

AFA 2010 Resolutions

The Asia for Animals (AFA) Conference, the largest, most representative Asian animal protection conference, passed the following resolutions at the AFA Conference in Singapore (more than 390 delegates from 26 countries, representing more than 200 organisations), on 18th January 2010.

Calls for the Wildlife Reserves Singapore to¹:

- End the circus style elephant shows.
- Improve the living conditions for the ocelots and cougars, according to the ACRES Acceptable Standards for the Well-Being of Animals.
- Improve the living conditions for the show animals at the Night Safari according to the ACRES Acceptable Standards for the Well-Being of Animals.

Calls for the Government of Singapore to²:

- Implement and/or support TNR programmes that are not only more effective but are also more humane than culling, as a method of long term stray population management.

Calls for the AVA and Town councils to²:

- Revive the discontinued Stray Cat Rehabilitation Scheme.
- Acknowledges with deep concern the increase in the numbers of animals sacrificed during religious events and festivals³.

Calls for all Governments of Asia to³:

- Ban the use of animals in blood sacrifices.

Urges religious leaders to³:

- End the suffering of animals involved in animal sacrifices and promote non-animal alternatives.

Calls for all Governments of Asia to⁴:

- End bear farming and all trade in bear products.
- Cease dog and cat culling
- Cease the consumption of dogs and cats.

Calls for all Governments of Asia to⁵:

- Reduce farming of animals that releases methane into the air and contributes to climate change.

Calls for all Governments of Asia to⁶:

- End the keeping of wild animals in circuses and traveling menageries.
- Ensure all animals in zoos and other captive animal facilities are provided with conditions that meet their species-specific needs.
- Phase out the keeping of wild animals as pets.

Calls for all Governments of Asia to⁷:

- Recognize animals as sentient beings.
- Support the Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare.

Calls for the Government of South Korea to⁸:

- Ban the consumption and trade in dog and cat meat.
- Work towards the introduction of legislation to guarantee the welfare of farm animals.
- End the hunting of wild animals.
- Ban classroom dissections.

Calls for the Government of Nepal to⁹:

- Raise a global and common voice to control widespread poaching of the Greater one horned Asian rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros unicornis*) in coordination with the national conservation organizations which are working to control rhino poaching.

Call for the Government of Philippines to¹⁰:

- End the dog meat trade.
- Work closely with animal protection NGOs to improve enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act, which prohibits dog and horse fighting.
- End the exploitation of animals in zoos.
- Ensure all animals in zoos and other captive animal facilities are provided conditions that meet their species specific needs.
- End the exploitation of animals in the tourism industry.
- End the trade in wildlife.
- Integrate humane education into the national education system.
- Make spay neuter programmes for companion animals, a government policy.
- Make government pounds animal welfare friendly.
- Ensure that humane slaughter policies for food animals are strictly followed.
- Not allow greyhound racing to take place in the Philippines.
- Aim for a rabies-free Philippines by 2015 through vaccinations and education.
- Ban the importation of elephants.
- Ban the importation and exportation of dolphins.

Calls for the AVA to¹¹:

- Not grant a license for the importation of dolphins into Singapore by Resorts World of Sentosa.

Calls for the HDB to¹¹:

- Permit the keeping of cats and medium-sized dogs in HDB flats.

Calls for the Government of Taiwan to¹²:

- Criminalize the possession, use, buying and selling of gin traps, snares, glue traps and other inhumane trapping devices.

Calls for the Government of Australia to¹³:

- Commit funding to improving the detection of CITES Appendix I products being imported into the country.

Calls for the Governments of Asia to¹⁴:

- Strive for a "Crime Control Bureau" which would connect all the nations of Asia through a network of Individuals and organizations who are experienced in this field, for animal related crimes.

Calls for the CITES MA of Qatar to¹⁵:

- End the local trade of wildlife in Doha.

Resolutions proposed by:

1. ACRES
2. Action for Singapore Dogs, Animal Lovers League and Cat Welfare Society
3. Animal Nepal
4. Animals Asia Foundation
5. Blue Cross of India
6. Born Free Foundation
7. Indonesian Vegetarian Society
8. Korean Animal Welfare Association
9. Delegates from Nepal at AFA Singapore 2010
10. All Philippine Animal Welfare Groups present at AFA Singapore 2010
11. SPCA Singapore
12. Taiwan SPCA
13. Individual
14. Azam Siddiqui (India)
15. Individual