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Los Angeles Protest Against Korean Dog Meat - Friday, August 5, 2016 Activists to gather at Korean Consulate to demand face-to-face meeting

Los Angeles, CA - International animal rights organization <u>Last Chance for Animals</u> (LCA) and other advocates will be protesting the Korean dog meat trade outside the South Korean Consulate on Friday, August 5 at 10:30 am. Additional event sponsors include Nami Kim of <u>SaveKoreanDogs.org</u> and Giny Woo of <u>KoreanDogs.org</u>.

The advocates are pursuing a face-to-face meeting with the Consul General, who has so far ignored multiple meeting requests.

Event details:

What: A protest to spread awareness of Korea's horrific dog meat industry and demand a meeting with Korean Consul General Lee Key-Cheol

When: Friday, August 5, 2016 from 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Where: South Korean Consulate - 3243 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90010

"I have reached out to the South Korean Consulate via emails, phone calls and a formal letter requesting a face-to-face meeting," said LCA Founder and President Chris DeRose. "Until this barbaric dog meat industry is banned by the Korean government, we will continue being a loud voice that the Consul General cannot ignore."

South Korea systematically breeds and raises dogs solely for the purpose of human consumption, and is the only country in the world with large-scale, commercial dog meat farms. Koreans claim that the more a dog suffers the better its meat tastes -- so many dogs are sadistically made to experience extreme fear and suffering prior to death. They're boiled alive, skinned alive, hung and beaten with metal rods.

"No country which permits this assault on companion animals can hope to be seen as civilized, modern or forward-thinking. South Korea does itself a huge disservice by ignoring this fact," commented Jack Carone, longtime Los Angeles animal advocate.

An estimated 2.5 million dogs and thousands of cats are brutally slaughtered and eaten each year in South Korea. This vile practice is protested around the world, and many Koreans are horrified by the dog meat trade in their home country. However, the Korean government has thus far failed to take any meaningful action.

Click this link to view a video about Korea's dog meat trade and the upcoming protest: https://youtu.be/b-GsJOZIRL0

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 organizations. Working internationally, LCA's Sam Simon Special Investigations Unit documents abuse in research labs, puppy mills, factory farms, and the entertainment industry, and works with prosecutors to enforce animal cruelty laws. LCA's educational and public outreach programs have empowered the public to make positive changes for the animals in their own communities