


Animal Welfare.
Worldwide.



United to **#ProtectMillions** CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS 2023

FOUR PAWS wishes to thank you for supporting our campaign to protect millions of dogs and cats in Southeast Asia. Together we are making powerful, lasting change! Let us share our latest successes.



Ending the dog and cat meat trade will save the lives of millions of companion animals that will otherwise face unspeakable suffering. However, the positive outcomes don't stop there.

Due to its connection with the spread of zoonotic diseases, an end to the trade will also help safeguard the health and wellbeing of citizens and visitors to Southeast Asia.

This is why we will not stop until our work is done.

Today, FOUR PAWS is extremely proud to share the incredible campaign successes of 2023 and thank you for your support in making it possible!

Here are just some of the greatest highlights:

Overwhelming global support



2 MILLION people worldwide have signed our petition to end the dog and cat meat trade in Southeast Asia; specifically, Vietnam, Cambodia and Indonesia.



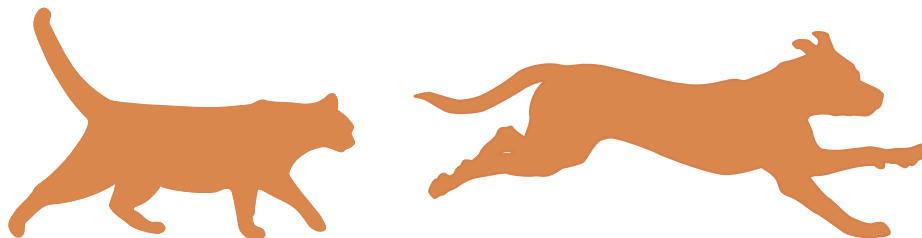
A global stand against the dog and cat meat trade



16,000 Vietnamese citizens took part in our virtual run to show their support for an end to the trade. Running more than 2,500,000 km, that's 62 times around the earth or more than 3 times to the moon and back!



18,000 people from the UK and USA wrote to their ambassador in Vietnam asking for their support to end the trade via the One Health Partnership.





Political Engagement and Latest Bans

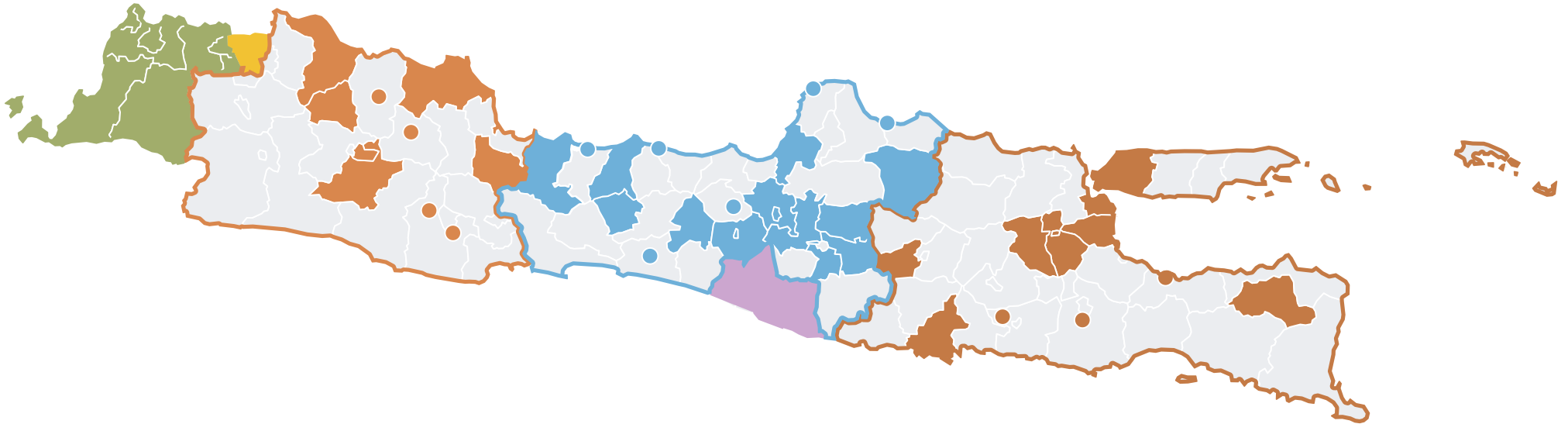
- In May, **FOUR PAWS** became the first international animal welfare organisation to join the **One Health Partnership for Zoonoses Control in Vietnam**. This included forming the first Companion Animal Technical Working Group for key governmental, national and international stakeholders. This platform will be utilised to discuss companion animal welfare, including the dog and cat meat trade, and identify policy solutions with the relevant stakeholders.



Read the press release

- In Indonesia, following continued lobbying by the **Dog Meat Free Indonesia** coalition, of which **FOUR PAWS** is a member, twenty-six more cities and regencies issued directives banning the dog and cat meat trade. A momentous ban in the capital city, Jakarta, brings the total number of provinces, cities and regencies committed to ending the trade to fifty-one.

Overview of Provinces, Cities and Regencies in Java that have banned the dog and cat meat trade



Banten

Banten (P)

Jakarta

Jakarta (P, C)

Yogyakarta

Yogyakarta (P)

West Java

Bandung (C, R)
Banjar (C)
Cirebon (C)
Indramayu (R)
Karawang (R)
Kuningan (R)
Purwakarta (R)
Subang (R)
Sumedang (R)
Tasikmalaya (C)

Central Java

Blora (R)
Boyolali (R)
Brebes (R)
Demak (R)
Jepara (C)
Karanganyar (R)
Kebumen (R)
Magelang (C, R)
Pekalongan (C)
Pemalang (R)
Purbalingga (R)
Rembang (R)
Salatiga (C)
Semarang (C, R)
Sragen (R)
Sukoharjo (R)
Tegal (C)
Temanggung (R)
Wonosobo (R)

East Java

Bangkalan (R)
Blitar (C)
Bondowoso (R)
Jombang (R)
Magetan (R)
Malang (C)
Mojokerto (C, R)
Probolinggo (C)
Sidoarjo (R)
Surabaya (C)
Trenggalek (R)

(P) = Province (R) = Regency (C) = City

Hoi An – A journey to ending the dog and cat meat trade

- **2023 saw the completion of FOUR PAWS' two-year collaboration with Hoi An People's Committee** to phase out the dog and cat meat trade from the city.
- **In December, FOUR PAWS closed one of the last remaining dog meat restaurants in the city**, saving hundreds of animals from being brutally killed and consumed each year.
- **Leaflets were distributed to members of the public to promote our free vaccinations and sterilisations for dogs.** In total, 3000 vaccinations and 540 sterilisations took place!
- **LED screens and billboards were displayed throughout the city to promote an end to the dog and cat meat trade**, and raise awareness about the threat of rabies.
- **Educational information was broadcast on the city's radio station** to further raise public awareness.

“ When I heard about the FOUR PAWS and Hoi An People's Committee project, I felt I could contribute towards ending dog and cat meat trade in the city by closing my restaurant. I would encourage other restaurants to do the same. ”

Pham Van Quyet, Former Restaurant Owner





To find out more about FOUR PAWS' campaign to end the dog and cat meat trade and how you can help, visit our website.

Events

- **FOUR PAWS, together with Jakarta Animal Aid Network, hosted the second International Animal Welfare Conference in Bogor, Indonesia.** Key topics included local and national policy, the dog and cat meat trade and shelter management.

World Rabies Day

- To celebrate World Rabies Day, **FOUR PAWS staff and local vets administered more than 100 free rabies vaccinations to dogs** in Gia Lai province, Vietnam.
- To further raise awareness about the link between the dog meat trade and rabies, **FOUR PAWS produced an educational video**, explaining why putting an end to the dog meat trade is crucial in eradicating rabies once and for all.



Watch the educational video

About FOUR PAWS

FOUR PAWS is the global animal welfare organisation for animals under direct human influence, which reveals suffering, rescues animals in need and protects them. Founded in 1988 in Vienna by Heli Dungler and friends, the organisation advocates for a world where humans treat animals with respect, empathy and understanding. The sustainable campaigns and projects of FOUR PAWS focus on companion animals including stray dogs and cats, farm animals and wild animals – such as bears, big cats and orangutans – kept in inappropriate conditions as well as in disaster and conflict zones. With offices in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Kosovo, the Netherlands, Switzerland, South Africa, Thailand, Ukraine, the UK, the USA and Vietnam as well as sanctuaries for rescued animals in eleven countries, FOUR PAWS provides rapid help and long-term solutions.



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