



 Dear IACA Members,

Though reasons for gratitude never cease, the holiday season especially gives us pause to consider everything for which we are grateful. First, we give thanks that we're able to do the work we do; it is inexpressibly fulfilling to improve the lives of the many South Korean animals in need.

Next, as we consider the gift of giving aid, we remember all the people to whom we must give thanks for making our work possible. This season, we give thanks for Film Producer Nelson Woss, whose new movie, *Red Dog*, will teach audiences the world over the value of human-animal friendships. We are grateful to the Seoul community members who have helped KAPES' vet clinic gain footing. We are indebted to our partnering shelter in Daejeon for connecting us with distressed animal populations and helping us increase pet adoption rates. We are beyond thankful for our government and business partners—such as Mr. Moon-Gap Kim, the Hong-Ik University Music Café, and Shinhan Card Company—for sponsoring our programming and promoting our cause. And we are humbled by the selflessness of KAPES staff and volunteers: Haesun Park, Sang-Hoo Park, and Rosalyn Morrison.

Most of all we are grateful to you. Without you, we would not exist. So, thank you for your strength and support!

Wishing you peace and joy during the holidays and beyond,

*Kyenan Kum*



## KAPES Educates Elementary students on Gapa Island



**I**n late November, Jeju-do's chief of animal quarantine, Mr. Moon-Gap Kim, invited KAPES to lead animal awareness programming at a public kindergarten on Gapa Island (located 20 minutes south of Jeju-do by boat). Moon-Gap Kim has been a long-time friend of IAKA and KAPES. Before he transferred to Jeju-do's animal quarantine department, Mr. Kim served the Ministry of Agriculture, where he worked closely with Haesun Park and Kyenan Kum.



The Gapa Island Elementary class.

Mr. Kim saw a special need for offering KAPES' educational programming to Gapa's youth, because the island's geographical isolation has deterred most other animal protection educators from visiting. In his current role as a Jeju-do province official, Mr. Kim was able to arrange for the local government to sponsor KAPES' travel to the island.

Accompanied by Mr. Kim, KAPES Director Sun-Woon Kwen and volunteer Sang-Hoo Park spoke to Gapa Island students about proper pet care, animal neglect and cruelty, and the need for stronger animal protection law in Korea. Visiting animal educators also brought a special guest: Gum-Gang, the brave narcotics dog. Mr. Kim showed the host school's young students how Gum-Gang could trace any scent. The attentive class seemed very impressed by Gum-Gang's talent, but they seemed even more impressed by their newly discovered responsibility toward animals.



Special guest Gum-Gang, the narcotics dog.



KAPES Director Sun-Woon Kwen speaking to the class.

In fact, his help was critical in establishing KAPES as a non-profit; he pushed for KAPES' registration at a difficult time, when co-founder Kyenan Kum was blacklisted by the Korean government for protesting against the president.

## Red Dog: An Aussie Film with a Profound Message

**E**arly this September, Nelson Woss, an established Australian movie producer, reached out to IAKA and KAPES for help promoting his new film, *Red Dog*. In his email, he explained that with each international premiere he contacted local animal protection organizations to offer them the proceeds from screenings. His only request of partnering charities was that they spread the message of human-animal companionship portrayed in his film.

Upon viewing the film's compelling trailer, we were more than happy to help. Based on real-life events, this touching movie tells the story of a red dog that makes his way to Dampier, an industrial port in Western Australia where "the work is hard" and "the men are tough." There, Red Dog softens the hearts of the rough-and-tumble townspeople with his intelligence and friendship, reconnecting Dampier's community members with their own humanity. The dog also unites with his true owner, a local bus driver named John Grant (played by Josh Lucas of *Sweet Home Alabama*), with whom he forms a profound lifelong friendship. All of the friendships Red Dog forms during the course of the story demonstrate the immense value of human-animal relationships, making a powerful case for equality and respect among all the world's living creatures.



Red Dog producer Nelson Woss and Haesun Park.



The stars of *Red Dog*: Koko the Kepie and Josh Lucas.

To amplify this important message, IAKA/KAPES promoted *Red Dog's* premiere in Asia at the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Busan International Film Festival (BIFF) with a month of online and print publicity. With our help, the film's early October screening at BIFF played to a full house. *Red Dog* is currently up for a Jameson IF Award for the 2011 ceremony, and it will be released on DVD in December. To learn more about the film, visit the *Red Dog* website at [www.reddogmovie.com](http://www.reddogmovie.com).



# Adoption and Education Center (AEC) Update



**W**hen we developed the plan for KAPES' AEC, one of our hopes was that the center's vet clinic would eventually become self-supporting through income from community clients. Of course, in the first months following the AEC's opening, the clinic's income came nowhere near meeting its initial expenses; the



KAPES staff and volunteers in front of AEC vet clinic, Korea Animal Medical Center.

cost of purchasing and remodeling the building and hiring staff could not be met with the income from our few paying customers. But over time, we've gained a reputation in the community for our unique combination of veterinarian care and educational programming. Now, only a year after opening, the clinic is close to breaking even with its annual expenses.



Miso giving kisses to her owner, Mrs. Hwang, during a touching reunion.

Though our clientele is growing, we still haven't completely reached equilibrium between the clinic's income and expenses. In the future, we hope to meet not only the cost of staff sala-

ries and mortgage interest, but also raise additional funds to expand our services at the center.

While our finances stabilize, we continue to promote pet identification, spaying/neutering, and pet vaccinations to Seoul pet owners and the broader Korean public. Money aside, the successes of our hard work are incredibly enriching. Three stories stood out this season as especially rewarding. As one of its many activities, KAPES helps locate lost pets by contacting local, government-sponsored animal control centers. AEC did just that for Mrs. Soon-Hee Hwang,



Mrs. Song, her daughter Jungun, and their newly adopted mixed poodle puppy named Apple.

who had been frantically searching for her lost poodle, Miso. By pounding the pavement and making phone calls, KAPES was able to locate Miso. When the dog and her owner were reunited at the AEC, Miso covered Mrs. Hwang's face with kisses.

Another special story is that of Mrs. Song and her daughter, Jungun. Mrs. Song brought her daughter to AEC because she wanted to help Jungun get over her fear of dogs. To help Mrs. Song with her goal, AEC staff invited her and her daughter to spend time with the animals in the adoption room. At first, Jungun was tentative, but she was soon petting the dogs and giving them gentle hugs. Afterward, the mother-daughter pair ad-



Jungun playing with the rescues in AEC's adoption center.

opted a mixed poodle named Apple. They also took part in a 30-minute course about pet owner responsibility.

Yet another animal education success story involved two young students, who came by to buy food for their puppy. As the girls were about to check out at the register, a KAPES staff member convinced them to stay for pet care education. In AEC's classroom, the two young girls learned all about pet owner responsibilities: vaccinations, proper diet and grooming, and spaying/neutering. When the tutorial ended, the girls pledged to put their puppy on a vaccination program and have him neutered as soon as he reached the appropriate age.



Two young students who came to buy dog food and stayed for pet care education.

With hopeful stories like these the center's reputation can only grow. By word of mouth, AEC will soon be able to support its current programs and more.

## Sang-Hoo Park: A Special Helper

**K**APES volunteer, Sang-Hoo Park, is truly one of a kind. He started animal protection work when he was in high school in 2004, and, with unwavering mentorship from Haesun Park, Sang-Hoo's commitment to animals has only deepened.



Sang-Hoo aiding AEC's vet.

When Sang-Hoo first volunteered at KAPES, he was noticeably withdrawn. He admitted he had difficulties relating to peers, and he wasn't very interested in his schoolwork. But, slowly, as he worked with animals through KAPES,

Sang-Hoo became more confident and involved. Interacting with animals began to bring him out of his shell. His first volunteer position as a stray rescuer gave Sang-Hoo a sense of purpose that he hadn't found elsewhere.

Sang-hoo's involvement with KAPES' animal protection work kept him on the straight and narrow. He almost dropped out of school, but his love of animals gave him a reason to continue his studies: he wanted to become

an assistant veterinarian. After graduating high school, he studied at a vocational college to become a veterinarian aide.

As soon as he finished his advanced studies, Sang-Hoo had to fulfill his obligatory military service by becoming a Marine. His new job initially took him away from his chosen vocation, but because of health issues, he was granted permission by the government to work on stray animal management. While he completes his term of service, Sang-Hoo volunteers with KAPES on the weekends.



Sang-Hoo with his adopted Dachshund, Gami.



Sang-Hoo grooming a rescue.

Later this month when his commitment to the military ends, Sang-Hoo will join the KAPES staff full time. We look forward to welcoming him as bona fide staff.

## Shinhan Card Company Promotes High Tech Pet ID, Donates to KAPES

**I**n September and October of this year, the Shinhan Credit Company raised awareness for pet identification by promoting QR code tags as the premier method for locating lost pets. QR code, or quick response code, is an information-packed matrix barcode, which can be scanned by certain smartphones to open a webpage or download information. To promote the



A model and her model pup pose for a Shinhan QR code collar promo.

technology's use in pet ID, Shinhan manufactured 1,200 QR code collars for sale to the public and committed to donate a portion of the profits to KAPES. Shinhan also designed five diamond and crystal-studded QR code collars, four of which were given to Korean celebrities with dogs

and one of which was auctioned to benefit KAPES. The four celebrities whose dogs received Shinhan designer collars also promoted pet identification through their Twitter and Facebook pages.

Shinhan's QR code campaign is part of a larger program to raise awareness for animal protection. Recently, Shinhan hired Professor Ungjong Lee, respected animal trainer and host of the popular Korean TV show *Animal Farm*, to lead online educational seminars about pet care and owner responsibility. Also, in past years Shinhan supported animal protection organizations by donating 5% of Shinhan Card transactions to credit card users' charity of choice. KAPES was one of the charities enrolled in this program.

Shinhan is a leading example of the benefits of corporate responsibility. Our hats are off to Shinhan for committing themselves to serving the public by supporting animal protection.



A KAPES poster publicizing pet identification and QR code IDs.

## November Fundraiser



**T**he owner of the Hong-Ik University Music Café donated her space for a KAPES fundraiser on November 6, 2011. A pet owner and animal lover herself, the café's proprietor sympathized deeply with KAPES' mission.



Haesun addresses the attendees of the November fundraiser.

During the event, KAPES handed out pamphlets, educating attendees about KAPES' services, its mission, and objectives. Distributed materials particularly emphasized decreasing the number of strays on the street. Even when fundraising, we work to educate the public!



Haesun staff and volunteers celebrating the successes of the benefit at Hong-Ik University Music Café.

We'd like to extend a warm thank you from IAKA/KAPES to the Hong-Ik University Music Café's owner and staff for making the event a success!

## Update on Dogs Saved from Subpar Daejeon Animal Control Center

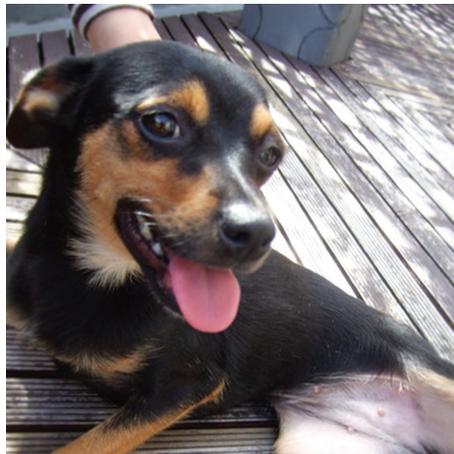
**I**n our spring 2011 issue, we included an article about eleven dogs that KAPES and Jung-Soon Park saved from an abysmal animal control center in Daejeon. We're happy to report that, after extensive grooming and medical care at AEC, Park's Daejeon shelter was able to place four of the eleven dogs with families in Japan and a few others with families in Korea.



Elmo, one of the lucky dogs who were adopted by families in Japan.

We are sad to report, however, that not all these adoptions met with a felicitous ending. Happy, one of the adopted dogs, was returned to

the Daejeon shelter in bad condition a year after his adoption. Happy became ill with skin tumors, and the adoptive owner decided he could no longer take responsibility for his pet's health. Happy's owner tied Happy to



Alla, another pup that the Daejeon Center was able to place in Japan.

a post outside Jung-Soon's shelter, abandoning the dog there without notifying anyone. When Jung-Soon found the dog outside, she tried to contact the owner, but he refused to pick up his phone.

With no help from Happy's owner, Jung-Soon turned to AEC to give Happy medical care. The skin tumors had spread so extensively that it took five hours of surgery to remove all of the growths. After surgery, Happy stayed on at AEC for two months, during



Sangkumi smiling happily in the arms of her new owner.

which time he recovered very well. Happy has returned to Daejeon shelter, where he awaits adoption once again. We hope Happy's new owner will treat Happy with the tenderness he deserves.

## Haesun Park Welcomes Jay and Bodo into Her Growing Animal Family



**T**wo miniature dogs with big personalities have joined KAPES Chairperson Haesun Park's growing family. The first of her new adoptees is a Yorkshire terrier named Jay. Haesun first met Jay when Jung-Soon Park from the Daejeon shelter brought him to the AEC clinic after a dramatic and complicated rescue. Jay had already passed through the hands of two cruel owners, and his health had suffered immensely as a result. Though Jay had somehow maintained his gentle demeanor, his bad health made him virtually unadoptable. So, Haesun made sure he would have a caring home; she adopted him herself.

Haesun's other new adoptee is a little Chihuahua named Bodo. Several young students found Bodo abandoned in a park and brought her to KAPES. KAPES tried to look for Bodo's owner by posting signs around the neighborhood, but no one responded. While at the AEC's clinic, the head vet had to extract Bodo's teeth because they were extremely rotten. When Haesun saw Bodo's toothless smile, she knew it would be difficult to find the dog a new family, so, once again, she opened the doors to her own home.



Haesun's pets. Outer photos, clockwise from lower left: Cocat, Dong-Dong (an older dog, who recently passed), Jucat, Pocat, Micat, Kamcat. Center: Haesun with Bodo, Jay, and Gyodong.

Haesun makes the point of adopting rescues that would not otherwise find homes because they are particularly old, deformed, or ill. She now has three dogs and five cats, with Jay and Bodo included. Her kindness and generosity continue to astound us.

## Two Stray Cats at Our Doorstep

**S**eoul is so rife with strays that we often don't have to go too far to find them. Sometimes they even show up on our doorstep. Just this month, Haesun Park found two cats that were making their homes right next to the Adoption and Education Center. Our rescue staff was able to trap them and bring them into the vet clinic without a hitch. One cat had previously undergone TNR (trap-neuter-return), and one hadn't been sterilized. KAPES' veterinarian fixed the unsterilized cat and gave both cats needed medical treatment.

With the surge in cat rescues this season, we've been confronted again with the fact that cat adoption rates are dismally low. Cats are still considered to be pests in Korean culture, and while we're working against this prejudice, we need to find a more immediate fix. To that end, we're interested in finding a bilingual (Hangeul and English) volunteer who can connect rescued strays with English-speaking expats in Seoul. We welcome any leads for suitable candidates.



Oscar, one of the cats rescued just outside the Adoption and Education Center.



Kitty, the parking garage rescue, is still recovering in KAPES' vet clinic. No one has expressed interest in adopting Kitty yet.

# Lucy Lu: A Korean Dog Makes a New Life in America

By Rosalyn Morrison, former KAPES Volunteer



I had been dreading my return home from South Korea for a long time. I couldn't imagine leaving without having completed all of my goals for animal protection. Too many strays still wandered the streets of Seoul, and too many still awaited slaughter at dog markets. My only consolation was that I'd saved at least one dog's life, that of my precious Lucy Lu.



Lucy wearing a little smirk and a pink bandanna.

Before I knew it, my date of departure had arrived. Lucy was locked in a crate and placed on the plane. She handled the trip back to the States bravely, perhaps even braver than I. Lucy's new life wasn't easy at first, but she

soon adjusted; rather, I should say we soon adjusted.



Lucy and Mowgli cuddling up together on the bed.

A month after our return home, I moved to Washington, D.C. to pursue a career in animal protection. I was homeless and virtually penniless, so my generous brother and his girlfriend agreed to keep Lucy for me while I looked for work and an apartment in D.C. At first, I was hesitant to leave Lucy with my brother because he and his girlfriend had their own dog, Mowgli. Thankfully, Lucy Lu and Mowgli fell utterly in love with each other.

The unlikely friendship between Lulu and Mowgli wasn't the only piece of luck that befell me. Just a week after I started as an intern at Animal Welfare Institute (AWI), I was offered a job

as a wildlife and legislative research assistant. My two years of animal advocacy in South Korea gave me the experience that I needed for my new position. Thanks to the opportunities offered to me through KAPES, I now have my dream job, working to protect the animals of the world.



Rosalyn and Lucy in the United States.

With a steady job and a pet-friendly apartment, I'm finally able to bring Lucy to D.C. with me. While I lived in Korea, Lucy served as an Ambassador Dog, showing the public that Neorongi make wonderful pets. With my current position at AWI, Lucy will once again take up her ambassadorial duties. I'm proud to campaign for Korean animals in the political capital of America with Lucy Lu at my side.

## Daejeon Shelter Partnership Flourishes, Dozens More Animals Saved

KAPES' ongoing partnership with Jung-Soon Park's Daejeon-based shelter continues to flourish, making the two organizations ever more efficient at rescuing animals and readying them for adoption. This fall, KAPES AEC staff visited the Daejeon shelter to give their rescued strays vaccinations, check-ups, and grooming services. Any animals at the shelter that were in need of hospitalization were temporarily moved to AEC in Seoul, then returned to the shelter once they'd received care.

The Daejeon shelter houses up to thirty cats and dogs at any given time, and KAPES AEC assists the shelter as new strays arrive. By giving these animals medical care and grooming services, KAPES significantly raises their chances of adoption. With our shared efforts, adoption rates from the Daejeon shelter are among the highest of all shelters in South Korea.



Dr. Ahn examines one of the rescues from Daejeon shelter.



## Don't Forget Our Beautiful Cards!

**T**he holiday season is upon us, and there's still time to send out cards to friends and family! Please consider our gorgeous animal-themed cards this season. All purchases benefit International Aid for Korean Animals, and each card's illustration spreads the message of humane treatment toward animals. The 5" x 7" cards are blank inside, and envelopes are included.

Here's how to order them: make a donation to IAKA in the amount of the purchase, and send us an email or letter notifying us of your purchase. Orders should indicate the date of payment and the names and quantities of the cards you'd like. Purchases can be made in cash, check, or with a credit card payment. Ten-packs are \$20 (US Dollars), including shipping and handling. All orders originating outside the US should be made in USD through a credit card donation (online or mail-in). You can order any combination of cards as long as the final quantity is a denomination of ten.



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