

## The Plight of Korean Animals



An astounding number of dogs and cats are tortured, killed, and consumed every year in South Korea, because of a misguided belief that dog and cat meat products offer health benefits. These marginal practices originated from an ancient myth that dog stew (boshingtang) enhances male sexual performance and cat broth (goyangi soju) alleviates arthritis. In later years, however, they continued out of sheer need; the Korean War and other periods of starvation necessitated alternative food sources.

This powerful combination of myth and habit laid the groundwork for the present-day dog and cat meat market. The dog and cat meat trade continue today even though widespread famine has ended, and scientists had definitively proven that dog and cat meat products offer no health benefits. The reason for the trade's continuation: it slowly evolved into a multibillion-dollar industry. Many Koreans have grown to rely on raising dogs and cats for consumption as a source of income. Thus, this inhumane industry is perpetuated in the interest of profit alone.

IAKA/KAPES believes the treatment of cats and dogs in South Korea is indefensible, and we will continue our work until the dog and cat meat industry has ended, and all mistreated animals have a loving home.



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## International Aid for Korean Animals



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## Our Story

Korean animal activist, Kyenan Kum, founded International Aid for Korean Animals (IAKA) in 1997 in response to the cruel treatment of cats and dogs in South Korea. In its first years of operation, IAKA organized international protests to raise awareness of the dog and cat meat industries, which still flourished in South Korea. These widely publicized protests helped prevent the legalization of cats and dogs as livestock animals, and convinced the Korean government to strengthen their animal protection laws.



After gaining the Korean government as an ally, IAKA realized it needed to refocus its activities away from protest, and towards ongoing challenges: the Korean public's lack of knowledge about animal welfare, care, and protection; the scarcity of resources in animal protection and welfare fields; and the dearth of animal adoption centers.

To address these needs, Kyenan co-founded the Korea Animal Protection and Education Society (KAPES) with devoted animal welfare advocate, Haesun Park. *Haesun Park and Kyenan Kum*



This new organization would work with the Korean government on animal protection, build Korea's animal welfare infrastructure, and educate the Korean public about the humane treatment of animals. In order to achieve these goals, KAPES would found an adoption and education center in South Korea's political and cultural capital: Seoul.



## Our Mission

**IAKA/KAPES'** mission is to promote the humane treatment of animals in Korea by raising international awareness of Korea's dog and cat meat trade; educating the public about animal protection and care; advocating for stronger animal rights laws; supporting and publicizing animal welfare agencies; facilitating animal rescue and adoption; and offering needed veterinarian services.



## KAPES Center in Seoul

At the close of 2010, KAPES finally opened the doors to its long-awaited Adoption and Education Center in Seoul. Conceived as a one-stop shop for animal protection advocacy, adoption, and care, the Center houses:

- **Education facilities**, including a library of animal protection and care materials, and classrooms used for pet care and pet training courses;
- **A clinic**, which cares for incoming rescues, and offers veterinarian services at standard rates to pet owners in Korea; and
- **Adoption facilities**, designed to connect rescues from nearby shelters to loving owners.

Please visit the KAPES Adoption and Education Center at 119-10 Myounouk-dong, Jungang-gu, Seoul (just steps away from subway line 7). Come play with our rescues, learn about proper care of your pets, and browse our advocacy materials!



*By changing the hearts and minds of the Korean public and strengthening South Korea's animal welfare network, IAKA/KAPES hopes to transform the nation's approach to animal protection and care.*

*Join us in making South Korea a more humane place for cats and dogs!*

