orphans, and brought laughter to lonely seniors in care homes – and she's shared **a lot of hugs** along the way!

'I never feel so content as when I see the smiles on people's faces during Dr Dog visits. I'm proud to be a volunteer who can bring and share happiness with people in need – and I'm sure Heimei feels the same way.'

Ms Zhang, Dr Heimei's guardian



Friendly little Heimei is still as bright and eager for cuddles as she was when she started as a Dr Dog in 2006.



US psychologist and animal activist **Dr Theodora Capaldo** has been closely involved in the animal welfare movement for more than 45 years. She says she knows the difference between real work and hype. We're enormously proud to have Dr Capaldo on our side and beyond grateful for her support. *'I recognize when someone is working from the fire in their belly. Commitment, integrity and true effectiveness is what I look for. That's why Animals Asia and Jill Robinson are on the top of my own personal donations list. The very top.'*

Sometimes dogs really do work miracles

It was October 2017 when we received an urgent call from a Hong Kong hospital. An end stage cancer patient had requested a visit from one of our Dr Dogs.

Sweet little Oscar was the first dog we thought of, and thankfully his guardian Edith managed to take leave from work. They set off for the hospital as soon as they could, Oscar proudly wearing his Dr Dog bandana.

Dr Oscar spent nearly two hours with the patient and family members, giving unconditional love and comfort in a way that only dogs can.

Later we received a card from the patient with a message that's sure to bring a tear to your eye... but warm your heart too.



Good boy Dr Oscar... you're healing hearts and lifting spirits more than you could ever know.

'Thank you for bringing this lovely dog to meet with us. This gave me great joy and happiness for the day, incomparable with any miracle drug available.'



A very big thank you to Asian Tour pro **Choo Tze Huang** for donating his time and talent to host a Beat the Pro hole at our first Charity Golf Day at the Hong Kong Golf Club.

In 2017, we sent over **22,000** free posters and leaflets to 58 cat and dog welfare groups in over 40 Chinese cities to help them run their own public awareness and education activities. More than 100,000 people joined these events.

Enormous thanks to the **Anthony V Martin Charitable Trust** for bringing joy into the lives of so many of our best friends in 2017. Your support means everything to abused dogs that previously had no hope. *'As well its pioneering work saving abused bears in China and Vietnam, Animals Asia also focuses its attention on the welfare of the Canine Community and is making great progress. I'm very proud to support this amazing organisation.'* **Tony Martin**

Helping our best friends' friends

For three exhausting days in 2017, over 150 key players explored ways to bring about **real change for cats and dogs** in China. Many participants are from struggling NGOs, and without **your support** they would never have the **the opportunity to learn** from and network with such dedicated experts.

Animals Asia's 6th China Companion Animal Symposium



Learning



Ending cat and dog eating



Sharing



Creating better shelters



Building relationships



Growing stronger

Big woofs of thanks to our wonderful friend **Heather Nesbitt** and her adorable alter-ego **Harry Spaniel** for supporting Animals Asia through their extremely successful annual festival Woofstock UK. Heather is one of our Andrew Award winners for 2017 for taking part in our unBEARable Challenge. And why does she do what she does? *'Jill and Animals Asia carry out their work with such dignity and grace, and with a focus on education to bring about change, and it works. They've lit a fire deep inside us which will keep burning for years to come.'*

Meet one little dog who wouldn't have made it without you

He was destined for the meat market – now he's looking for a new forever home. Poor little Xiao Bai, **blinded** in one eye, is **safe now** at one of our partner shelters in China. But without you, it could have ended very differently. Xiao Bai was one of 35 stolen dogs who had a narrow escape when police busted a gang of dog thieves. He was in a pitiful state – filthy, itching and one eye left blind from a painful infection.

It's unlikely Xiaoxi's family can be found, but thanks to your help, this sweet little dog is getting the care he needs – treatment from a local vet, lots of soothing pats, and kind, healing words. **Xiao Bai's tail is wagging again.**

Up to **10** million dogs are estimated to be slaughtered each year in China for their meat.



Xiao Bai's pink collar is the only trace left of his family who loved him. And his home is not all the thieves took... they also stole the sight in his right eye.



Xiao Bai is in safe hands now. And because of your support, his pain and fear are gone. Thank you for helping this dear little dog recover from his trauma.

Imagine returning home one day to find the faithful companion you've raised, loved and been loved by for years is gone. That's what Xiao Bai's family has suffered. And from this confused little dog's perspective, it's even more heart breaking.

Jill Robinson, founder and CEO

We know we're making big progress when...

... **China's equivalent of Ebay gets behind our fight!** Taobao has scrubbed more than 130 dog meat products from its site after being contacted by Animals Asia.

Alibaba Group – the world's largest retailer, and owner of Taobao – banned dog meat and bear bile products from all its online stores in 2010 after meeting with Animals Asia staff. And when we informed Taobao in 2017 that sellers were flouting the ban by using alternative names for the

products, they were quick to act, pulling more than 130 products and stepping up screening.

Another online Chinese retailer, Pin Duo Duo, banned the sale dog meat in 2017 after an outcry from its customers.

Shocking cruelty not the only reason to end dog eating

You know and we know that the No. 1 reason to end the dog and cat meat trade is the shocking cruelty. But for the sake of

the dogs, we're fighting this terrible trade from all angles.

Animals Asia's exhaustive four-year investigation into China's dog meat industry found **widespread illegality** and **public health concerns** at every stage of the supply chain. Most 'meat dogs' are **stolen pets** and strays. Many are **poisoned during capture** or have **no proof of origin or vaccinations**. Also, the theft of pets has led to **violence between thieves and dog owners** across China – in some cases **even death**.

Armed with this information we're changing the way officials see the industry.

Don't read on...

...if the horror of the brutal dog and cat meat trade is too much to bear. **Because the details truly are shocking...**

Typically these dogs are **stolen from loving homes or the streets**, often wounded with poisoned arrows, **stuffed inside cramped cages** with other panicked dogs, and tossed onto the back of a truck. They might spend time in a dark, airless warehouse before being driven for days to markets around the country.

All the time in those cages. No food. No water.

Sometimes in stifling heat, sometimes bone-chilling cold. They're sick. They're scared. And they desperately want to go home.

And then they get to market. Many break their legs as they're thrown down from the trucks, spending their final days in agonising pain as well as terror. And worst of all, **they know what's coming** because they see the other dogs dragged from their cages and **bludgeoned** to death in front of them.



A heartbroken family somewhere in China is missing this beautiful dog. With your help we can end this horrible trade.

“Animals Asia supports all of the causes I feel passionate about, including the cat and dog meat trade, and works to educate the next generation – just brilliant!”

Gill West, UK supporter

69% of Chinese people agree dog and cat meat industries should be banned, a China National Radio poll suggests. The poll received 20,000 votes in 2017.

49 more dog meat restaurants in China have stopped selling dog meat, or have been warned or shut down completely in 2017. This is a result of our continuing campaign to report illegal dog meat restaurants to the authorities.

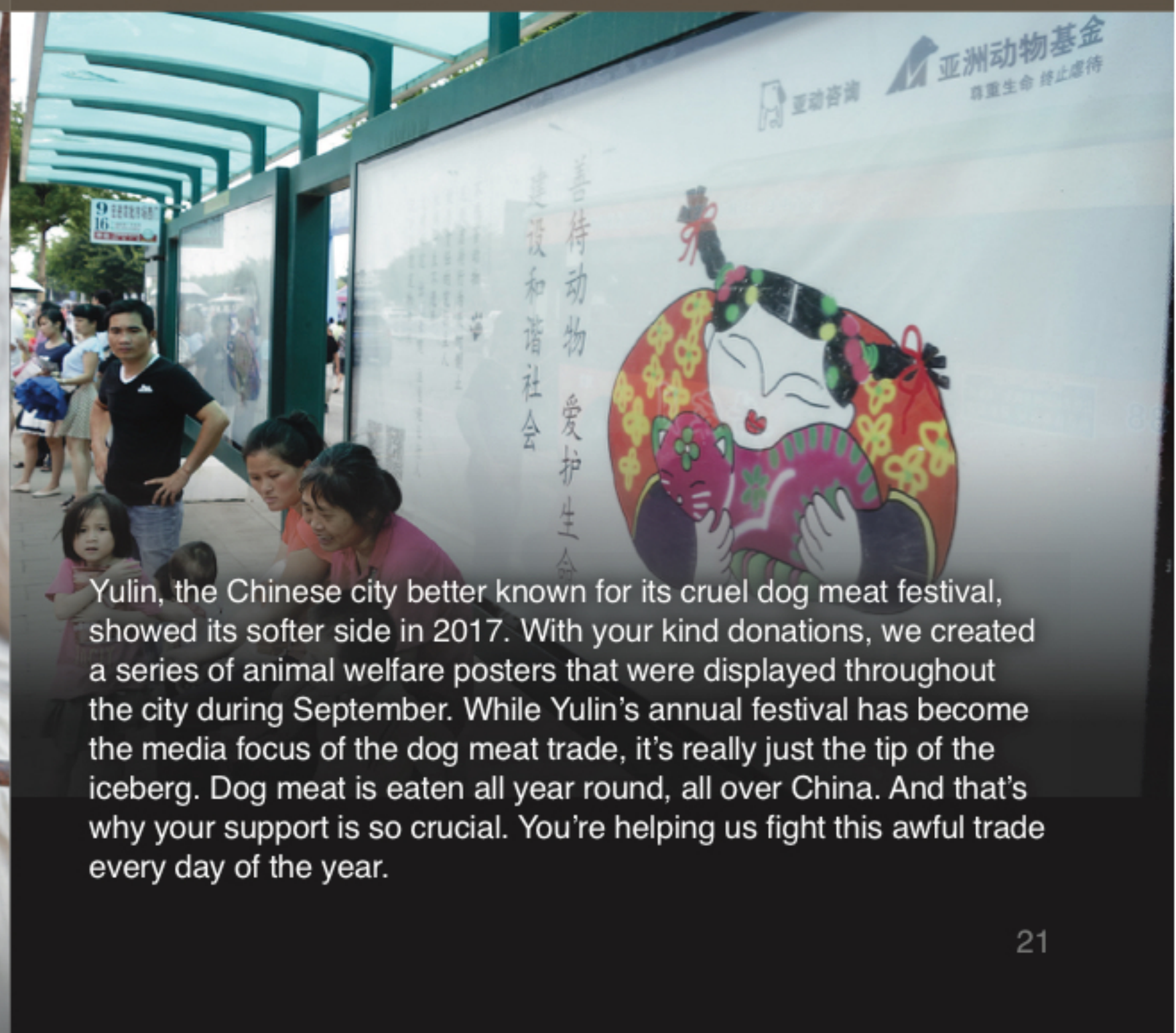
How you're helping to end the terror and despair

Your kind gifts allow us to **support local grassroots groups** fighting the dog and cat meat trade. **Run public awareness campaigns** and public events. **Conduct undercover investigations** of restaurants, animal markets and slaughterhouses. **Pressure the authorities** to strengthen enforcement. And **fund spay and neuter** programmes.

And the work your support is driving today means a better tomorrow for thousands more abused and neglected dogs and cats.



We're fighting the dog meat trade from every angle. Their lives depend on it.



Yulin, the Chinese city better known for its cruel dog meat festival, showed its softer side in 2017. With your kind donations, we created a series of animal welfare posters that were displayed throughout the city during September. While Yulin's annual festival has become the media focus of the dog meat trade, it's really just the tip of the iceberg. Dog meat is eaten all year round, all over China. And that's why your support is so crucial. You're helping us fight this awful trade every day of the year.

Gentle Professor Zhuzhu is one of over 100 therapy dogs visiting care homes, hospitals and schools through our Dr Dog and Professor Paws programmes. After 11 years of service, she's also fondly called 'Granny Zhuzhu' by the children she visits. In 2017, our therapy dogs brightened the lives of more than 13,500 people in Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Chengdu.



Enormous thanks to Hong Kong swim school **Harry Wright International** for hosting a fantastic charity biathlon for Animals Asia.

Operation deworm!

Thousands of shelter cats and dogs in China are healthier and happier because of **your kind donations**. In 2017, we rolled out a major operation to **deworm and vaccinate 3,500 rescued strays** in shelters we work with across **20 Chinese cities**.

Since 2015, 50 animal organisations in 38 Chinese cities have received funding from Animals Asia for **vaccines**, deworming tablets, anti-pest sprays and collars, to help **renovate their shelters**, and provide **food and toys** to more than **26,700 cats and dogs**.

Your kind gifts allowed us to help hard-working animal welfare group Shanghai FN to neuter and return

150 cats in 2017.

‘Ordinary people aren't turning away from the problem of animal cruelty, but are actively calling it out when they see it... consumer power cannot be underestimated, and has proved to be a driving factor behind positive change in China.’

China Cat and Dog Welfare Director Irene Feng

‘No one organisation can help all of China's strays and shelter animals, but by spreading skills and awareness and working hand-in-hand, we can improve thousands of animals' lives.’

Irene Feng, China Cat and Dog Welfare Director

We simply can't thank our wonderful friend **Kirvil Skinnarland** enough. As well as serving on our board, Kirvil (here with Bodhi) has given so generously over the years... and volunteers hundreds of hours to us a year. *'I support Animals Asia because I believe in their mission – to end cruelty and restore respect for animals throughout Asia. Their staff are dedicated and talented people who really care and are making real change in the lives of animals.'*



The warmth and kindness you send with every gift is wrapping China's strays in love. Giving them shelter... and clean, dry beds... filling their tummies with food and water... and taking away the crippling fear that haunts them on the streets. Countless colonies of stray cats are happier and better managed because of training sessions funded by your generous gifts. Throughout 2017, Animals Asia staff gave in-depth trap-neuter-return training to 65 volunteers from six NGOs in Guangzhou, Nanjing, Chengdu, Ji'nan and Kunming.

As well as providing first-class loving care for 175 bears, our amazing Vietnam vet team also finds time to help local cats and dogs. The team visits communities near our sanctuary, bringing basic health care to the resident dogs and cats and offering advice on preventive care and diet. We also open our sanctuary's small animal clinic to locals on Fridays.



A very special thank you from the bottom of our hearts to **Pamela Barton MBE** of Hong Kong. Pamela is, without a doubt, one of our most loyal and generous supporters... literally getting us over the line on more than one occasion. We're immensely proud to have Pamela as part of our Animals Asia family... and, of course, grateful beyond words. Thank you Pamela.

