



Dogs from South Korean Dog Meat Farm Now Safe in California

Humane Society International rescued dogs and shut down farm; partners with Northern California shelters to find dogs loving homes

(March 20, 2015)—Fifty seven dogs and puppies have been rescued from a dog meat farm by Humane Society International and Change for Animals Foundation in South Korea. The dogs are now on their way to new lives in Northern California. The dogs range from beagles, poodles, and Korean Jindos to large Tosas and have spent their entire lives in small, filthy, crowded cages exposed to all weathers on the farm, waiting to be killed for their meat.

The dogs began arriving on March 16 to be sheltered at the San Francisco SPCA and will be divided between HSI Emergency Placement Partners San Francisco SPCA, East Bay SPCA, Marin Humane Society and Sacramento SPCA. The shelters will treat the dogs for any minor medical issues before adopting them out in their communities. Media members are invited to watch the transfer on Friday. Details below.

Adam Parascandola, HSI's director of animal protection and crisis response, said: "These lucky dogs will live the rest of their lives as valued and treasured members of a forever family in the United States. These amazing animals are full of character, and will make loving and loyal companions. But millions more dogs back in South Korea will die for dog meat, so our work will continue, to shut down more farms and call for an end to this cruel trade. With the Winter Olympics coming to Seoul in 2018, we have a clear opportunity to end the dog meat trade as the world focuses on South Korea."

Jennifer Chung, vice chair of the SF SPCA Board of Directors, said: "These incredible animals have survived unthinkable conditions and suffering as part of the dog meat industry. They deserve to spend the rest of their lives in loving homes. We are honored to be part of this project, which will increase awareness of the cruel dog meat industry. Ultimately, we're hoping to completely end the practice of consuming dogs as food."

Allison Lindquist, president/CEO of the East Bay SPCA, said: "The East Bay SPCA is pleased to partner with other local animal welfare organizations to get these dogs any medical care they need, and into loving homes."

Nancy McKenney, CEO of The Marin Humane Society, said: “Welcoming these dogs who’ve endured so much falls right in to our mission of saving animals, whenever called upon.”

Rick Johnson, Sacramento SPCA CEO, said: "We are honored to partner with HSI to change the lives of these specific dogs forever and hopefully bring change to those countries that choose to have dogs on their dinner plates instead of having them as valued companions and family members."

HSI worked with the farmer to shut his doors for good and remove the dogs for rehoming in the U.S. As part of the plan, he signed an agreement with HSI to permanently close down the dog meat property and move into a new humane livelihood in crop farming. HSI will follow the farmer’s progress to ensure compliance.

In January, HSI and Change For Animals Foundation [rescued 23 dogs from a South Korean dog meat farm](#), and worked with the farmer to convert to growing blueberries. All those dogs are now living in the United States with new families or undergoing rehabilitation with HSI’s Emergency Partner Shelters.

****On Friday, March 20, members of the media are invited to a press conference at the San Francisco SPCA (243 Alabama Street) at 10:00am.** Representatives from each of the partner shelters will be present, along with Adam Parascandola from HSI. After brief statements and a Q&A session, reporters will be invited to witness and photograph the dogs being loaded onto rescue partner vans. This is a great opportunity to watch several Northern California shelters working together to help animals in need.**

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About Humane Society International

Humane Society International and its partner organizations together constitute one of the world’s largest animal protection organizations. For more than 20 years, HSI has been working for the protection of all animals through the use of science, advocacy, education and hands on programs. Celebrating animals and confronting cruelty worldwide – on the Web at hsi.org.

About the San Francisco SPCA

The San Francisco SPCA is an independent, community-supported, non-profit animal welfare organization dedicated to saving, protecting and providing immediate care for cats and dogs who are homeless, ill or in need of an advocate. The SF SPCA also works long-term to educate the community, reduce the number of unwanted kittens and puppies through spaying and neutering,

and improve the quality of life for animals and their human companions. The organization does not receive government funding and is not affiliated with any national organization.

Support the SF SPCA by adopting, donating, volunteering and becoming a client of our state-of-the-art veterinary hospitals. In addition to our campus in the Mission neighborhood, as a result of our recent merger with Pets Unlimited we now have a second campus in Pacific Heights.

The SF SPCA offers volunteer opportunities to care for shelter dogs and cats, conduct adoption counseling, assist clients and veterinary staff, provide foster care, help with the Community Cats Program, and enrich the lives of people in the community through animal-assisted therapy.

For more information about San Francisco pet adoption, call the San Francisco SPCA at (415) 522-3500 or visit sfspca.org.

About the East Bay SPCA

The East Bay SPCA is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit committed to the welfare of cats and dogs in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Established in 1874, the East Bay SPCA is one of the nation's oldest independent humane organizations and receives no funding from local, state or federal governments, or any national animal welfare organization. The mission of the East Bay SPCA is to eliminate animal cruelty, neglect and overpopulation by providing programs and education that support people and companion animals. Operating three facilities in Oakland and Dublin, the organization offers adoption centers, spay/neuter surgery centers and companion animal behavior and training classes. The Theodore B. Travers Family Veterinary Clinic, an AHAA accredited, full-service clinic, is located on the Oakland campus of the East Bay SPCA. For more information visit eastbayspca.org.
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About the Marin Humane Society

The Marin Humane Society offers refuge, rehabilitation, and support services for domestic animals and wildlife each year through myriad services, including adoptions, foster care, behavior and training, humane education, pet assistance for people in need, lost-and-found pet services, low-cost clinics, and more. MHS is a local, independent organization and does not receive operating funds from national organizations. MarinHumaneSociety.org.

About the Sacramento SPCA:

The Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Sacramento SPCA) was established in 1894 and fosters a loving and compassionate community for animals and people by providing assistance, creating lifelong relationships and saving lives.