



Reykjavik, June 19th 2015

Subject: "Dog Meat Festival"

His Excellency

Zhang Weidong

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to the Republic of Iceland

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Dear Mr Ambassador

The Board of the Icelandic Kennel Club appeals to the Government of the People's Republic of China to cancel the "Dog Meat Festival" planned on June 22th in Yulin.

As an organisation we have great respect for the Chinese people and Chinese civilization. We are saddened to learn that the Yulin "Dog Meat Festival" is still held in a modern civilized society; The People's Republic of China. We believe this barbaric event has no place in the 21st century. We adamantly voice our strong opposition to this "festival".

We do hope you will take a moment to hear our grave concerns about this horrific tradition, and that your government will ban this "festival". Your government would thereby save the lives of countless dogs that will otherwise fall victims to this event.

At this "festival" thousands of innocent dogs will be butchered, skinned alive and beaten to death. An event of this gender increases the risk of abduction of strays and pets, and will also raise the number of torturous, inhumane prisons at dog meat farms - which leaves a stain upon the image of your country.

Respectfully,

On behalf of the Board of the Icelandic Kennel Club,

Herdís Hallmarsdóttir, chairman