

International Convention to Prohibit the Eating of Dog and Cat Meat

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Genlin is the founder of World Dog Alliance (WDA). His philosophy is to "change human society, save dogs and cats". To achieve his vision, while adhering to the legislative strategy, **Genlin** also intends to set up an international convention to prohibit the eating of dog and cat meat. Such convention will be the best medium to draw international attention to the issue and push for change.

On **21**. June 2014, WDA was founded to promote banning dog and cat meat consumption worldwide. Genlin believes legislation is the only is the only means of eradicating the immoral practice of eating cats and dogs, particularly in Asian countries.

On **26**th September 2015, the first Dog Lovers' Day was launched by WDA. *Eating Happiness*, a documentary produced by **Genlin**, was screened in cities around the world to reveal the barbaric nature of dog meat consumption in Asian countries.

On **12**th **September 2016**, in response to a parliamentary petition initiated by WDA, the **British government** applied pressure to the South Korean government through diplomatic means. This resulted in the closure of Moran Market, which is the biggest dog meat market in Seoul.

On **11**. April 2017, WDA's campaign led to the successful passage of dog and cat meat ban in **Taiwan**, making **Taiwan** a beacon of hope in Asia.

On **12**. **December 2018**, the United States Congress passed the Farm Bill which outlaws dog and cat meat consumption. It sets a historic milestone for WDA's legislative efforts in the **United States** since 2015.

Every year in Asia, over 30 million dogs are slaughtered for food, 70% of whom are stolen companions. After thorough investigation, WDA drafted and published a white paper on increasing punishment for dog theft, aiming to end such crime along with the consumption of dog and cat meat in **China**.

On **6**th **March 2019**, a Chinese congressman introduced the Companion Animal Protection Act which proposes banning dog meat consumption and increasing punishment for dog theft. Not only does WDA's legislative endeavor save our beloved animal friends, it also shed a light of hope to their caregivers.

On **13**th **March 2019**, using the first-hand and in-depth information provided by WDA, a Japanese congressman brought up the dog meat issue during an interpellation session in the Japanese Congress. The surprising fact that more than 100 dog meat restaurants exist in **Japan** sent shock waves through the world. WDA's target is to legislate a ban on dog and cat meat in **Japan** before the Tokyo Olympics starts in July 2020.

On **11**th **June 2019**, WDA and a member of Italy's congress jointly introduced a bill to outlaw dog and cat meat in Italy. **Italy** is an animal loving nation, it is thus believed that the bill will be passed in the near future.

On **10th July 2019**, the British government agreed to an amendment to include a dog and cat meat ban in the Animal Welfare (Sentencing) Bill, which is likely to officially become law by the end of 2019. WDA's campaigning efforts in the **UK** over the years has come to fruition.

On **28**th **July 2019**, WDA announced its convention campaign and launched this petition to launch their international convention. Congressmen in the **US** and Members of Parliament in the **UK** have already pledged to back WDA's convention.

As **Jeff Denham**, former US representative who introduced the ban on dog and cat meat in the US, said in his speech, "*It demonstrates our unity with other nations that have banned dog and cat meat and bolster existing international efforts to crack down on the practice worldwide.*"