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Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to ask that in the current negotiations with the Chinese government, the Chinese agree to abolish the forthcoming Lychee and Dog Meat Festival and ensure this type of event is never repeated again. The timing for this request could not be better. The annual event is occurring on June 19, 2019.

The event entails the torture and consumption of dogs. While I can't argue against consuming dog meat as part of our reliance on animals as food, the torture is beyond conscionable and at odds with global efforts to advance as a modern and humane society.

The actions engaged in blow torching the dogs' to immersing them in boiling pots of water – all while they are still alive is horrific. The dreadful nature of the activity, depicted in the photos attached, is compounded by the enjoyment being derived from it. This is not a small event; over 100 thousand people participate and is indicative of a flawed culture.

We put enormous sanctions on countries engaged in far less brutal behavior.

The benefits to your current negotiations of ending this event are as follows:

1. It would demonstrate that the USA stands for the humane treatment of not only humans but animals.
2. There are more than 46 million households that keep dogs as pets in the USA, including mine. I believe 100% of the voters, approximately 100 million that own pets, would view your administration in an extremely positive manner in taking steps towards ending such cruelty.

3. Such a development would clearly demonstrate that the common Democrat rhetoric, that it is “all about money” for the current administration, would have no basis in fact.

4. It would also allow the Chinese an opportunity to demonstrate that they care about both people and animals, bolstering their moral standing in the world that is seen by many as lacking.

5. Lastly, it is extremes that tip the needle; the photos of this festival are so horrific that most Americans would applaud such an effort, driven by a truly pioneering President and First Lady.

For my part, my motivation is as a dog owner and lover – a photo of mine is attached. It is heart breaking to see this festival continues to exist and I believe that the Trumps can eradicate this behavior.

I hope you will consider this in light of the timing of the forthcoming festival (June 19, 2019), as another example of the great things you are doing, and lastly, because it is just wrong.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Lekas', is written over a large, loopy, handwritten flourish that extends across the signature and underlines the name.

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Me and Logan (Belgium Malinois)

Videos:

<https://fightdogmeat.com/2017/01/18/china-live-dog-burned-alive-for-dog-meat/>

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/video/news/video-1385053/Shocking-footage-dog-boiled-alive-steamer.html>

Pictures:

