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LCA and ALW’s “Stop the Villain Truck” Campaign Calls for an End to the Dog Meat Trade in S. Korea

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA, March 7, 2019 (GLOBAL NEWSWIRE) — Last Chance for Animals (LCA) and S. Korean sister organization Animal Liberation Wave (ALW) have launched the “Stop the Villain Truck” campaign, urging the S. Korean National Assembly to review and pass MP Pyo Chang-won’s proposed amendment to the Animal Protection Act, which would ban the slaughter of dogs and cats for meat. The “villain truck” — which is filled with fake, stuffed dogs to resemble the real trucks used to transport dogs from farms to slaughterhouses — took to the streets of Seoul (S. Korea’s capital city) to raise awareness for the barbaric slaughter of dogs and demand a ban on this brutal industry.

MP Pyo Chang-won proposed amendment to the Animal Protection Act — originally introduced in June 2018 — is expected to be heard at the S. Korean National Assembly’s 2019 session, which commenced March 7. The current Animal Protection Act has been unsuccessful in protecting dogs, since it only prohibits and punishes killing animals in a brutal manner or “under unjustified reasons.” The passage of MP Pyo’s proposed amendment is crucial for outlawing the slaughter of dogs and cats and ending the country’s brutal dog meat trade.

In November 2018, LCA and ALW projected a light beam depicting “Stop Dog Meat” onto the National Assembly Dome to urge the prompt review and passage of MP Pyo’s bill. Founder of ALW Jiyeon Lee said, “While the opening of National Assembly’s February session is being delayed with party politics, countless dogs are continuously being loaded on “villain truck” and transported to illegal slaughterhouses.” She added, “The first National Assembly session of 2019 is upcoming, and this time MP Pyo’s amended Animal Protection Act must be tabled and reviewed as a meaningful step to finish the country’s notorious history of brutal dog slaughter.”

To garner support for MP Pyo’s bill, the “villain truck” gathered citizens’ messages in Hongdae Station in Seoul, S. Korea demanding the bill’s passage. LCA and ALW hand-delivered the messages to the National Assembly’s Agriculture, Food, Rural Affairs, Oceans & Fisheries Committee.

More information on LCA and ALW’s “Stop the Villain Truck” campaign can be found at StopDogMeat.com.

ABOUT LAST CHANCE FOR ANIMALS:

LCA is a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating animal exploitation through education, investigations, legislation, and public awareness campaigns. Since its formation in 1984, LCA has succeeded as one of the nation’s pioneer animal advocacy groups. LCA’s educational and public outreach programs have empowered the public to make positive changes for animals in their communities. For more information, visit <http://www.lcanimal.org/>.

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