



DOG MEAT TRADE

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Dogs that fall victim to the dog meat trade endure unimaginable suffering on farms, during transport and being slaughtered. HSI campaigns in South Korea, China, India, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and the Philippines, (while also evaluating Indonesia) as they do the bulk of this hideous trade in Asia.

CHINA & SOUTH KOREA The bulk of the dog meat trade is in China with 10 to 20 million eaten annually, although public opinion polling indicates a strong majority supportive of a national ban. Ironically pet ownership in China is around 30 million. South Korea is another hot spot with 2.5 million intensively farmed and killed for trade.

VIETNAM, LAOS & THAILAND 5 million dogs are eaten in Vietnam annually with illegal supply from Thailand, Cambodia and Laos. We have had enormous success linking rabies with the dog meat trade as the risk of transmission in these countries poses a real threat. We recently brokered a meeting with officials from several countries which has seen stronger laws and more diligent policing.

INDIA Trade here came to our attention in 2015 and appears restricted to Nagaland. It is estimated at 30,000 animals per year, mostly smuggled in from neighbouring states. Indian law prohibits eating of dog meat so enforcement is key to a winning strategy.

INDONESIA The dog meat trade is illegal and breaches animals disease control regulations. Although there is no accurate data, evidence suggests some 70–100,000 dogs are traded and killed for some 200 dog meat restaurants operating illegally in Bali alone.

THE PHILIPPINES Hundreds of thousands of dogs are sourced from Manilla and slaughtered annually, principally on the island of Luzon. Killing and selling of dogs was banned in Manilla in 1982 and then nationally in 1998 (once again, health issues drove this which makes our work easier).

MYANMAR Thousands of strays are sent for slaughter in China's Yunan Province. Border officials see this as a solution to their stray dog problem (almost 90% of Myamarians are Buddhist so meat is not a huge issue in their own country).

	Human population	Dog population	Pet dogs	Dogs Eaten
China	1,370,000,000	120,000,000	20–40,000,000	10–20,000,000
Indonesia	255,000,000	Unknown	500,000	500,000
Japan	127,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	0
Philippines	103,000,000	30,000,000	15,000,000	500,000
Vietnam	92,000,000	5,000,000	4,000,000	1–2,000,000
Thailand	68,000,000	10,000,000	6,000,000	Unknown
Myanmar	52,000,000	2–5,000,000	Unknown	Unknown
South Korea	51,000,000	7,000,000	5,000,000	2,500,000
Malaysia	31,000,000	Unknown	500,000	Unknown
North Korea	26,000,000	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Taiwan	23,000,000	1,500,000	1,300,000	Unknown
Cambodia	15,000,000	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Laos	7,000,000	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Hong Kong	7,000,000	300,000	300,000	Unknown