

Dear South Korean Government,

Please watch these videos: Shocking Cruelty of South Korean Dog Meat Industry <http://youtu.be/3uR8R8Mu70Q>, Documentary trailer: Man bites dog in South Korea <https://youtu.be/9SKVdNrfIZo>

Please watch our own video we created in cooperation with Animal Right Organizations in Asia <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMJffv3rCh4&t=7s>

I am extremely upset about the torture and consumption of companion animals in South Korea. With the ubiquity of social medias, every day we are seeing shocking and heartbreaking images and videos of innocent dogs being tortured and killed in your country.

This is not sense, this is a bad habit. To blame traditions, religion and culture are human excuses for these derive from humanity, not nature.

The dog whose ancestor is the wolf has walked this earth for 60 million years, we owe them our allegiance.

Even though Korea has established an Animal Protection Law for companion animals, dogs are still beaten, hung, electrocuted, and treated brutally by farmers and slaughters. Also, dogs and cats are still being beaten and boiled alive for so-called elixirs, which do not have medical properties except in the minds of ignorant and gullible customers.

These practices have no place in the modern world. Other Asian countries have banned the eating of dog meat and the cruel industry that goes with it, such as Taiwan and the Philippines. Why does Korea persist in lagging behind these countries and other civilized societies?

It's the responsibility of the Korean government to once and for all end the cruel dog meat and cat medicine industries in Korea. It is time to dismiss the childish myths and propaganda surrounding these industries and their vile products. It is time to leave behind backward and unnecessary traditions.

It is time for Korea to start taking animal welfare seriously and show that it really does have a compassionate and ethical society. That means it is time for the Korean government to start better educating the public about the importance of spaying and neutering, about not abandoning pets, and about treating animals in a proper manner.

Until these things are done, Korea's reputation in the international community will continue to suffer. Its citizens will continue to face shame and embarrassment. And Korea will continue to be regarded as "third world," despite its modernization and attempts at globalized thinking.

With the upcoming 2018 Winter Olympic Games being hosted in Pyeongchang, I would ask that you do all in your power to stop this barbarism and cruelty as the world's attention will be on South Korea both before and during the events.

From now on, I will boycott Korean products, and I will not support Korean companies or visit Korea until the abuse of cats and dogs has finally ended.

We will not tolerate this type of treatment any longer and it is time the world unites and find improved as well as better ways to change our bad habits.

Yours sincerely,  
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