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## ABOUT IAKA/KAPES

IAKA (International Aid for Korean Animals) is a non-profit organization founded by Kyenan Kum in 1997 to promote animal protection and humane education in Korea. Since its inception Kyenan has worked tirelessly, campaigning worldwide to educate the international community about the difficult conditions for dogs and cats in Korea. A major victory for IAKA came in 2007 with the revision and strengthening of Korea's 1991 Animal Protection law, which IAKA had long campaigned and petitioned to improve.

KAPES was founded in late 2007 by Kyenan Kum and Haesun Park as a response to the newly strengthened Animal Protection law. The two activists realized that with stronger legal protections in place, direct protest of the government and of the meat trade would be less productive than eliminating the demand for dog and cat meat altogether, through hands-on education. The construction of a new Adoption and Education Center in Seoul, capital city of South Korea, is the first step towards teaching young Koreans about the humane treatment of animals and instilling them with a deep compassion for dogs and cats. With the new Animal Protection law in place, IAKA/KAPES seeks to work in partnership with the government to successfully affect positive change in Korean society. The time is finally right to eliminate the plight of Korea's dogs and cats.

Haesun Park (left) & Kyenan Kum (right), founders of the recently formed KAPES.



## THE PLIGHT OF KOREAN DOGS AND CATS

An astounding number of dogs and cats are tortured, killed and consumed every year in South Korea. These practices stem from a misguided belief in the mythical health benefits derived from such dishes as dog-meat stew (boshingtang) and cat juice (goyangi soju). Scientists and doctors, however, are quick to rebuke the supposed health claims of enhanced male virility and the alleviation of rheumatoid arthritis.

The plight of these animals is truly horrific. Whether raised on farms or in the city, the dogs suffer the same living conditions: cramped wire cages, dehydration, hunger, exposure to the elements, unsanitary conditions and abuse. Their lives end just as gruesomely as they began. They are hung by their necks and either bludgeoned with blunt objects or electrocuted. A blowtorch is then used to burn off the fur and brown the hide, sometimes while the dog is still alive. The violent killing methods are thought to tenderize the meat and improve its aphrodisiacal quality through a release of adrenaline. Meanwhile, cats endure a similar fate. They live in awful conditions and are either killed by being placed in a sack and pounded against the ground, or by being dropped alive into a cauldron of boiling water.

Claims of a venerable Korean tradition in dog-eating are far from true. Historically, dog-eating was a practice taken up during periods of starvation, especially during the Korean War. Then dogs began to be consumed by a few older men for mythical health benefits regarding virility and sometimes for the frail and sick. By the 1980s South Korea's amazing economic development did not bring an end to the desperate and marginal practice of consuming dogs, but instead turned it into a thriving new market based on lies and greed - long after much of Korea's wildlife and environment had already been exploited beyond repair.

Still, most South Koreans do not consume dog or cat, and the promotion of animal products has more to do with the dramatic distortion of truth for commercial profit than it does with Korean tradition.

We believe that continued international support and education are the only ways to bring about change. To end these abuses, a shift must first occur in the hearts and minds of Koreans.



### OUR MISSION

Is to raise awareness in Korean society, promote the humane treatment of animals, and to establish Korea's first Adoption and Education center in or near Seoul, capital city of South Korea.

### OUR PROGRAM

- Advocate the benefits and rewards of the human/animal relationship.
- Educate and promote the humane treatment of animals.
- Foster and train Korea's future animal protection advocates.
- Rescue, rehabilitate and rehome as many animals as possible.
- Continue our campaign to end the dog and cat meat trade.
- Community outreach, onsite education and training courses.
- Companion animal intake, behavioral or medical assessment
- Spay/neuter services