

END THE DOG & CAT MEAT TRADE IN CHINA

**There is no cultural justification
FOR ANIMAL ABUSE!**



Though the consumption of dog meat in China has been practiced as far back as the Han Dynasty (206 B.C.–220 A.D.) as a folkish method of warding off summer heat, it began to lose popularity by the Sui-Tang Dynasties (581-907 A.D.). The Yulin Festival was only recently inaugurated in June 2009.

During the ten days of the festival, about 10,000 to 15,000 dogs are abused and killed. Due to the efforts of animal rights activists, both in China and worldwide, those numbers have decreased in recent years.

“Many of the animals killed are stolen pets some of which have been seen still wearing their collars. Slaughtering takes place in front of the live animals, usually with a club to induce the pain and fear that some restaurant owners claim makes their adrenaline-rich meat tastier.” – The Independent UK

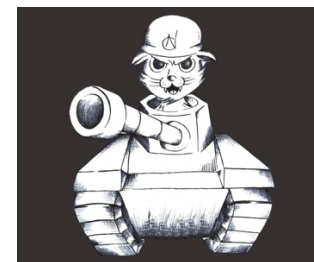
Cats are also consumed in China. An exact figure of how many cats are consumed per year is not available due to unreliable sources; however, it is estimated that about 4,000 cats are killed during the Yulin Festival.

Domestic cats and strays alike are taken, crammed into cages, beaten and then skinned, burned or boiled while still alive and fully conscious. Dogs exploited for this festival are tortured in the very same way.

Please support the efforts of the worldwide coalition of activists to pressure the Chinese government to end the dog and cat meat trade. Donate to rescue groups on the frontlines saving these animals from the slaughterhouses. Write letters to consulates expressing how this abuse must end. Raise awareness by sharing this issue on social media and attend protests. We must speak up and be a voice for the voiceless.



As long as we continue to view an animal as something to commodify rather than someone to protect, realities such as this will continue to exist.



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