

## **“Treasure the Soul of Animals, Stop Eating Dogs” Campaign**

Dog has always been regarded as a loyal friend of mankind. They are loyal to defend their master and many families get pleasure and harmony from dogs. Guide dogs are good helper for the blind people, who lead the blind people to rebuild their confidence and to integrate into the society. Doctor dogs regularly go to hospital, nursing homes, schools, children centers, disabled and mentally retarded centers, etc. They bring lots of healings and spiritual joy to patients. Although dogs bring unconditional loves to human, some countries have "Eat dog meat" festival.

According to information, festivals of “eating dog” countries are:

Mainland China:

The major dog eating areas are in Guizhou, Hunan, Guangxi, Guangdong, Fujian and other provinces. During the annual lunar summer solstice, Guangxi Yulin people eat dogs and held the “Lychee dog festival” .

South Korea:

The country still keeps the tradition of eating dog meat. In the year 1984, Seoul Metropolitan Government classified dog meat as "Disgusting food", selling dog meat was banned, however, the law was not strictly executed.

Vietnam:

Dog meat consumption is mainly concentrated in the north, and where also has specialized in selling dog meat restaurants. Consumption can be comparable with chicken or pork.

People generally like to hold the following attitudes to support this habit:

1. Eating dog is a traditional festival, and the traditional culture should be retained.
2. Dog meat is rich in nutritional value, and it can enhance human energy, especially for those live in cold regions.
3. Dog and pig, cow, sheep, chicken have no big difference, they are also used for human as food to eat.
4. Those do not eat meat, or vegetarian, should not be against the people who eat dogs meat.
5. The culture of eating dog also boosts the sales of the catering industry and stimulates the economy.
6. As long as dog is bred in healthy way, it's nothing wrong to eat them.

Based on the presence of a variety of social reasons, Korea has not yet taken a comprehensive legislation to prohibit people eating dog meat, so that the tragic fate came to many dogs. They are constantly breeding by unscrupulous traders to make profit. Some were abandoned by their owners, or experienced inhuman abuse, or even were suffered from massacres as cooked food. China Guangxi Yulin Lychee dog festival is full of bloody scenes of slaughter, it is sad indeed and miserable.

Genlin Foundation always helps keep stray dogs, including the old, weak, and disabled dogs as charitable activities and deeply saddened for "Dog meat eating" festival. We feel that we need to do something more to save dogs, thus we set up "Treasure the Soul of Animals, Stop Eating Dogs" Campaign, targeting at China, South Korea and other countries which still have a festival of eating dogs, and encourage them to give up "eat dog meat" habits.

"Treasure the Soul of Animals, Stop Eating Dogs" Campaign is a grassroots movement, we will encounter a lot of resistance, and do not expect to achieve success in a short time, but at least we can convey the following message to the people who has the behavior of "eating dog meat" :

1. Dog is human's companion, and we should respect their survival.
2. Nurturing love to the next generation, and helps them to develop a healthy and harmonious society for animal and human .
3. Reduce or prevent inhumane acts, such as slaughter and cooking etc., leading less cruelty to the dogs.
4. Discard "eat dog meats" habits and assist to enhance the international status of the country to integrate with other civilized countries.
5. Cultural development should strive for good traditional practices and those are unsuited to modern civilization should promptly be abandoned.

Genlin Foundation is hoping to recognize the supporters who take initiative to "Treasure the Soul of Animals, Stop Eating Dogs" Campaign. They may be individuals or organizations or groups. We can organize a coalition to form a force. If they want to organize any activities connected with the theme, we can discuss the feasibility of joint effort. Any cooperation can be considered, for example: school education, TV shows, celebrity appeal, dog documentary, literary lecture, story of the dogs and the owner election, etc.

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