

THE NEW GOLDEN ERA: IS IT SO GOLDEN FOR ANIMALS?



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Animal Welfare as a Problem in China



- Animal welfare has become a hot topic in China in recent years.
- While we discuss the rights or welfare of animals, there are no laws for animals.
- Now more and more people express their concern through television programs, newspapers, academic journals, and internet over the way we treat an animal, animal cruelty, and stray dogs and cats in China.



Programs and Solutions

- Many animal advocates try to set up organizations to protect animals.
- Many scholarly discussions focus on rules and regulations in China.
- Groups and scholars argue that the biggest problem of animal welfare in China is the lack of regulations.

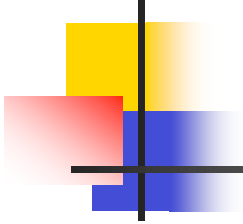


Animals For Food

- In China, more than 600 million pigs and 5 million cattle are slaughtered for food mostly in inhumane ways every year, and during collection, transport, those animals are often handled carelessly causing awful distress.
- In another example, it is estimated that about 4 million cats and up to 10 million dogs are slaughtered or consumed every year in China, many cooked or skinned alive.
- Snakes, rabbits, chickens slaughtered alive.

From Farm to Table





Parallels to Livestock Confinement



From Market to Table

Nanjing market



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Dog Market



Strays from the rural area



They Can Feel Pain and Deserve Kindness



Cat Meat Trade



Nanjing Rescue

Trapped street cats

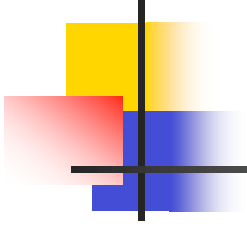


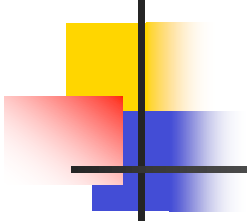
Conditions They Endure



Trucked or Shipped by Train, No Water or Food for Days







Activists Risk Punishment to Stop Such Torture



Set Free



The Lucky Ones





Animals for Fur

- China is one of the biggest fur markets in the world. the sum of fur trade exceeded \$2 billion in 2004.
- The fur consumption kills more than 2 million foxes and 6 million martens per year in China.
- The fur market also kills cats and dogs for fur decorations on trinkets and toys.
- A US federal law under consideration will require labels.

The illegal Tiger and Leopard fur trade continues to thrive in China



Many Animals Are Skinned for Their Fur, even Dog and Cat





Animals For Entertainment

- In zoos and animal parks in China , live animals are fed in predatory games or used as targets in shooting games.
- Many zoos conduct live feedings of their captive tigers and lions, taking oxen, horses, sheep, cows, and pigs into the enclosures so that visitors can watch the gory spectacle.
- Animal parks chain and confine even endangered species so tourist can have photos or be amused. These animals may never be allowed to move freely.



Stray Dogs and Cats

- Many local governments round up (cull) the street animals.
- Often these homeless animals then linger and suffer in animal compounds that are run poorly.
- Other street animals endure starvation, fear, cold, thirst and heat with no safe place to live.
- Other street animals are cruelly tortured, often by children.



(Trap, Neuter, Release) TNR

- An alternative is a program known as TNR.
- This program is conducted in many places such as Hong Kong, the US and Taiwan. The Hong Kong SPCA has helped over 30,000 street animals.
- Many local governments in the US applaud such programs.
- In Beijing, TNR is now being done by groups like Beautiful New World and Lucky cats in many places, including in the parks where homeless animals are fed by local residents.

Local Feeder with TNR CATS



Cook and distribute two meals daily



TNR in Beijing



Safe Place To Live After TNR



There's No Place Like Home



A Growing Love For Animals



Even After the Earthquake



Rural and Urban Chinese



A New Golden Era for Animals in China?



- China's lack of animal protection laws can not be ignored when we think about this situation.
- The debates about animal abuse and cruelty have made public the awkwardness and lack of animal welfare legislation in China.
- You can get involved and make a difference for the animals of China. Others have!

Activists in Action



- Rescue Shelters
- Demonstrations against Animal Cruelty
- Changing Government Programs
- Stopping the Fur and Meat Inhumanity
- Not Eating Meat or Wearing Fur
- Adopting a Pet for Life
- Voicing your Concerns

Emerging Activism for Animals



Message in Music



In Action: Low Costs Vet Clinics



In Action: Meat Market Rescue Brought To a Clinic



Strays and Pets



In Action: Demonstrations Against Cruelty



Burned to Death



In Action: Rescue Centers For Cats



And: For Dogs



In Action: Shelter Volunteers



Raise Money to Help Animals



A Safe Place to Live



Food to Eat





Institutional Laws for Animals

- There is no general law on animal welfare, all three regulations that meet the definition and the principles of animal welfare are related to wildlife. They relate to wildlife as a natural resource and the protection for the purpose of human utilization.
- They are: Law of the People's Republic of China on the Protection of Wildlife, Regulations for the Implementation of the People's Republic of China on the Protection of Terrestrial wildlife, and Regulations of the People's Republic of China on the Implementation of Wild Aquatic Animal Protection.
- The laws and regulations have a very narrow definition of wildlife. In Chapter 1 of LPRCPW, wildlife...are rare or near extinction and the species and...which are beneficial or of important economic or scientific value



The First Animal Welfare Law

- The government released a draft of a proposed act which expands protections for animals on March 17. The new "Prevention of Cruelty To Animals Act" includes some new items not present in another draft released in September 2009, such as banning the mistreatment of animals by starvation, and forbidding the slaughter of animals in the presence of youths.
- The draft will be submitted to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress soon, said Chang Jiwen, head of the drafting team and director of the Department of Social Law under the Institute of Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.
- Chang added, after the release of the original draft last September, the drafting team had received over 700 suggestions from the public as of mid-January 2010. An increasing number of law academics and, more significantly officials, are supporting the move towards legislation.

How To Get Involved



- Act-Asia, Ping An Afu, Beautiful New World, Lucky Cats
- Hong Kong SPCA
- Animals Asia Foundation
- People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. Asia-Pacific Division
- International Fund for Animal Welfare
- World Society for the Protection of Animals

A Happy Ending



You Can Make a Difference!



If You Can't Do Really Great Things, Then

- Do Little Things Really Great!



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