

VIOLENCE AND MISTREATMENT AGAINST DOGS IN MYANMAR

As the stray dog population in Myanmar continues to increase, more dogs are killed and violently mistreated due to the negative norms and stigmas that have been deep-rooted into society.

STIGMAS AGAINST STRAY DOGS

Dogs are seen as nuisances, and in some cases threats as people worry that they are susceptible to catching rabies from these stray dogs. Due to this, people are often in support of the culling campaigns carried out in the country where dogs are poisoned. However, these improper population maintenance methods will only cause the stray dog population to grow, thus the negative norms and stigmas will continue to worsen. Adopting or taking home a stray dog is not common in Myanmar as they are perceived as "dirty".

ACTIVE VIOLENCE

The mixed opinions and growing distaste towards stray dogs has led to many instances of violence against stray dogs in Myanmar. Ms. Just, the founder of YAS (Yangon Animal shelter), has witnessed numerous cases where dogs are stabbed, hit, thrown, and even killed are becoming more and more prevalent.

VIOLENCE IN PUPPY MILLS

When people look to getting a dog, they often look into buying a costly, cute dog of a certain breed. But unfortunately, much like stray dogs in Myanmar, these dogs are incredibly mistreated. These dogs live in filthy conditions without adequate food, water, or veterinary care; and when the dogs can no longer breed, they are either abandoned or killed.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- There are many ways to contribute to helping this cause. It is crucial to **spread the word** and educate one another on this issue. Stray dogs are incredibly friendly but unfortunately, many do have rabies due to the poor population maintenance methods and lack of **support towards CNVR** (capture, neuter, vaccinate, and release). So please do inform and raise awareness!
- Most importantly, **supporting the adopt don't shop campaign** will help get dogs from shelters into a loving home whilst making room to get more stray dogs off the streets.
- If you believe in this cause, **support and donations towards YAS** (Yangon Animal Shelter) will help tremendously and your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

