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To protect animal welfare and public health and safety

Who We Are

Jakarta Animal Aid Network (JAAN), Change For Animals Foundation (CFAF), Animal Friends Jogja (AFJ) and Humane Society International (HSI) created the "Dog Meat-Free Indonesia" campaign based on a shared commitment to working collaboratively to tackle the dog meat trade in Indonesia.

Through **public awareness campaigning** and **political engagement**, our united goal is to secure public and political support for an end to the dog meat trade throughout Indonesia. With proven experience and expertise in delivering effective public awareness campaigns, and in working in **collaboration with local and central governments** to pass and implement laws and regulations to end cruel practices and strengthen animal protection legal provisions, we are well-positioned to tackle Indonesia's cruel and dangerous dog meat trade.

There is an ever-growing opposition to the dog meat trade in Indonesia and globally, and we are committed to **raising the profile** of this issue and to ensure the **strengthening and enforcement of laws** that will end a trade that causes unimaginable suffering to millions of dogs each year, and poses a grave risk to human health and safety.



The Dog Meat Trade in Indonesia:
A Cruel and Dangerous Trade

Every year, millions of dogs are traded throughout Indonesia to supply the demand for dog meat.

Our nationwide investigations have revealed the **crude and brutal methods of capture, transport and slaughter**, and the **immense suffering** caused to millions of dogs each year is unimaginable. Many are stolen family pets and illegally trafficked dogs collected from the streets and rural communities.

They are crammed into cages and sacks, their mouths bound shut so they can hardly breathe. They are taken on long journeys on bikes or in overcrowded trucks to supply markets, slaughterhouses and restaurants.

Many die from **suffocation, dehydration or heatstroke** before they reach their final destination.

For those who survive, they watch others being brutally killed in filthy slaughterhouses whilst they wait their turn. Their **fear is unimaginable**.



Immense Animal Suffering

Dogs Deserve Better



Throughout the world, dogs are **our most loyal companions**, bringing us **joy**, cherished as **therapists** in schools and in hospitals and homes for the young and elderly, and serving in our police forces and armies.

As pet ownership rises rapidly in Indonesia – and globally – it is a duty to ensure they are adequately protected from cruelty, and to be recognised – and respected – as **companion animals**.

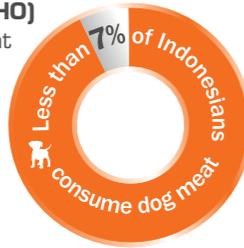


A Risk to Human Health

Not only does the dog meat trade represent an overwhelming cause of animal suffering, it also encourages the large-scale – and often illegal – theft and movement of dogs of unknown disease and vaccination status between provinces.

The **World Health Organization (WHO)** has explicitly highlighted the dog meat trade as a contributing factor to the spread of rabies in Indonesia – a deadly disease that has a **devastating impact on human and animal health**.

So, whilst only a minority of Indonesians consume dog meat – in fact it is estimated that just 7% of the population nationwide ever consumes dog meat – the trade **threatens the health and safety of the whole country**.



Unregulated movement of dogs spreads rabies



Rabies positive dogs are being moved to supply highly-populated cities that are often dog meat eating hot spots

The **brutal and unhygienic slaughter and butchery** of dogs and consumption of meat from rabies-positive animals puts humans at risk.

Human deaths from rabies have been reported that have been directly linked to involvement in the slaughtering, butchery, handling and even consumption of meat from infected dogs.



Mass vaccination of dogs will help eliminate the fatal virus

Why Regulation is Not a Solution

There are **growing concerns for animal welfare** throughout Indonesia and there is increasing awareness that the trade is incompatible with efforts to control and eliminate rabies.

We therefore **campaign for an end to the production and consumption of dog meat** because any argument that suggests that regulation of dog meat production would resolve the systematic cruelty involved, or alleviate all the risks posed to human health, is unsubstantiated.

In order to safeguard animal welfare and to protect human and animal health and safety, **the dog meat trade must stop**.



A Collaborative and Solution-Based Approach

We are committed to working with **local communities, celebrities** and **the authorities** to raise awareness of the illegal dog meat trade and the risks it poses to both human and animal health, as well as the enormous amount of suffering the trade causes to millions of dogs every year.

We are committed to:

- ▶ Highlighting the **human health risks** associated with the trade in, and consumption of, dogs
- ▶ Encouraging a **more compassionate attitude** towards all dogs
- ▶ Promoting **responsible** pet ownership
- ▶ Providing **humane** and **sustainable** dog population management and rabies elimination solutions
- ▶ Supporting the government to ensure Indonesia fulfills its pledge to **eliminate rabies** by 2020
- ▶ Equipping local law enforcers with the **skills, resources and knowledge** to ensure adequate enforcement of existing laws and regulations



Working Together

The collaborative “Dog Meat-Free Indonesia” campaign was founded by **Jakarta Animal Aid Network, Change For Animals Foundation, Animal Friends Jogja** and **Humane Society International**, in recognition that we our impact is greatest when we work together.

Find out more at www.dogmeatfreeindonesia.org and contact us at: info@dogmeatfreeindonesia.org

Jakarta Animal Aid Network (JAAN) was established in 2008 and is committed to raising awareness of animal cruelty issues and to promoting the compassionate treatment for all animals. **JAAN's** work is divided into two main categories: companion animal welfare, including animal rescue, promotion of responsible pet ownership and public awareness activities; and wildlife rescue activities and campaigns. (www.jakartaanimalaid.com)

Change For Animals Foundation (CFAF) is an organisation committed to promoting compassion towards all animals and ending animal suffering. **CFAF** works to support and inspire positive change for animals around the world in partnership with local animal protection groups and an international network of animal welfare specialists. (www.changeforanimals.org)

Humane Society International and its partner organisations together constitute one of the world's largest animal protection organisations. For more than 25 years, **HSI** has been working for the protection of all animals through the use of science, advocacy, education and hands-on programmes. Celebrating animals and confronting cruelty worldwide. (www.hsi.org)

Animal Friends Jogja (AFJ) is a non-profit organisation committed to improving the welfare and protection of all animals throughout Indonesia through humane education, the provision of veterinary care, advocacy and public awareness campaigns. For better compassion towards animals and nature, **AFJ** is committed promoting grassroots activism and building networks with local organisations and communities. (www.animalfriendsjogja.org)

