# THE UGLY TRUTH BEHIND THE DOG MEAT TRADE

Many people don't realise that every year, millions of dogs in Asia are stolen from the streets or their homes to be slaughtered for their meat. Dogs are bred for consumption in South Korea and kept in appalling conditions on 'dog meat farms'. These dogs live tortured lives spent entirely in cages, only to be killed in horrifically brutal ways. But what do we know about this industry and what measures are being taken to stop it?

# WHERE IS THIS HAPPENING?

CHINA, SOUTH KOREA, VIETNAM, INDONESIA, PHILIPPINES, THAILAND, LAOS, CAMBODIA AND NAGALAND IN NORTHERN INDIA.



### **DOG MEAT INDUSTRY FACTS**



### **30 MILLION DOGS** Are reportedly killed for human consumption each year across asia



UP TO 20 MILLION DOGS ARE REPORTEDLY Slaughtered annually in china



### **2 MILLION DOGS** Are reportedly killed for food EVERY YEAR IN SOUTH KOREA



### **FIVE MILLION DOGS** Are slaughtered in vietnam every year

COMMON BREEDS KILLED FOR THEIR MEAT INCLUDE GOLDEN RETRIEVERS, SPANIELS, BEAGLES AND GREYHOUNDS





#### **THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 17,000 DOG MEAT FARMS** In South Korea, with reports of some Located Near the Olympic venue





#### CHINA HOLDS AN ANNUAL DOG MEAT FESTIVAL IN YULIN, WHERE THOUSANDS OF DOGS ARE SLAUGHTERED OVER 10-DAYS

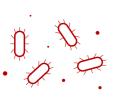
#### **SOURCE OF CRIMINAL INCOME** WHICH CAN'T BE REGULATED

### DO THE DOGS SUFFER?

Severe animal suffering is widespread in the dog meat trade. The dogs are packed by the hundreds into trucks, forced so tightly in cages that they are unable to move. In Vietnam, it's common for dogs to be violently force-fed via a tube down their throats, to boost their weight before sending them to slaughter. Dogs are typically driven in terrible conditions for up to weeks at a time, often sick and injured, and many die from suffocation, dehydration or heatstroke long before they reach their destination.

Dogs on meat farms in South Korea are kept locked in small metal cages, left exposed to the elements and given barely enough food, water and shelter to keep them alive. HSI has revealed dreadful conditions where disease and distress are rampant, with many dogs showing clear signs of sickness, depression, severe malnutrition and abnormal behaviour.

# **HEALTH RISKS**



The dog meat industry is unregulated, with unhygienic conditions and a high risk of infection from the meat produced.



The dogs collected from the streets and rural communities are transported on filthy, overcrowded trucks, which poses a

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The dog meat trade has even been linked to occurrences of trichinellosis, cholera and rabies.

significant threat to human health.

### METHODS OF TORTURE

Shocking and cruel methods are used to kill these animals, with dogs routinely blow-torched or boiled alive. They are also clubbed or stabbed to death in front of other dogs, as it's believed the intense fear the dog endures releases adrenaline to make the meat taste better.

## **DOGS DESERVE BETTER THAN THIS.**

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