

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Johanna Rantala

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**Council File No:** 25-0193

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support City Council File ?25-0193?, which references City Council File ?19-0002?-S101, to end dog and cat meat trade in Hanoi, Vietnam. I am against the abuse and killing of dogs and cats. I would like Los Angeles to do what it can to stop the practice. Please vote yes on this Motion.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Frances-Marie Hankin

**Date Submitted:** 04/11/2025 07:22 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Our family wholeheartedly supports The Sister City motion introduced by Council member Bob Blumenfield and seconded by City Council President Marqueece Harris-Dawson. It would promote a progressive and symbiotic relationship between the two cities that could improve cultural, economic and educational interests — in addition to improving public health and animal welfare and set an example for other areas to follow. Multiple surveys in recent years conducted by international animal advocacy organizations show strong support among Vietnamese citizens for a ban on the dog and cat meat trade. A 2023 Nielsen poll commissioned by Humane World for Animals revealed that 68% support banning the dog meat trade and 71% support a ban on selling and eating cat meat. A FOUR PAWS survey found that 95% of respondents believe eating dog and cat meat is not part of Vietnamese culture. Studies have also found the trade is coming under increased scrutiny, and poses a major health risk for spreading rabies, which is endemic in Vietnam. The dogs suffer appalling conditions. Many of them are imported from Cambodia, Laos and Thailand. The creatures are crammed together in groups of about 10, in cages no larger than two square metres. Vendors typically kill them by striking their heads with plywood, then stabbing them in their hearts. Afterwards they put their bodies into a fur-removing machine before burning their skins. Most of the killing process is conducted in clear view of other living dogs, who will soon be next. Now it is time for Vietnam to step up to the plate and follow the humane lead of South Korea. Approximately 5 million dogs are brutally killed each year for dog meat in Vietnam. That's more than 13,000 dogs a day. Dogs are beaten to death, hanged, bled out from a cut to the throat or groin, thrown conscious into large drums of boiling water, and killed in other cruel ways. Prior to their deaths, the dogs are kept and transported in unimaginably horrible conditions. In addition, one million cats are also killed and eaten in Vietnam each year. We thank the Los Angeles City Council from the bottom of our hearts for their commitment to driving change for the abused and beleaguered dogs and cats of Vietnam, and for their exemplary compassion.