

YULIN DOG MEAT FESTIVAL: EPICENTER OF A BRUTAL TRADE



YULIN'S DOG MEAT TRADE EXPOSED

In 2010, corrupt marketers brought the idea of a dog meat festival to Yulin, a disadvantaged city in China's southwest Guangxi province. Restaurant owners bought into the idea to boost the diminishing demand for dog meat and a tourist attraction was born.

The horrific festival takes place annually on the summer solstice in June, but restaurants in Yulin and other dog-eating regions of China serve dog meat year round.

**10 MILLION DOGS
ARE KILLED IN CHINA EVERY YEAR**

Many facets of this torturous trade are illegal in China, but the black market has flourished because selling stolen dogs for consumption is low-risk and lucrative.

Criminals are the main promoters of the inhumane trade. To meet demand, they fan out across China capturing strays and stealing pets.

Middlemen keep abducted dogs in holding pits until there are enough of them to fill a truck. Hundreds of dogs are forced into cages on flatbed trucks and transported — often for thousands of miles. Trips are made in the bitter cold or intense heat, and the dogs are never given food or water.

At slaughterhouses dogs are bludgeoned, their throats are cut, and they are left to die in front of other terrified animals.



THE FACTS

- People who eat dog cling to the superstition that it will bring them health and virility.
- The trade is primarily based in 3 regions of China — Guangdong, DongBei, and Guangxi, home to the city of Yulin.
- Slaughterhouses in cities like Yulin are typically hidden away in residential neighborhoods. Although most people don't want any part of this grizzly business, many look the other way because they fear retribution from the criminal groups that drive the trade.
- This form of organized crime is low risk because authorities seldom enforce existing laws against stealing, trafficking, or selling uninspected dog meat.
- Eating dog or cat is not a common practice in China. The majority of Chinese people have never eaten dog meat and have no desire to do so.

Unlike Korea, China does not have commercial dog farms. It's faster and cheaper for black market traders to capture street dogs or steal pets.



THERE'S HOPE

Originally, condemnation of the event came from outside China but now there is open criticism from inside of the country. There are also signs that the central government is aware of what this grizzly business does to its reputation.

In 2020, China's Ministry of Agriculture classified dogs and cats as companion animals vs livestock. This policy change was fueled by COVID-19, which increased scrutiny of China's food safety standards.

Zhuhai and Shenzhen in the southern Guangdong province became the first cities in mainland China to ban the consumption of dog and cat meat.

Trap, Spay, Neuter, and Release programs are being implemented in major cities in China, making it harder for criminal suppliers to come by stray animals.



An increasing intolerance of animal cruelty and a well-organized community of activists mean that dog thieves, traffickers, and sellers are being confronted more often.

A more compassionate culture is being driven by young people — many who grew up with pets as their only siblings because they were born when China enforced a 'one child' rule.

WE'RE IN YULIN 365

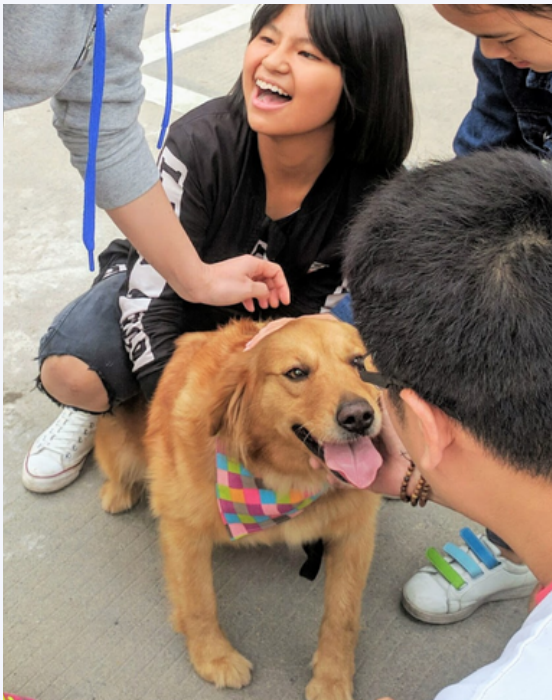
Many animal welfare organizations come to China just to report during Yulin's festival. But Duo Duo Project is on the ground year round — collaborating with our Chinese partners and fighting every aspect of the trade.

When we end the cruel festival and trade in Yulin, we believe other cities will follow.

DUO DUO PROJECT'S APPROACH IS WORKING

Outreach & Education

We lead culturally conscious programs that foster compassion for companion animals.



We're reducing demand through culturally conscious education and advocacy. And we're reducing the supply of animals through humane spay and neuter initiatives.

Animal Rescue & Care

We help rescue dogs and operate 2 shelters. Our spay and neuter programs limit the number of animals who fall victim to the trade.



Animal Welfare Advocacy

Our team collaborates with local policy makers, lawyers, NGOs, and activists to enhance the protection of companion animals.

PLEASE HELP US STOP THE SUFFERING IN YULIN AND BEYOND.

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Thank you for being there for the dogs.



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