Improving the lives of street dogs and cats

Each year, hundreds of thousands of roaming and abandoned dogs and cats are killed around the world. CFAF works with local partners, national and local authorities, veterinarians and communities to address the root causes of companion animal welfare problems. Undertaking projects alongside the community ensures that dogs and cats in these areas will be looked after for years to come.

Promoting and supporting pony welfare

In Cambodia, many communities still rely on ponies to transport people and goods. The Cambodian Pony Welfare Organisation (CPWO) encourages pony owners to prevent suffering, by changing the way they manage their animals. CFAF and the CPWO fund a scheme whereby owners receive certificates or small useful items, such as hoof picks, fly fringes, brushes, and buckets – basic items but each cost more than a day’s earnings for many people – in response to making improvements to the lives of their ponies.

Ending the dog meat trade in Asia

Tens of millions of dogs are killed each year as part of the dog meat industry in Asia. The dogs endure unimaginable suffering throughout all stages of the trade, including sourcing, transport, sale and slaughter. Stolen pets and roaming dogs are transported to cities on filthy, overcrowded trucks, posing a significant risk of disease transmission including rabies. Many die from suffocation, dehydration or heartstrokes before they reach their final destination. For those who survive, the gnawing journey ends at a slaughterhouse, market or restaurant.

CFAF’s work helps boost the ever-growing opposition to the dog meat trade, and we partner with local and international groups, ensuring the strengthening and enforcement of laws to permanently banish this suffering.

In Vietnam, as a founding member of the Asia Canine Protection Alliance (ACPA), we have already secured a moratorium on the trade in dogs between Vietnam and bordering countries, and we continue to target illegal traders in key border areas within the country.

By conducting investigations to expose the risks the trade poses to human health, providing training and support to local animal protection groups and authorities on law enforcement and animal management, and by running public awareness campaigns highlighting the suffering in the dog meat industry, we are committed to ending the trade that results in the suffering of an estimated 5 million dogs every year.

In Indonesia, in collaboration with international and local organisations, CFAF’s work focuses on equipping the government and law enforcers with the motivation, skills, resources and knowledge needed to ensure enforcement of existing laws and regulations that will end the trade. We also educate communities and authorities about the risks the trade poses to rabies control achievements and programs, whilst supporting the rescue and rehoming of dogs whenever and wherever possible.

Supporting efforts for the strengthening of laws in Indonesia to protect wildlife

Throughout Indonesia thousands of wild animals suffer every day confined in unacceptable zoos and other wildlife-holding facilities. We believe that to effectively bring positive and lasting change for animals, collaborative efforts and in-country support are vital.

Change For Animals Foundation (CFAF) is committed to improving the lives of animals throughout the world by delivering and supporting projects and campaigns to ensure positive and lasting change for animals.

Ending the keeping of cetaceans in captivity

Hundreds of thousands of wild animals are kept in zoos, safari parks and marine parks throughout the world, many living in the most appalling conditions, with no enrichment or stimulation, causing physical and psychological suffering. Keeping wildlife in captivity for entertainment is not ethically justifiable. We are committed to helping in specific cases where possible, whilst lobbying for laws to be strengthened to safeguard the welfare of captive wildlife.

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By working with these facilities, wildlife experts and other animal protection and conservation organisations, we assist with the provision of essential training to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to improve the quality of life of the animals in captivity.

Improving the lives of wildlife in captivity and promoting responsible tourism

As a partner organisation of the World Cetacean Alliance (WCA), CFAF campaigns to end the keeping of cetaceans in captivity, except for rehabilitation and release purposes. WCA develops and implements new concepts for responsible whale and dolphin watching, working to expand the global community of people who care for and respect cetaceans.