

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I support the “Sister City Project,” establishing a sister city relationship with Hanoi, CONTINGENT upon a commitment to ban or phase out the dog and cat meat trade, and help stop this cruelty! Imagine the terror of a beloved family pet, snatched from their home, crammed into a cage, and transported for days without food or water. This is the reality for millions of dogs and cats in Vietnam, victims of a brutal and inhumane trade. These animals endure unimaginable suffering, from the moment they are stolen or bred in puppy-fattening farms to their final, agonizing moments in slaughterhouses. The dog and cat meat trade is not a cultural tradition; it’s a cycle of cruelty that demands our urgent attention. Furthermore, this industry poses a significant threat to public health. The unsanitary conditions and unregulated nature of the trade create a breeding ground for diseases like rabies, putting both animals and humans at risk. Beyond the health concerns, there’s a fundamental ethical question: can we, as a society, condone the systematic torture and slaughter of sentient beings? While the dog and cat meat trade persists in Vietnam, including the existence of farms specifically breeding dogs for slaughter, there’s a powerful and growing movement of people who want to see it end. Within Vietnam and across the globe, voices are rising to condemn the cruelty and demand change. Younger generations, in particular, are leading the charge, recognizing that compassion for animals reflects a progressive and humane society. We must amplify these voices and create real, lasting change. Let’s work together to create a Vietnam where dogs and cats are safe from fear and pain and treated with the respect they deserve.