



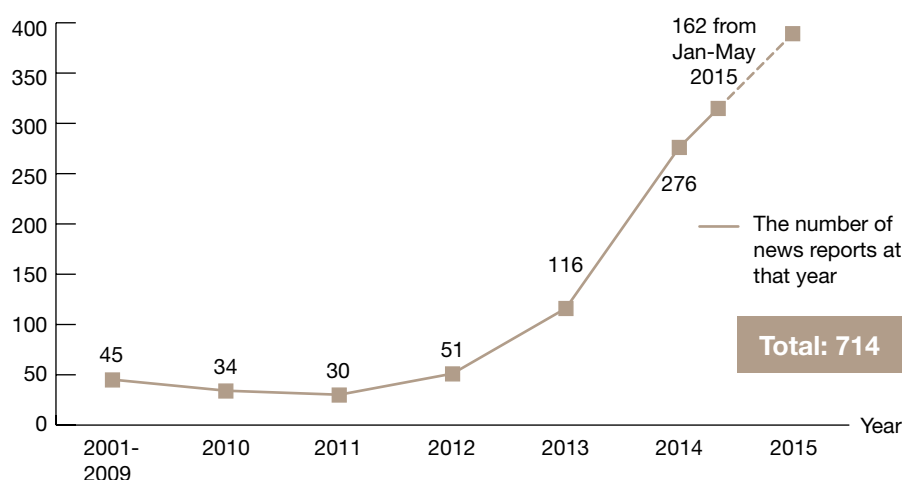
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This report is the second of a series of four Animals Asia reports into the dog meat industry in China. Our groundbreaking research over four years is set to expose the horrifying reality of a trade riddled with crime and extreme cruelty.

To gain more understanding of the China's black-market trade in cat and dog meat, we compiled a collection of 714 Chinese news reports on the subject from 2001 to May 2015 (not including articles that had been reposted or distributed through news agencies). The articles originate from 29 provincial-level areas throughout the country. The number of news reports of each year is:



As cases of dogs or cats going missing or being stolen are often underreported to the authorities, media coverage is relatively weak, and we can assume that these stories are just the tip of the iceberg. The reports point to an alarming increase in violent confrontation between dog owners and the thieves who steal them for the meat trade, with almost 100 reports of injuries and deaths, including more than 60 cases from 2014 to April 2015, including 19 cases causing death.

The articles point to the crossbow – laced with poison or anaesthetic – as the weapon favoured by dog-snatchers. The crossbow is a strictly controlled weapon in China, but it is the criminals' "best partner", as it makes the job of snatching dogs easy and efficient.

For consumers though, the news is not good. These poisoned or drugged cats and dogs are being served on dinner tables around China. As well as the cocktail of chemical residue in the meat, hygiene standards are extremely low through the chain of abuse from street to market to restaurant.

The news reports also point to other crimes being committed as spin-offs of the trade, for instance, dog thieves often use cars with fake licence plates to avoid being caught by public security officials.

Overall, the media reports show that the social problems associated with cat and dog theft are far-reaching and many of these problems are being ignored.

The following are rough translations of excerpts from some of the media reports:

1. Rampant theft yields staggering profits, black industry chain has formed, and the law must be enforced.
2. Cats & dogs stealing and snatching cases cause human casualties, trigger social contradiction, and pose a huge hazard to society.
3. Poison and anesthetic become effective tools for crime, and food safety problems emerge endlessly.

4. "Selling dog-meat under the label of a sheep's head", sick cats & dogs are all sold, and layer upon layer of problems are alarming.
5. Experts of different territories point out problems behind dog meat consumption, severe law and food safety risks exist.

1. Rampant theft yields staggering profits, black industry chain has formed, and the law must be enforced.

Southern Metropolis Daily in-depth report, 2012-12-13: Former "dog rustler" tells he inside story -- earning over RMB 1,000 by stealing three dogs a night.

http://epaper.oeeee.com/epaper/J/html/2012-12/13/content_2181027.htm?div=-1

Since winter, dog snatching incidents occurred frequently in Huizhou. Not a few dog owners wonder, "What kind of a motive force on earth is driving people to risk their lives to rob a dog?" Recently, former dog thief Ali (alias) still clearly remembers the colossal profits he reaped the first time he stole dogs, "In four hours that day, I stole 6 dogs, and "Boss" gave me RMB 800. I was petrified, as it's nearly my half a month's salary for doing work for others." It is such big money with a small capital that made Ali willing to risk his life.

After making a secret investigation, Southern Metropolis Daily reporter learns that the snatched dogs mainly go to dog meat shops and that a black chain similar to an industry chain is hidden behind the stealing, snatching, and poisoning of dogs. By snatching a dog, one can reap profit more than RMB 300. At present, the source of most slaughtered dog meat in Huizhou City is unclear, and the supervision of dog meat is also a blank.

Dog-missing Event Log

Crazy dog stealing: From theft to a burglary with a knife

Oct.26, Xinggang Village, Pingtan Town, Huiyang District

Early in the morning that day, three men drove a white van into the village. When found while stealing the dog at the gate of a household, a dog rustler took out hacking knife to threaten the household and took away the dog. A villager drove a car to chase them and bumped into the van. Then the dog rustlers were attacked by many villagers who caught up, killing one and injuring another.

Nov.16, Shangliao Village, Yunshan, Huicheng District

At about 07:30 that day, three gangsters each holding a knife broke into three households of vegetable growers, threatened them with knives and snatched five dogs, one of which was a purebred sled dog.

Nov.20, Zhongkai High-tech Zone Dongsheng Village

At 07:30 that day, three men drove a silver white van, and two of them each holding a knife broke into the house of Ms. Zhang in Dongsheng Village, Zhongkai High-tech Zone, snatched a famous dog Samoyed, knocked down the owner to the ground and ran away in the van.

Nov.21, Weibu Village, Qiuchang Town, Huiyang District

That day, 4 men riding two motorcycles came to Hanchang Flowers& Trees Garden, Weibu Village, Qiuchang Town, Huiyang District, and one man shot a dog with a dart. When the owner found this, the man shot a dart at the owner and robbed him of the shot dog to his face – the whole process lasted less than 3min.



In a dog-selling spot in Jiangbei, an adult dog locked behind iron bars is looking out from time to time

Inside Story

Colossal Profits

Boss reaps profit RMB 2,000 a day

Behind dogs snatching, what enticing colossal profits on earth are driving people to rack their brains and risk their lives to do such an illegal activity?

Ali now still clearly remembers the colossal profits he reaped in Nov. 2010, when he stole dogs for the first time. That day, from 03:00 to 07:00, he stole 6 dogs from a certain village in Ruhu Town, Huicheng District. "At that time, because it's the first time I stole dogs, boss said he would give me some more money, just to boost my self-confidence." Ali later got RMB 800 from his "Boss", "I was petrified, this is nearly my half a month's salary when working in Dongguan." Just when Ali was so excited, his sworn brother Abiao secretly told him that the "Boss" lied to him, as the "Boss" took more – the 6 dogs could sell at least RMB 2,500.

Ali came from Hunan, and when he was drifting along in the society in 2011, he was introduced by Abiao to "Boss", with whom he stole dogs for some time. Later, feeling underpaid by the "Boss" and knowing that a friend was caught by the police while stealing dogs in Boluo, he decided to "get out of the game" and stole dogs no more. After that, he followed Abiao to do decoration business.

Ali said that many dog thieves and snatchers were unemployed. They were introduced by a friend to "Boss", and "Boss" provided the van and the tools for stealing and snatching the dogs. "The tools are very simple -- a lasso, a hacking knife, and a wood stick". Vans are all fake-licensed cars, so that even if it's shot by the camera, it's very hard to trace it. "The boss does not care where we get the dogs, it doesn't matter we go out of the province, as long as we can get it."

"In fact, very little money goes to our hands, and most of the money goes to the boss," speaking of which, Ali's anger is not yet appeased. "As for the stolen dogs," he continued, "boss gives us three yuan /500g, and when he sells them, it's 15 yuan /500g for live dogs and 10 yuan /500g dead one." Winter is approaching, a lot of dog meat shop owners will come to boss ask for goods, and he can get at least 10-20 dogs a day, and sometimes 30-40 dogs, and each weighs above 15kg, so he can reap profit nearly RMB 300. In a day, the boss will earn at least RMB 2,000. What made Ali most resentful is that the dog buyer resources are all held by the boss, and most of them knew the source of the dogs, but never asked.

"The profit here is tremendous. When we do decoration business, we work like a dog but earn a little money, but they can get several thousand yuan a month," while showing the scars as a result of being scratched by the dogs when stealing, Ali told the reporter, after being familiar with the environment in Huizhou or Dongguan, a lot of people would fly solo with some partners, and act as the "Boss" himself. Generally, goods are directly sent to dog meat shops, or recommended by friends at the market stalls to others.

A solo dog snatcher's business is flexible, and he has no fixed trading place but only contact information. As long as the dog snatcher is familiar with the dog buyers, they will initiatively find the dog snatcher to agree on a meeting place, and usually the goods delivery is very quick. "Those bosses selling dog meat do like make deals with such dog snatchers, because their price is lower than that of the Boss." Some would rent a place in the remote suburbs to specially place dogs, and when the dogs accumulate to a certain number, they will be transported to the farmers market. "Supposing a dog weighs 15kg, one dog can reap profit RMB 300-400, and by stealing three dogs a night I will be able to earn over RMB 1,000." Ali admitted undisguisedly that, driven by such colossal profits, in those years he also wanted to buy a second-hand van, use a fake plate, and do it alone, and then go home after making some money by dog snatching.

Tricks of the Trade

"Anesthetic needle" puts down a dog instantly

These media reported dog stealing, snatching events have a clear characteristic -- they almost all took place in early morning. And insider Abiao (alias) told Southern Metropolis Daily reporter a more detailed, professional content.

Abiao comes from Huangshi, Hubei, and is Ali's sworn brother, used to be "drifting along" in Chenjiang, Zhongkai District. In 2010, he was responsible for weighing and slaughtering at a stolen-dog collection spot. Abiao was highly vigilant when initially talking with the Southern Metropolis Daily reporter, and he only told the reporter that although he associated with dog stealers everyday, he was never directly involved in whether stealing or snatching dogs and that he quit working there long ago. Later, after many times of contact, he described to the reporter the "tricks" for stealing dogs.

He said, in the very beginning, it's "picking up dogs", that is, stray dogs on the road, that method is cruel -- kill the dog directly with a stick and then carry it away. Later they began to steal dogs, "Because killing the dog with a stick is easy to be noticed, so the technology is improved -- use a lasso to put around the dog's neck and tie it tight, and the dog can hardly make a sound. But this is the lowest way, often used by novices."

As the temptation is great, dog stealing slowly evolved into dog snatching, and a more cruel method is adopted: use a professional blowpipe loaded with an anesthetic needle, choose the target, aim, and blow strongly, then the anesthetic needle will be shot to the dog's body. No matter how fierce the dog is, it will be motionless after a short while, seeming to be dead, but actually it's still alive. Some dog thieves put medical diethyl ether in the dough or cooked meat, and throw it to the dog, and once the dog smells, it will faint, and it will be so easy to steal the dog.

"A lot of people find their dog missing, and think it's lost at night, but actually it is a misconception," Abiao said, "dog stealers and snatchers usually choose to do it at 04:00-06:00 in the early morning because, on the one hand, people's alertness at this time is lower, making it easy to scout and take action, and on the other hand some old men and the rich women at this time will come out to walk the dog. This is called "incidental action" -- seeing an old man is walking a dog on the road, they will snatch it onto the van by the way, and they wouldn't bother to enter the houses.

How to make a deal

Dogs ordering, stealing and selling are all linked with one another

Ali is not clear when exactly "Boss" started to steal dogs, and only know that he was buying and selling sheep in secret before, "they are no underworld organization, the so-called Boss is only the way we call him, but he is a nice man, anyway." When Ali was introduced by Abiao to Boss, Boss even gave him some nice clothes. However, Ali was strictly disallowed to participate in selling the dogs.

In the winter of 2010, a steady flow of people came to ask for Boss. Later Ali knew that these people were dog meat shop owners from Huizhou City, and some from Dongguan. Most of them came to Boss to order dogs, and some came to select dogs, and once they were done with selection, they would pay the money and take the dogs away. Ali said, punks like him went to steal the dogs, sold cheap to people like Boss, Boss sold to dog meat shop owners, and the shop owners would then sell it to the diners at a high price. This way, a complete chain is formed.

"Let me calculate for you: dog meat is 15 yuan /500g in a dealer's hand, and becomes 60 yuan /500g on the dining table. The dogs are not raised by themselves, how huge will the profit be?" Ali thought, the money earned at each link in the chain is easy money, and on one losses money except the dog owners.

According to Ali, the stolen or snatched dogs are not necessarily sold on the same day. Sometimes the dogs will accumulate to a lot, waiting for a bigger dealer to buy, and then are transported concentratedly to somewhere else. Those solo dealers are more flexible, they will initiatively get in touch with dog meat shop owners, and some will directly make contact with the bosses of market stalls boss, who will recommend the solo dealers to dog meat shop owners. If some rare dogs are not injured, they will be sent to another city or another province and then sold to a pet store.

Strait News, 2010-10-22: In secret investigation of Xiamen dog meat black market, butcher shop boss says most rural dogs are stolen.

<http://news.fznews.com.cn/dsxw/2010-10-22/20101022c7Ti6Vco3391432.shtml>

In autumn, more than 300 rural dogs in several villages in Tong'an are successively missing, including Xiadun Village, and the villagers are boiling with anger. A villager who lost his dog tipped staff reporter off that there was a dog meat industry cluster between Tong'an Motion Picture City and Xinyu Town. "They steal dogs from the villages, and sell the dogs to slaughter houses, which will then sell to farmers market or restaurants. 'A coordinated-process industry chain ' has formed here'", the villager said, but they dare not speak up though very angry, because they have "dominated here for at least 7-8 years", and if the villagers dared to pry their profit chain, they would "take the consequences".

In Xiangan District, a dog meat processing point boss who did not want to be named told the reporter that the dog meat sold on the market and in the restaurants was generally from rural dogs. As to their source, the boss talked straight: "They are all stolen or snatched from the villages by professional dog thieves, including the stray dogs on the street!" "You will need to pay money to purchase rural dogs, but you don't need to pay to steal or snatch, and only in this way can the dog meat be cheap. Otherwise, how can dog meat be only 2-3 yuan more expensive than pork now? "

Nanfang Daily, 2014-05-23: A dog snatched aboard in 5 seconds, over 100 dogs snatched a day.

http://epaper.nfdaily.cn/html/2014-05/23/content_7307640.htm

In less than 5 seconds, a pet dog was snatched aboard the van and taken away! Recently, Haizhu police busted a super-large dog stealing & snatching gang. This is a regional gang fleeing hither and thither in Guangzhou. The gang members have a clear division of labor, someone is responsible for driving the van for stealing & snatching the dogs, and some are specially responsible for purchasing and disposal of stolen goods. At most, the gang could steal and snatch over 100 dogs a day, what a shocking number! Except for a few rare dogs sold to some kennels, the stolen dogs are mostly sold to restaurants in Guangzhou, Foshan, Jiangmen, etc.

When people's policemen showed their identity in the den in Tanwei Village, Liwan District and were ready to make lawful arrest of the criminal suspects, several suspects refused to cooperate and came at the policemen with iron rods and knives, pushing and assaulting the policemen, and resisting the arrest. To control the situation and arrest the criminal suspects, the policemen fired a warning shot according to law, rapidly brought the situation under control, and soon afterwards arrested 11 suspects with Guan (male, 49, from Wengyuan, Guangdong) as the gang leader.



On May 22, Guangzhou police display the dog-stealing tools they have seized. -- Shot by Ma Qiang, a Southern Metropolis Daily reporter.

Afterwards, the people's policemen seized 58 stolen dogs in the den, all of which were stolen or snatched by the gang from Guangzhou during 05:00-10:00 the same day. In addition, the police also seized 6 vans for committing the crime, lassos, pliers, iron cages and iron rods for stealing & snatching the dogs, as well as tools for criminal purpose such as cook choppers, electric shocker, and false license plates.

Tools for criminal purpose and modus operandi

Use a lasso self-made with iron wire or more than 1m long big pliers. When committing the crime, the gang members stand by the van door, stretch the tools for criminal purpose out of the van to catch the dog's neck, and then accelerate the vehicle, thereby forcibly pulling the dog onto the van. The whole process was less than 5 seconds.

Youth.cn, 2015-01-14: Investigation of the source of domestic dog meat: most stolen or snatched, live dogs & dead dogs two lines

http://news.youth.cn/gn/201501/t20150114_6406507.htm

Meat dogs farm hard to be found in “major dog-raising county”.

Not far away from Fankuai Dog Meat Factory, a Youth.cn reporter noticed a dog meat restaurant, the owner of which was clearing up newly slaughtered dogs. “These dogs are mostly collected from other places, now is the off-season, and the average price of the dogs is less than five yuan/jin, and about 20 dogs can be collected at a time.” The boss also told the reporter, “They are all collected, I haven’t heard about raising meat dogs.”

The restaurant owner’s words were not a lie. The reporter visited several senior “fresh dog meat” processing households in Pei County, and was similarly told that raw dogs were “collected from other places”, and “No one is raising meat dogs here, it can’t make a profit at all”.

On Dec.26, 2014, when the reporter called to check with Fan Xiantao’s Pei County Fankuai Dog Meat Products Co., Ltd., the worker who answered the phone explicitly told the reporter, “We haven’t kept dogs for a long time.”

However, when being interviewed by Youth.cn reporter, Fan Xiantao’s statement was much different from the above worker: “We are still keeping meat dogs, but only a very few, and mostly are raised by the peasants in the villages in Pei County -- a “company plus farmer” model.” But he did not disclose any further details.

A senior dog-raising householder Ding Hanghu drew up an account for the reporter: A grown-up dog weighs about 40 jin, and it needs to be fed for 6-8 months; calculated as per the lowest feeding cost -- 2 yuan a day, it needs 360 yuan, and plus the pup cost, vaccine cost, it will add up to more than 400 yuan, while the price of live dogs is generally 6-7 yuan per jin, and in the off-season it’s only 4-5 yuan per jin, so there is no way one can make money raising the so-called dogs for meat.

A major dog meat processing household reveals the secret source

“No meat dogs are raised in Pei County, and there is no such thing as meat dogs”, Zhang Jin shook his head and said. He also disclosed that “About ten years ago, we had such meat dog breeds as ‘Subei Black’ and ‘Subei Yellow’, it’s all a trick, to trick people into buying pups, and nobody is doing it now.”

Zhang Jin told the reporter, the live dogs he slaughter come mainly from Hua County and Shangqiu of Henan, Xinzhou of Shanxi, Anhui, and along the Yellow River in Shandong. “Most are purchased from Shangqiu, Henan, because the dog price there is relatively cheap, and there are more small dogs and middle-sized dogs there, so I mainly purchase from there, and some from the rest places. Big dogs are expensive, and I mainly purchase from the Northeast.”

According to Zhang Jin, dogs are divided into three classes: 20-40 jin are big dogs, 10-20 jin are middle-sized dogs, and <10 jin are small dogs.

“These live dogs are mostly stolen by the dealers, and some are collected by the dealers. Small dealers sell to big dealers, and we only collect dogs from big dealers.” Zhang Jin told the reporter.

Despite knowing that the dogs supplied to them were mainly stolen, Zhang Jin was not too worried, “Even if the dogs purchased are found to have been stolen, there will be no big problem as long as the book price is not lower than the market price. For example, market price of a jin of dog meat 6 yuan, and you collect at 2 yuan, then this batch of goods must be problematic. So you can’t collect excessively low-price dogs.”

“Has anyone come to claim the stolen dogs?” asked the reporter.

“Occasionally, but never mind, unless the public security organ comes, when we will have to submit the supplier’s information to the police.” Zhang Jin said. He told the reporter, he had many suppliers, “If we are out of stock because of the weather or other reasons, we can always provide for a rainy day”.

Zhang Jin estimated that the big or small dog meat shops in Pei County totally would slaughter about 1500-2000 dogs a day. But as far as he knew, none of these dogs are raised regularly, “No one is raising meat dogs, because it’s impossible to make money.”

According to Zhang Jin, at present there are generally three ways to steal dogs: one is to make a snare with a thin iron wire, one is to mix a piece of meat with cyanide, and the third is to shoot with a crossbow and poison dart. “As for shooting with a crossbow, some use cyanide, and some use anesthetics -- those for rapid general anesthesia at hospitals. Many of the dogs we collected were having an iron wire round their necks.”

When the reporter asked if a person eating poisoned dog meat would have food poisoning, Zhang Jin said, “Generally speaking, the dosage is not big, and besides, a person at most eats half a plate of dog meat, so he won’t feel anything at the moment.”

Some online videos vividly record the “professionalism” of dog stealers: the dog stealer is fast, accurate and relentless in snaring dogs, as they could catch a dog in no more than two seconds – putting the snare around the dog’s neck in one second, and pulling it onto the car in another second; they even dare to take action in the presence of the dog owner -- the dog stealer hits the brakes beside the dog, his partner opens the car door and casts an iron snare in the blink of an eye, and by a snare-and-pull, the poor dog has gone into the car. Hearing the dog’s scream, the owner turns round to chase, only to see the car rapidly driving away.

“Two lines” -- live dogs & dead dogs

As a matter of fact, the dog meat business seems all alike, but there is ‘much behind it’. Zhang Jin disclosed that, in Pei County, there are “two lines”: live dogs and dead dogs.

Surprisingly, a famous local dog meat manufacturer which often advertised itself online was exposed to have been mainly processing dead dog meat. “We do live dogs, they do dead dogs, and they also do some live dogs symbolically, pretentiously.” Zhang Jin said “Dead dog meat and frozen dog meat do not taste good, mainly skinned dogs, and such bad dog meat is generally made into packaged dog meat. Frozen dog meat, I dare not say 100% is bad dog meat, but at least 95% is bad dog meat.”

Zhang Jin told the reporter that he knew at least four in Pei County specializing in dead dog meat. “Although it’s not in direct conflict with us, it ruins the reputation of Pei dog meat. Many non-locals eating such dog meat think that this is what Pei dog meat tastes like, but in fact what they have eaten is all made of dead dog meat, not live dogs.”

“Those who process bad dog meat have made a fortune.” Zhang Jin told the reporter, “Bad dog meat is packaged well, and 1.8 jin sells 75 yuan. But the cost of bad dog meat is lower by 1/3 and even 1/2 than live dog meat.” Of course, the risk is also big, “a friend of mine was arrested for a while ago because of dead dogs.”

This is not nonsense. According to Paper of Criminal Sentence of the People’s Court of Pei County, Jiangsu (2014) PXCZ No. 413 the reporter consulted, ‘Knowing that Lv et al (all sentenced) were using dogs poisoned with poison or poison darts, the defendant still bought them, processed into dog meat, and sold it to others for consumption, which constitutes “a crime of producing and selling toxic and hazardous food”’.

“At present, the packaged dog meat sold in Pei County supermarkets is almost all made of dead dog meat, and rarely from live dogs.” Zhang Baolian also told the reporter. Zhang Baolian is the son of Zhang Jiwei, boss of “Zhang Jiwei Fresh Dog Meat Shop”, and he helps his father take care of the shop.

Zhang Baolian said he once worked at a company which mainly processed dead dog meat. “They used dead dogs, which sometimes had gone bad dead dogs.” He told the reporter that he personally skinned dead dogs, the bad, moldy dog meat smelled terrible, and skinning one dog cost 2 yuan. “Dog meat made of live dogs and that made of dead dogs can be distinguished through the taste.”



Crossbow commonly used by dog stealer, photo taken by Youth.cn's reporter Su Xiqiang

The Procuratorate Daily, 2015-04-09: “Qualified” poisonous dog meat

http://newspaper.jcrb.com/html/2015-04/09/content_183685.htm

Mar. to Jul., 2014, criminal suspect Mao Ping and Mao Si stole dogs in Changde, Changsha, etc. by shooting with crossbows and poison darts, and then sold the dead dogs at 4.5 yuan/jin to Changde dealer Zhou Deyou. To pocket the difference, Zhou Deyou resold the dogs at about 6 yuan/jin to Changsha dog meat shop owners Liu An, Li Feng and Kong Xiang. After simple processing, the three dog meat shops sold the dogs on the food market at about 11 yuan/jin to the citizens. According to statistics, before the disclosure of the crime, the poisonous dog meat they sold on market reached 3, 000 jin; after the disclosure of the crime, an inventory of more than 4, 000 jin poisonous dog meat was discovered and seized.

In turns out that, Zhou Deyou earlier was doing the business of collecting live dogs, and later some dog stealers sold to him dead dogs shot with poison darts at a low price. He felt this was more profitable than doing live dogs business, but he couldn't pass the quarantine, so he thought of turning to He Bing (pseudonym), a neighbor who worked at Dajinggang Town Quarantine Station of Anxiang County Animal Health Supervision Institute for help, and He Bing turned to Li Xiao (pseudonym) et al. who were responsible for animal health quarantine for help. Li Xiao et al. were also worried that on-site quarantine was hard to operate, so they decided not to go for on-site quarantine, but to issue a certificate according to Zhou Deyou's declaration: the “Animal Type” column is directly filled out with “Dog”, and “Quantity” would be filled out by Zhou Deyou himself. According to regulations, a dog's quarantine fee is 2 yuan, and Zhou Deyou promised to pay an extra 800yuan quarantine fee in a lump sum at the end of the year. Before the disclosure of the crime, Li Xiao and other three staff members of Dajinggang Town Quarantine Station of Anxiang County Animal Health Supervision Institute issued five “Animal Quarantine Conformity Certificates” to Zhou Deyou's poisonous dog meat without carrying out on-site quarantine. And every time, by dint of an animal quarantine conformity certificate, Zhou Deyou successfully transported several thousand jin poisonous dog meat to Changsha, Zhuzhou and other places for sale.

The four people including Li Xiao confessed to facts of the crime, and the case came to light. An Anti-malfeasance Bureau police officer held that the four people including Li Xiao made use of the job convenience as quarantine officers, practiced favouritism and fraudulence during animal quarantine, illegally issued five animal quarantine conformity certificates, which made the poisonous dog meat Zhou Deyou transported break away from the monitoring of the animal quarantine department, bringing great hazards to the control of animal epidemic situation and to food safety, and therefore their behavior had been suspected of a crime of malpractice in the quarantine of animals and plants, so they shall be prosecuted for their criminal liability.

After Wangcheng District Procuratorate transferred the case to Anxiang County Procuratorate, and Anxiang County prosecutors investigated the case concerning the four people including Li Xiao's suspected crime of malpractice in the quarantine of animals and plants on Sep. 10, 2014, approved the arrest on Oct. 27 the same

year, and took the case to the public prosecution organ for review and prosecution on Jan. 4, 2015.

On Dec.18, 2014, Changsha Wangcheng District Procuratorate instituted legal proceedings against 11 criminal suspects such as Zhou Deyou for being suspected of a crime of selling toxic and hazardous food. On Mar. 9, 2015, the 11 people were sentenced at the first trial by Wangcheng District Court an 8-18-month term of imprisonment respectively for a crime of selling toxic and hazardous food, plus commensurate fines. This is the first case among the food and drug safety harming crime cases handled by Wangcheng District Procuratorate in recent years that has the largest number of people involved and all are convicted.

2. Cats & dogs stealing and snatching cases cause human casualties, trigger social contradiction, and pose a huge hazard to society.

Strait Metropolis Daily 2010-01-05: Combined punishment for running down a villager to death and dog thief, sentenced to death at the first trial.

http://www.fjsen.com/d/2010-01/05/content_2597712.htm

A gang of thieves went into the village to steal, and were pursued and intercepted by more than one thousand villagers. In a panic, they should drive the car to run down the villagers in the way, killing one and seriously injuring another.

Around 04:00 a.m. of Jan. 13 last year, Huang and Fu in collusion with Zhang and Jiang (handled as a separate case) drove a minivan can came to Gongqiao Town and Huqiu Town, Anxi County, stealing domestic dogs along the way. Around 08:00 a.m. the same day, when stealing dogs in Fujing Village, Huqiu Town, they were found by the masses and then drove the van to flee to the direction of Shaoqing Village. Along the way, villagers of the two villages spontaneously set up roadblocks to intercept the van, and Huang drove the van and rapidly ran through the stone roadblocks. To escape the pursuit, Huang rapidly pushed through, breaking a palm tree trunk across the road and knocked it away, and unfortunately the trunk fell on villager Wang who was standing by the roadside intercepting the van, smashing off Wang's right ankle on the spot. Then, Huang drove the van and continued to run about wildly. Seeing this, 51-year-old female villager Lin rushed to the middle of the road, waving her hands to stop the van. However, Huang didn't slow down and, in the twinkling of an eye, Lin was knocked down to the bottom of the van front and her body was then dragged along by the van for nearly 10m before the van stopped as it bumped into the stone wall of the inside slope of the road, and Lin was killed on the spot.

Chutianjin News, 2014-03-03: Frustrated dog rustler shoots dog owner with poison dart, dog theft evolves into robbery.

http://hb.ifeng.com/news/fygc/detail_2014_03/03/1919312_0.shtml



When stealing the dog, two dog rustlers were found by the dog owner, and they should beat and threaten the owner, and even shot “poison darts” containing succinylcholine chloride at the dog owners, killing one and injuring the other, thereby developing the dog theft into a robbery (which has been reported by this newspaper). Knowing that they had committed a crime, the dog rustlers’ family members should transfer and harbor the two rustlers, and their behavior constitutes the crime of harboring a criminal.

Case Playback

Frustrated dog rustler shoots poison dart at dog owner

Cheng loaded the crossbow with a poison dart and shot the dog, and the dog ran towards a nearby village, so they two rode the motorcycle to chase it. When they chased to the open space in front of the house of villager Mr. Xu, Team 2, Red Hill Village, Southern Suburbs Office, the dog dropped dead. The dog’s owner Xu walked out of the house with a shovel in his hands, questioning Cheng and Zhang whether the dog was killed by them two, and intended to pull out their motorcycle key. Cheng, with a crossbow in his hands, got off the motorcycle to dispute with Xu, and threatened him verbally.

Xu stepped forward, Cheng raised his crossbow against Xu, and Xu dared not come close. At this moment, Xu’s son Xu Jun heard the noise and came out of the house. Seeing this, he came back home to take an axe and then ran up to his father, just to prevent any accidents. Zhang took out a carry-on spray and came to Cheng, and then sprayed at Xu Jun’s head. Xu and Xu Jun were forced to step back, and Zhang and Cheng were pushing forward, and Zhang kept spraying as they walked. To stop Zhang from spraying, Xu Jun threw his axe at Zhang, and Xu also hit Zhang with the shovel.

In order to stop their resistance and make it easy for him and Zhang to get away, Cheng loaded the crossbow with a poison dart and shot Xu in the right elbow. As the two were driving to flee, Xu and Xu Jun chased, and in order to get rid of them Cheng again shot a dart at Xu Jun. Soon Cheng and Zhang fled the scene, but Xu fell to the ground. Later, Xu was diagnosed as having died of acute succinylcholine chloride poisoning.

In this case, the poison darts contain succinylcholine chloride, which is a toxic anesthetic. Succinylcholine chloride is a “muscle relaxant”, which can relax the muscles and is often used medically for local anesthesia during tracheal intubation. It can relax the muscles of the head and neck, and as long as the dosage is controlled properly, the patient’s throat muscles will become soft, while maintaining autonomous respiration. Besides, it is also used in abdominal operation to relieve muscle spasm. Large-dose injection of such a drug can be fatal -- in 1 minute, it can overrelax the muscles, and the collapsed muscles will oppress the respiratory tract, and eventually cause death from suffocation.

Hangzhou Daily, 2011-03-14: A murder case triggered by dog stealing at “Dog Meat Festival”.
<http://zjnews.zjol.com.cn/05zjnews/system/2011/03/14/017361496.shtml>

In Zhuji, dog meat is one of the most popular dishes in autumn and winter, and especially the period from winter of each year to Mar. of the next year has virtually become Zhuji people’s “dog meat season”. Although some local people feel perturbed about eating dog meat, an active demand over the years has bolstered Zhuji’s “dog meat economy” and made some dog rustlers scramble for it.

By 12:10 at noon, the three had stolen 11 rural dogs. At the entrance to a village at the foot of Moon-shaped Mountain, Huangshan Town, Zhuji, when they poisoned the 12th dog, they were found by the dog owner. Seeing that the dog owner was taking the stones to block their van, the criminal suspect drove towards the dog owner. Like this, for a dog, the unscrupulous criminal suspects insanely ran down the victim to death and then ran away.

Dog theft occurs from time to time

When interviewing in Zhuji, the reporter found that the above criminal cases triggered by dog theft were not few. At 14:00 of Jan. 5 last year, villager Mr. Shou of Liwudi Village, Tongshan Town, Zhuji found a suspicious van parking on the doorway of his house, so he went forth to check it out, only to find two men off the van cutting the iron chain tied around the dog’s neck with pliers.

Coming to his senses, Shou immediately took up a wood stick to block the van, but the dog rustlers should start the van and left at a high speed, knocking him down 2m away on the roadside, and Shou went into a coma. After the event, Shou was sent to Zhuji Red Cross Hospital and, after diagnosis, the doctor found that he had fist-size hematoma at the waist, lumbar vertebra fracture, renal hemorrhage, and other symptoms.

What's outrageous was that, in face of the police's hunt, this criminal van didn't stop, and instead it began to play hide and seek with 3 police cars. When one of the police cars tried to stop the van, it suddenly dashes against the police car, making the police car run into the isolation belt on the left side of the road, leaving the car badly damaged and the policemen onboard injured to varying degrees. After the van was forced to stop, the police ferreted out 9 newly-stolen dogs from the car.

Leafing through some local newspapers, the reporter found that "dog missing" news was reported from time to time. According to the incomplete statistics of Zhuji Public Security Bureau, in 2009 only, the bureau cracked 63 dog theft cases and wiped out 13 dog stealing gangs.

Guangzhou Daily, 2012-3-19: Caught red-handed, dog rustler should cut off the right hand of dog owner.

http://gzdaily.dayoo.com/html/2012-03/19/content_1646128.htm

This gang of "dog thieves" are taking far more than "dogs' lives", they are simply taking "people's lives": when being found stealing a dog in the early morning, they should chop off the dog owner's whole right palm with one knife! This was an appalling scene happened in Qiaoli Village, Changping Town on 13th this month.

Around 08:00 a.m. of 13th this month, Feng Chunming as usual got up early and then cleaned up the factory. When he walked to the gate with a trash can in his hand, he saw a silver-gray van parked outside the factory gate, and out of the van came 5 men, who then surrounded "Blackie" on tiptoe.

"What are you doing?" Feng Chunming roared loudly as he rushed forward promptly. The 5 men turned their heads and saw it's an old man, hence they walked back on the van and drew out five 80cm long hacking knives, pointing to Feng Chunming and said: "Go away if you don't want to die."

"I didn't believe they would dare to hurt a person for a dog, so I said loudly that I would call the police." Feng Chunming said. Unexpectedly, a middle-aged man holding a knife suddenly rushed forward, took up the knife and chopped directly at him head-on, and Feng Chunming as a result of conditioned reflex lifted his right hand to block, just then his right hand palm was cut off then and there.

People's Daily Online, 2013-08-20: Found when stealing dogs, a man of Lixin County, Anhui runs down a 5-year-old girl to death on the way of escape.

<http://news.163.com/13/0820/09/96N91B6B00014JB6.html>

In a morning, a man in collusion with others used a crossbow to steal 6 dogs and then drove to escape. In a great hurry, he ran down to death a 5-year-old girl who was waiting for the school bus at the roadside and then ran away. On Aug. 16, 2013, Anhui Lixin County People's Procuratorate approved the lawful arrest of criminal suspect Zhang for being suspected of larceny and traffic accident crime.

When stealing dogs, Zhang et al. were found by the masses and the police was called, and then Lixin County Public Security Bureau Wangtuan Police Station sent forces to intercept them. The vehicle Zhang was driving met the people's policemen's intercepting vehicle in the east of Zhangzhuang, Limiao Village, Xinji Town, Mengcheng County. When Wangtuan Police Station people's policemen asked Zhang to stop for inspection, Zhang's partner shot at a policeman off the police car with a crossbow, and Zhang seized the chance and turned the car around and continued to flee, and the policemen immediately got in the car to chase. When coming to the north of

Chenzhuang, Yumiao Village , Yuefang Town , Mengcheng County, Zhang's car bumped into 5-year-old girl Liu waiting for the school bus at the roadside, and then ran away.

Qilu Evening News 2014-03-28: Caught red-handed, dog thieves dragged a people's policeman for several meters.

<http://epaper.qlwb.com.cn/qlwb/content/20140328/ArticleP02004FM.htm?jdfwkey=031f23>

On 26, Mar., when going on night patrol, the people's policemen of Police Station of Xu Village, Shanxian County met a car-driving dog-stealing gang, and in an attempt to subdue the gang, the policemen met with resistance from the criminal suspects, and one policeman was dragged for 6 to 7 meters and his head was injured. After the joint efforts of the policemen, one of the criminal suspects was captured, and the injured policeman is right now hospitalized.

China Youth News 2014-04-15: When stealing a dog, a man shoots himself with a poison dart, which poisons him to death.

<http://news.163.com/12/0405/04/7UA5P1HG00011229.html>

In the folk, we often hear about stealing dogs, but it's be rare indeed to know that, in order to steal dogs, someone should be specially equipped with luxurious equipment with strong lethality -- a crossbow, an infrared collimator, cyanide poison darts, etc. In Tongxiang, Jiaxing, Xu and Yang acquired such a set of equipment in order to steal dogs. Unfortunately, in the morning of Apr. 2, when stealing a dog in Xingqi Village, Puyuan Town, Tongxiang, Xu was accidentally shot by a poison dart and died from poison in a few minutes.

This set of tools for criminal purpose took the people's policemen aback. The crossbow's firing range is more than 10m, and has a high hit rate and high lethality. Above the crossbow, there is a delicate infrared device which is especially eye-catching. When shooting a dog, as long as one turns on this aiming device, almost every shot will hit the target. The poison dart they used to kill a dog is similar to an injection syringe, the syringe needle is attached to a plastic tube, and cyanide is put inside the plastic tube. There is a spring inside the plastic tube and a needle at the tail of the tube. One policeman said, when this poison dart was shot and hit the target, under the action of a strong inertia force, the spring in the tube will contract, instantly injecting drug into the target.

Doctor: It's very dangerous for a man to have eaten a dog poisoned with cyanide. After being hit by a poison dart, Xu died from poison in just a few minutes, which shows the strong toxicity of cyanide. Yang and Xu poisoned the dogs with cyanide, and what would happen to a man who has eaten such dog meat? Physician Wang Bo, head of the Digestive System Department of The Second Hospital of Jiaxing City said, "Once a dog is killed with cyanide poison, the cyanide will remain in the dog's body, and a man who has eaten poisoned dog meat is very likely to have cyanide poisoning, so it's very dangerous."

In this connection, the behavior of poisoning the dogs has a precedent to go by in the current judicial practice -- conviction of "the crime of throwing dangerous substance" as per Article 114 of Criminal Law. Convicted of "the crime of throwing dangerous substance", the person involved can be sentenced to imprisonment for 3-10 years.

Jianghuai Morning News, 2015-03-20: Helping to catch dog stealers, a man from Huoqiu is hit into a vegetable, a million compensation becomes an empty promise.

<http://365jia.cn/news/2015-03-20/65B8CEE2D10BF362.html>

In order to help villagers catch two dog stealers, Yang Wenjun, villager of Fanzui Village, Shaogang Township, Huoqiu County, Liu'an City was hit by their car more than ten meters away. After being taken to hospital for emergency treatment, although his life was saved, he became a vegetable. The two stealers were sentenced to compensate Yang Wenjun more than 1 million yuan, but because they were unable to pay, almost two years had passed, it's still an empty promise.

Helping to catch dog stealers, a good Samaritan is hit into a vegetable.

At more than 7:00 a.m., Nov. 4, 2012, two dog stealers drove a van to Fanzui Village, Shaogang Township, Huoqiu County to steal dogs. In the rice stubble field by a cement road of Dayan Team, Fanzui Village, they poisoned a white dog with a pill of “fall-in-three-steps” dog poison they bought in advance, and while they were taking it onto the van, they were found by the dog owner, so the two people together drove to escape.

Learning the situation, nearby villagers Yang Wenjun and Du Fu immediately rushed to the side of the road on which the dog stealers were fleeing, ready to intercept the van. Standing by the roadside, Du Fu beckoned for the van to stop, but the van didn't stop, then Yang Wenjun ran to the middle of the road, opened his arms to intercept the vehicle, while shouting “Stop the van!”

In order to flee the scene as soon as possible, the two dog stealers, did not stop and continued dashing forward, and Yang Wenjun was hit over ten meters away on the spot. After the hit, the two people drove the van and fled the scene immediately.

The next afternoon, Huoqiu, Fuyang and Jiesshou polices joined hands and captured at one stroke the dog stealers -- Sun Deliang and Sun Defu brothers. 44-year-old Yang Wenjun was hospitalized for 4 months, and although his life was saved, he unfortunately became a vegetable.

www.mshw.net, 2015-03-20: Desperate “dog stealers” in Renshou, Meishan shoot an anesthetic needle at a man to death.

<http://www.msxh.com/show-35-22535-1.html>

On Dec.25, 2014, while chasing two “dog stealers”, Dai Guang, villager of Combat Village, Manjing Town, Renshou County was shot in the abdomen by the “dog stealers” with an crossbow loaded with anesthetic needles, and died in hospital 1 hour later, at only 36 years old. On the third day after the disclosure of the crime, the two criminal suspects were both arrested by Renshou police. Being suspected of murder during a robbery, the two people have been put under criminal detention pursuant to law.

At 5:30p.m., Dec.25, 2014, having finished the work at his teashop in Manjingchang Town, Dai Guang rode a motorcycle, carrying his wife back to the village. When they were about 200 meters away from home, Dai Guang saw two strange men by the roadside: one was steadying the motorcycle, and the other was stretching out to pull a dog.

“Some people are stealing dogs, I'm going after them first! And you go call some neighbors.” Dai Guang shouted. Hearing the shout, the two men rapidly started the motorcycle and fled along a trail, with Dai Guang in hot pursuit. The trail on which the two “dog stealers” fled was a dead end. The motorcycle drove into a rape field, and the two men threw the motorcycle and ran towards the hillside. Dai Guang ran after them hotly, the two men were somewhat out of breath, and one man said: “I can't run, fix him now.” So the other man turned round and held up a black bag, shouted to Dai Guang: “Don't chase any more, otherwise I'll shoot you!” Dai Guang still had no intention to draw back, and at this moment, out of the man's black bag there flew a dart-like thing, which shot Dai Guang in the abdomen in a twinkling of an eye.

Shot by the “dart”, Dai Guang soon lost strength soon and slumped onto the ground, and the two men quickly fled the scene. A few minutes later, his wife and neighbors came, only to find “He had fallen to the ground, panting, unable to speak...” Dai Guang was sent to the hospital for emergency treatment, but eventually failed to come round.

Rapid crack: 5 crossbows and 800 anesthetic needles ferreted out

“Dai Guang was shot to death with an anesthetic needle!” a Manjing police station officer said, “Crossbows and anesthetic needles are their tools for criminal purpose. The anesthetic needle shapes like a dart, the front end is pointed stainless steel syringe needle, the middle is a needle cylinder loaded with anesthetic, and the rear end is a 4-angle empennage. A dog hit will drop dead in a few minutes.”

After interrogation, the two people confessed to the facts of the crime. Zhu admitted the fact that he shot Dai Guang with a crossbow loaded with anesthetic needles. Huang confessed that the crossbow and anesthetic needles were bought from online, and since 2013, he began to steal dogs, and after he succeeded he would sell the dogs at 20-30 yuan/kilo to dog meat shops. Up to the disclosure of the crime, they had stolen over 100 dogs in more than a month.

Extended reading: Is “anesthetized” dog meat poisonous?

After eating a dog stolen with anesthetic needles, will a person be anesthetized? Doctor Zhang engaged in digestive internal medicine in Renshou County indicates that after a dog is injected with drugs, the toxin will be transmitted through blood, and meanwhile, by osmosis, the toxin will partly dissolve into body fluid and lipid materials. When the human body intakes of a certain amount of poisonous dog meat, a person will produce adverse reactions such as vomiting, headache and diarrhea, and excessive intake of poisonous dog meat may put one’s life in danger.

3. Poison and anesthetic become effective tools for crime, and food safety problems emerge endlessly.

Google search keywords: “poisoned dog needle”, find more than 10,000,000 search results!

Google: poisoned dog needle

Found 11,700,000 search results (in 0.43 sec.)



The other day, someone in Yuhang used poisoned dog needle to steal dogs. How poisonous is a poisoned dog needle? Will it take a man’s life...

Jul. 24, 1012 - Wu said, crossbow and poison darts cost several hundred yuan, the poison is called “cyanide”, which the seller said was used specially for poisoning the dogs. The poisoned needle is like a dart.

A passerby died after being shot with a poisoned dog needle while trying to save the dog - watch online: Ku6 Video.

A passerby died after being shot with a poisoned dog needle while trying to save the dog - watch online: In the morning of 22nd, on his way to work, Mr. Zhao living in Jiading saw someone shooting a dog with a crossbow, so he went forth to stop the man. Later, he came into conflict with Li who beat the dog, and was shot by Li's self-made...

Crossbow fires darts to steal dogs, the needle is filled with cyanide poison (photos)_ Netease...

Nov. 30, 2013 – Zhou admitted that it contained cyanide poison to poison the dogs. At this moment, Mr. Zhang's dog ran from the woods back home, with a poisoned needle in its neck. Luckily, the poisoned needle...

A man accidentally poisons himself to death while shooting a dog with a highly toxic cyanide dart_News_Tencent

Oct. 11, 2013

...accidentally pricked his hand and poisoned himself to death while shooting a dog with a highly toxic cyanide dart. Video information: Screenshot of a man who is accidentally injured by a poisoned needle while stealing a dog and suddenly fell down dead...

South Today, 2009-11-14: “Source of dog meat” in Liuzhou is vague

http://epaper.gxnews.com.cn/ngjb/html/2009-11/14/content_1541002.htm

According to a dog shop boss, as the weather turns cold, dog meat sales grew with each passing day, and the shipments of Liuyong Wholesale Market could reach several thousand kilograms a day. And how is such a large market demand met? Through the farmer registration information from the department concerned, the reporter found that there was no large kennel in Liuzhou City or the surrounding area. The bosses in the wholesale market also admitted that the dog meat came partially from other places and mostly from scattered supply.



The reporter learnt through other means that the dogs were foaming at the mouth when dying, which was usually a result of being poisoned to death. An insider revealed that the dogs poisoned to death mostly come from the villages.

In Shewan New Village, Liuzhou City, when the reporter mentioned “poisoned dogs” to the villagers, the villagers were filled with anger. “Dogs in the village were almost all poisoned to death.” said the villagers. Almost every household in this village kept a dog to guard the house, but in recent months, these dogs were continuously missing. A villager told the reporter, two months ago, a dog rustler was caught in the village. This man used extremely poisonous roast duck asses to lure the dog in the village to eat, and then carried it into the car when it's dead. All these dogs were foaming at the mouth when dying.

In Fengshan Town, Liucheng County, the natives also strongly detested the act of poisoning and stealing dogs. They told the reporter that the dog poisoners usually used a poison called “fall down in three steps”, and after eating it, the dog would fall to the ground in only 10 seconds. During the interview, the reporter learnt that the “fall down in three steps” poison was actually a kind of cyanide, which was an extremely toxic substance, and a few tenths of a gram was enough to kill a man or an animal on the spot.

Procuratorial Daily, 2013-07-07: Stealing dogs with a poison needle -- more than just theft.

http://newspaper.jcrb.com/html/2013-07/07/content_135769.htm

In order to sell dog meat to make profit, two people stole 4 dogs kept by the villagers by shooting with poison needles. They were held in criminal custody by public security organ due to being suspected of theft. Recently, Zhejiang Shangyu Municipal People's Procuratorate approved the lawful arrest of Luo Haiqi and Chen Jianjiang for being suspected of the crime of producing and marketing toxic and hazardous food, and this is also the first time for this procuratorate to have approved the arrest of dog thieves with poison needles on account of such a crime. According to Interpretation of the Supreme People's Court and the Supreme People's Procuratorate on Several Issues concerning the Application of Law in the Handling of Criminal Cases of Jeopardizing Food Safety implemented as of May 4, he who mixes toxic, hazardous non-food raw materials in the process of food processing, sales, transportation and storage or used toxic, hazardous non-food raw materials to process food will be convicted of the crime of producing and marketing toxic and hazardous food and penalized accordingly. Apart from being suspected of larceny, Luo Haiqi and Chen Jianjiang were also suspected of the crime of producing and marketing toxic and hazardous food. The two crimes were implicated offenses, and the procuratorial organ pursuant to law ratified the arrest thereof as per the felony, showing its determination to give a severer punishment according to law to crimes jeopardizing food safety.

Gmw.cn, 2014-02-21: Qinnan People's Court tried its first case of the crime of producing and marketing toxic and hazardous food

<http://court.gmw.cn/html/article/201402/21/151485.shtml>

On Feb.19, the People's Court of Qinnan District, Qinzhou City, Guangxi in the first trial publicly tried a case concerning defendant He Xiandong, Li Qin, Lin Xi and Fan Wen's committing the crime of producing and marketing toxic and hazardous food under the supervision of the Ministry of Public Security. This case was the first case concerning the crime of producing and marketing toxic and hazardous food tried by this court since the Supreme People's Court and the Supreme People's Procuratorate implemented Interpretation of the Supreme People's Court and the Supreme People's Procuratorate on Several Issues concerning the Application of Law in the Handling of Criminal Cases of Jeopardizing Food Safety as of May 4.

The public prosecution organ charged that, during Dec.2012 and Jun 2013, defendant He Xiandong set up a processing shed on the open ground in front of He Xiandong's residential house in Xinlaichen Village, Gaolin Community, Qinzhou City to purchase and process dog meat and sent the processed dog meat to Hongfa Market and Nanzhu Market in Qinzhou City, where he hired Huang et al. to sell it to the masses for eating. During this period, in defendant He Xiandong's processing shed, dogs killed with cyanide dog poison were purchased and processed. Defendant He Xiandong hired defendants Lin Xi and Fan Wen to help slaughter or process dogs and, knowing perfectly well that the processed dogs included poisoned dogs, defendants Lin Xi and Fan Wen still helped in processing. On Jun. 4, 2013, defendant Li Qin took a chloride-poisoned black dog to this processing shed for sale, and defendant Lin Xi made a deal with him, and he got money RMB 50 yuan. On the same day, the public security organ wiped out the above-mentioned processing shed, seized on the spot defendant He Xiandong's liquid dog poison 220ml and dog meat in defendant He Xiandong's processing shed and cryopreserved processed dog meat in Qinzhou City Nongken refrigeration plant, which totaled 2161.6 jin. Besides, from defendant Li Qin, three duck asses stuffed with sealing wax were also seized.

Upon inspection: Upon sampling inspection, cyanide in the dog meat was strongly positive, positive or weakly positive; the seized liquid cyanide was strongly positive; and the cyanide in the sealing wax in duck asses seized from defendant Li Qin was strongly positive.

The public prosecution organ argued, defendants He Xiandong, Lin Xi and Fan Wen produced and marketed toxic and hazardous food, and defendant Li Qin marketed toxic and hazardous food, and the four defendants' behaviors violated Article 144 of Criminal Law of the People's Republic of China, the criminal fact is clear and the evidence is irrefutable and sufficient, and therefore they should be prosecuted for criminal liability for the crime of producing and marketing toxic and hazardous food.

FZNEWS.COM.CN, 2014-03-19: Fuzhou dog stealing occurs frequently, many use poison needles to steal dogs, and poisoned dog meat can cause human death.

<http://news.fznews.com.cn/shehui/2013-1-18/2013118RMyXLAR3JI221115.shtml>

On 18, Mar., a microblog “Monitor records the whole process of a man stealing dogs with an anesthetic rifle” aroused hot discussion among net friends. In the video, a man riding a motorcycle enters the screen and then shot an “anesthetic needle” at the dog lying on the roadside. After being shot, the dog ran rapidly into electric gate, but fell to the ground several meters away from the gate, with its tail constantly convulsed, and the process lasted less than 15 seconds. Then the man lifted the fallen dog onto the motorcycle and quickly fled the scene. According to the people’s policemen, the poison of poison needles for stealing dogs is usually cyanide. Cyanide is highly toxic, and whether a man or an animal has taken in more than a certain dose, it will damage the brain and heart in a very short time; its contact with skin can cause canker, and it can also lead to blurred vision, etc. Once a person has eaten dog meat, in less severe cases, he will feel dizzy or vomit, and in severe cases he may die.

The behavior of poisoning the dogs has a precedent to go by in the current judicial practice -- conviction of “the crime of throwing dangerous substance” as per Article 114 of Criminal Law (On Jun. 25, 2008, in a dog stealing case, for “the crime of throwing dangerous substance”, Zhejiang Tongxiang Municipal Procuratorate sentenced Wang to imprisonment for 3 year and 6 months, and sentenced Qiu and Shen respectively for 3 years and 3 months). Convicted of “the crime of throwing dangerous substance”, the person involved can be sentenced to imprisonment for 3-10 years.

Southeast Express 2014-03-19: Website, QQ, Taobao +collimator crossbow, poison darts, dog stealing late at night for 7 years, killing nearly 10,000 dogs with poison.

http://digi.dnkb.com.cn/dnkb/html/2014-03/19/content_311050.htm

Late at night, a black figure riding a motorcycle stopped suddenly, got off and picked up a crossbow, emitting blue and red rays, and not far away, a domestic dog fell to the ground in less than 10 seconds. Since Oct. last year, in several villages of Beigao Town, Licheng District, Putian City, Fujian Province, villagers’ domestic dogs were found missing one by one. After investigation, the police found that this was a “a super-large case of producing and marketing toxic and hazardous food” involving a dog stealing gang using collimator crossbows to “poison” the dogs and then processing, distributing and selling them. The dog stealing gang had shot over one thousand dogs, and the amount of money involved reached RMB several million. What’s more, such processed dog meat was sold to northern Fujian, Zhejiang, Jiangxi, etc., shocking the police. This case was supervised and handled by Fujian Province Public Security Department and Ministry of Public Security, and was listed as one of Top 10 Typical Cases concerning “Province-wide Crackdown on Four Crimes” in 2013.

On Nov.15, 2013, special investigation team policemen rushed into this den, finding that the house was a hive of activity, pools were all over the yard, on the pools there piled up dogs whose hairs had been all pluck out, a hair removal machine was running, the ground was stained with blood, and the smell was nauseating.



Criminal suspect identifies the poison darts.



The people's policemen captured 5 criminal suspects who were processing dog meat at the scene, including Guo and Zheng, and seized on the spot more than 600 unprocessed poisoned dog, more than 800 poison darts, and 5 large freezers for preserving dead dogs. In two large freezers, the police found 300 processed poisoned dogs being stored.

After being interrogated, Guo confessed that he has been engaged in poisoned dog meat processing for 7 years, and he worked for 2-3 months only in autumn and winter each year, when dog meat was in great demand. At first, Guo purchased dogs from referrals like Lin which they had stolen with sticks and ropes, and could acquire at most 5-6 dogs a day. Driven by colossal profits, the dog stealing "efficiency" of Lin et al. gradually could not satisfy the appetite of Guo, and the dogs beaten to death with a stick would usually have their marketability impaired due to external injury. So Guo thought of buying a crossbow and poison darts on line, and then reselling them to referrals Lin et al., who shall ride a motorcycle or a car, going hither and thither in the villages, using the blow darts to steal dogs, and then sell the dogs uniformly to Guo.

Later, Guo would organize workers to slaughter, dehair and freeze the poisoned dogs, and then sell the processed dog meat to Nanping, Jianyang, Jiangxi, Zhejiang and other places.

According to a conservative estimate, Guo's den could averagely acquire about 20 poisoned dogs a day, and suppose it runs for 2 months a year, each year Guo could acquire and process at least 1,200 poisoned dogs. In the past 7 years, Guo acquired and sold nearly 10,000 toxic and hazardous dogs, and such poisoned dog meat finally went through illegal peddlers to the dining tables. The amount of money involved reached RMB several million.

On Mar. 7, 2014, with the assistance of the higher public security organ, the policemen of a special investigation team made up of Licheng Public Security Subbureau Public Security Brigade and Beigao Police Station went far to Xiangshan District, Huaibei City, Anhui, where they successfully captured a criminal suspect Wen who was suspected of the crime of producing and marketing toxic and hazardous food and of illegal trade of highly toxic substances, and this man is the referrer of the "Guo's producing and marketing toxic and hazardous dog meat in Licheng, Putian" case. The police seized on the spot highly toxic substance potassium cyanide about 10KG, highly toxic substance succinylcholine chloride about 40KG, about 20,000 various poison darts, as well as a large number of tools for criminal purpose.

Wen confessed that, from Oct. 2010 up to now, he set up a sales website on line and sold crossbows and succinylcholine chloride poison darts to criminal suspects Guo et al. through such means of communication as QQ, Taobao and mobile phone, while knowing perfectly well criminal suspects Guo et al. were using such tools for the criminal act of dog stealing (shooting domestic dogs and wild dogs with poison needles) and were then selling the dogs killed by such poison needles to each big restaurant, whereby going to the dining tables. At present, criminal suspect Wen has candidly confessed to his criminal fact of selling through the internet poison darts containing highly toxic substance potassium cyanide or highly toxic substance succinylcholine chloride to 32 provinces, 84 cities and regions throughout the country.

China Xuzhou Network, 2014-04-10: Black workshop cruelly kills more than 50 dogs by knocking the forehead with pickax handle.

http://news.cnwest.com/content/2014-04/10/content_10989905.htm

Yesterday, Ms. Li called and reported that, in Team 1, Qunying Village, Huohua Office, Quanshan District, there was an unlicensed slaughtering workshop, which killed more than 50 dogs a day. Dog hairs and blood were all over the place, contaminating the environment and affecting the villagers' physical and mental health.

“Sometimes, some dogs are pregnant with pups, some give birth in the vehicle when being transported, and the pups are just thrown to the side of the road. Feeling pity, we would pick them up and take them home, but they can’t survive at all.” Villager Ms. Li said, the most ruthless thing was, when they were killing dogs, the dogs in the whole village would whine along. And they also killed dogs in public, and it’s very bad for the physical and mental health of the villagers, especially the children.



According to villagers nearby, such skinned dog meat sold 20 yuan /500g, and the slaughtering workshop’s dog meat never worries about selling. Usually the small restaurants or individuals came here to buy, and some dog meat went to farmer’s wholesale market in the downtown.

In the slaughter house, a boiler over 1m in diameter was still steaming, and the hot water in it was dirty, giving off a fishy, stinking smell. A villager said, the dog killer took the dog meat out of the boiler with a long wood pole, and put it into the hair removal machine by its side. The dog out of the machine would become a dehaired dog, and the waste water would be directly discharged into the irrigation canals nearby.

Director Wang also said, long-distance transport would reduce the dogs’ immunity, and especially some infectious diseases could easily spread to all the other dogs. Once such dogs slaughtered outdoors carry virus, it would easily spread through the air. The dog blood flowing about on the ground would also pollute the soil nearby. And once the residual virus is smelt by dogs nearby, it would be very likely to cause a dog disease.

Legal Daily, 2014-01-03: A suspected dog meat poisoning case occurs in Wudalianchi, food issue is worrisome.

<http://hj.sina.com.cn/news/2/2014-01-03/093790411.html>

The Wudalianchi Scenic Area in Heilongjiang Province is a famous 5A scenic area in China, receiving more than 1 million domestic and foreign visitors annually. On Mar. 14 last year, 3 non-locals who had dined at a local restaurant showed “food-poisoning symptoms” in the evening. After being rescued in a hospital, one died, one was seriously injured, and one regained health. Behind this accidental tragedy, there deeply hides a certain inevitable causal relationship, sounding the alarm for tourist food safety.

At table, they ordered 4 main dishes, one of which was “dog meat” -- the personal preference of Hu Yujie. After the dishes were all served, Hu Yujie ate most of the dog meat, and Hu Yuehua and Peng Yulong ate a small part. After the lunch, the three went back home to rest. At night, Hu Yujie showed such symptoms as dizziness, nausea, and vomiting, but his family had been thinking that it’s caused by the drinking. In the early morning of Mar. 15, the symptoms got even severer, and Hu Yuehua and Peng Yulong also showed similar symptoms. The three were successively sent by their relatives to hospital for emergent treatment. In the early morning of Mar. 16, Hu Yujie died, and the rest two remained in ICU under observation.

After Peng Yulong was cured, he had a severe hemiplegia sequela. Recalling that lunch, he always doubted that there was “something wrong” with the dog meat they ate because, on that day, nothing happened to two friends who didn’t eat any dog meat at the table. In the morning of Dec. 17, the reporter learned in Wudalianchi Public Security Bureau that, autopsy report showed that Hu Yujie died of multiple organ failure caused by food poisoning before his death.

During interviews, Legal Daily reporter found that “people die from eating dog meat” incidents were widely known in the locality. Furthermore, almost all the restaurants in town would “turn pale at the mention of dogs”, and dog meat which used to serve as a standing dish was now no longer served to diners.

Where does such dog meat come from, and whether it has been quarantined? As for such questions, a local officer who did not want to be named told the reporter that the dog meat sold in most small restaurants were acquired from Bei'an City 30km away from Wudalianchi, and the source of the dogs of dog dealers was not clear at all; many even were wild dogs and stray dogs, which died from eating rat poison or toxic stuffs, and there was no way it could even be quarantined.

However, industry sources told the reporter that the slaughter and quarantine of dogs did have laws to go by. Professor Sun Jiang, Director of Northwest University of Politics and Law Animal Protection Act Research Center pointed out that the dog meat going to the dining tables violated the animal epidemic prevention & quarantine law and the food safety law, and had many problems such as unidentified sources, incomplete transport certificates, harsh production conditions, lack of inspection and quarantine procedures, and arbitrary, excessive slaughtering. According to our country's current laws and regulations, for example, the quarantine rules for the place of origin of dogs, the animal epidemic prevention & quarantine law and the food safety law, the act of illegally producing or selling dog meat can be punished, regulated and even clamped down on.

Life Daily, 2015-04-01: Jinan man detained for shooting dogs everywhere with crossbow & poison darts bought online to eat dog meat.

http://www.dzwww.com/shandong/sdnews/201504/t20150401_12147033.htm

In order to satisfy a craving for dog meat, a man specially bought a crossbow, poison darts, pills, etc. from online for poisoning dogs, and then drove a car around looking for dogs. Whenever he saw a dog, he would stealthily shoot it down, take it home and kill it. Now this dog stealer has been put under administrative detention by the police. Through investigation, the reporter finds that, many people are illegally selling crossbows and steel ball guns online, while in fact our country expressly prohibits individuals from purchasing crossbows.

The reporter found upon searching on the internet that some big online stores did not sell crossbow-related products. Taobao.com directly shows "According to relevant laws, regulations and policies, items related to 'crossbow' can not be displayed". However, on some post bars and webpages, some people advertised through QQ to be selling steel ball guns and crossbows.

The reporter contacted a net friend called "Zhang's Outdoors", who said that he mainly sold steel ball guns, and the price was around 1,500 yuan. Later, he sent the reporter many introductions of gun, and there were 20 types of them: lead-bullet gun, air rifle, mimic AK47, etc. The price of these guns was all above 1,500 yuan, among which a "Xifeng" brand air rifle was priced 2,800 yuan. There were all kinds of pistols, the cheap one was 1,500 yuan, and the expensive one was 2,000 yuan. This net friend also said the reporter could pay on delivery, and the price was not much cheaper. Learning the reporter wanted to buy a crossbow, he sent the reporter a picture right away, it' an anesthetic rifle, the price of which was 1,500 yuan, and said it's very accurate and fast-acting.

Afterwards, the reporter found a "knife&crossbow.com", and it sold all kinds of crossbows, among which a so-called Barton composite crossbow was priced 6,800 yuan. Hearing the reporter wanted to buy tools to shoot dogs, the website staff immediately recommended a Little Black Bear crossbow, and said its price was 350 yuan, and the poison dart was 8 yuan/piece.

The reporter asked about the accuracy, the customer service staff said accuracy was guaranteed within 30m, and the poison darts were also very effective, once a dog was shot, it would suffocate in 3-5 seconds. The reporter asked, if the dog shot with a poison dart was poisonous, the staff said no problem. This website's staff also said the reporter could pay on delivery, and the goods would be delivered by mail.

Not a few citizens are worried that, what if criminals are using guns and crossbows they buy from online against the people? So, it is suggested that the department concerned strengthen supervision and regulation of such products.

Express delivery of contraband may be punished.

According to Article 27 (1) of Administrative Measures for Express Delivery Market, enterprises operating express delivery shall not violate national regulations and deliver articles which are forbidden to be delivered or there is a limit on their delivery. An express company that violates the regulations and delivers articles forbidden to shall be punished according to relevant regulations.

Selling a crossbow to individuals is prohibited.

Notice of Ministry of Public Security and State Administration of Industry and Commerce on Strengthening the Management of Crossbows stipulates that the manufacturing and selling of crossbows must first seek approval from the province, autonomous region or municipality's public security department/bureau, and no unit or individual may engage in the business operation or sale of crossbows without approval. A seller selling crossbows without permission may constitute a crime of illegal business operations. It is strictly prohibited to sell crossbows to individuals, and any crossbow held by individuals will be seized by the public security organ.

4. "Selling dog-meat under the label of a sheep's head", sick cats & dogs are all sold, and layer upon layer of problems are alarming.

Yangcheng Evening News 2009-11-04: Water-injected mutton, dead cats and dead dogs -- full disclosure of the private slaughter & sales industry chain.

http://www.ycwb.com/ePaper/ycwb/html/2009-11/04/content_645575.htm

Dead dogs: Outer skin turns green, giving off a stinking smell; roasted with heavy fire, the dogs' body turns golden.

Around 22:00 p.m. the day before yesterday, based on a clue given by an informant, the reporter came again to Guijiang Sanniao Wholesale Market in Dali Town, Nanhai. In livestock slaughter area, the reporter saw merchants transport one truck of live dogs after another into the market, where the dogs are weighed and then transferred onto the buyers' trucks. And a dozen dogs dead in transit are sorted out and thrown on the open space on the side.

According to an insider, half of these dead dogs died of illness, "Because they were already sick, and after the long-distance transport, they couldn't make it and died." He also disclosed that about five trucks of dogs were transported to the market every day, of which more than one hundred dogs had died.



Li Li (alias) had been doing the cattle, sheep and dog business in this market for many years, and he told the reporter that, in accordance with the relevant provisions, the dead animals would be destroyed and shall not go to the market again. But in fact it's not like that: "There is this gang of Hunan people, about 50 people, who specialized in doing this business. They voluntarily help the owner unload the goods, and after unloading, the dead dogs will all belong to them, as their wages." And if the number of the dead dogs is large, they will pay the owner the market price.

How would they handle these dead dogs afterwards? Before long, the reporter saw an unloading worker come with a trolley, and after discussing with the owner for a while, he put all the dead dogs in the trolley and then transported them to in a livestock slaughter stall in the market. The workers in the stall immediately got to work, throwing dead dogs' bodies straight into the hot pot.

The reporter riskily entered this stall from the back door, and saw the workers unhairing several dead dogs, and some dead dogs' body skin had turned green, giving off a stinking smell, and they obviously they had been dead for a long time. After the hair removal treatment, the workers hung the dogs on the iron hook, and then moved the gas jar and flame gun to roast the dogs. In a moment, the dogs' body skin had turned golden, looking not different from fresh and alive dog meat to a layman. In the end, the roasted dogs were eviscerated, and the dog meat dealer waiting on the side for long put the processed dogs in plastic bags and left.

Flow Direction: Some sold to Foshan, and some goes to Guangzhou

"Mutton, dog meat, etc. slaughtered in these private slaughter houses didn't pass inspection and quarantine, nor did they get any Animal Products Quarantine Conformity Certificate or Cattle & Sheep Products Inspection Certificate." An insider revealed that, apart from the people who came personally to pick up goods, other mutton and dog meat would also be transported by some illegal peddlers in the early morning to a nearby agricultural products market for sale -- at a price obviously lower than the market price.

As directed by an insider, in an early morning at the end of Oct., the reporter came to the mutton & dog meat trading zone in Foshan Zhongnan Market, where the reporter saw the ready-made dogs tidily placed on the stalls and, having been roasted, their skins all turned golden, taking on an attractive, marketable appearance.

The first stallholder enthusiastically promoted sales to the reporter: "Nice dog meat, 5.8 yuan /500g, cheap enough." The reporter said he would shop around, hearing which, another stallholder next to the first whispered to the reporter: "Good dog meat would sell 9-10 yuan /500g even if it's wholesale. You get what you pay for, and you can't buy good stuff at only five yuan /500g..." While the stallholder was speaking, the reporter noticed a man purchased from the first stallholder a parcel of dog meat, and then quickly sent the goods in a small van with the plate number "Yue E5A673". Probably due to a guilty conscience, he deliberately covered the rear license plate with cloth.

Xinmin Weekly, 2010-08-27: Investigation of cat-eating industry chain: Practitioners in catering industry say rabbit meat is mostly cat meat.

<http://news.sina.com.cn/c/sd/2010-08-18/122020923585.shtml>

When eating cat turns into an interest-involved industry chain, and when the underground business violates the legitimate rights and interests of the citizens and threatens public security, it is an illegal act through and through. Cat stealing - cat transport - cat slaughter - cat dealing - eat eating, from beginning to end, illegal act exists in each link of this cat-eating industry chain, which is indeed extra-ordinarily "black".

Source: Stealing domestic cats and stray cats

Laws and regulations such as Measures for Management of Livestock & Poultry Labels and Breeding Archives and Measures for Administration of Animal Quarantine have strict provisions on the source of meat products: pork, for example, each pig must be a legal "resident" of a legal farm, and an "ID card" shall be applied for within 30 days after its birth -- a livestock & poultry label which records its living condition and physical condition in the farm. However, cats are carnivores, small in size, having a high breeding cost and, due to infectious disease and fighting while living in groups, having a high mortality, so cats have never become economic animals so far. Since there is no legal cat farm, stealing has become the basic means to acquire cats.

Transport: Unlicensed or forged documents

According to Measures for Administration of Animal Quarantine and The Ministry of Agriculture's Opinions on Accelerating the Construction Work of Animal Identification and Disease Traceability System, in the process of transporting animals, one must have a quarantine certificate and the livestock & poultry label, while the cats in the cat dealer's truck had no relevant legal certificate. Zhu Qian said the three different licenses in her hands were "forged with no exception upon being identified by the Ministry of Agriculture". Lawyer An Xiang also confirmed if corpus delicti is identified by the public security organ after investigation, the person liable would be sentenced to a 3-10-year imprisonment for "the crime of forging official document" according to the Criminal Law.

Selling: Passing cat meat off as rabbit meat, deceiving the consumers

If you are told that everyone may have eaten cat meat, don't think it sensational. After tracking, Guo Ke finds that the alley beside Shanghai Jiangsu Restaurant is the collecting and distributing center of cat trading. Cats as food are mostly sent to this huge market in Guangzhou, which is said to consume 20,000 cats, and some dead cats or less physically satisfactory ones are likely to be sold to stall keepers who claim to be selling mutton and rabbit meat. In Zhongshi Market, Fangcun, Guangzhou, Guo Ke finds some peddlers doing black case work -- selling "cat meat". They can sell a dozen a day, generally priced at 19.8 yuan /500g. In the locality, such a practice has become an open secret, and everyone has a tacit understanding. But there are also customers falling for it as they are unable to distinguish between cat meat and rabbit meat, and hence they will be "made" to eat cat meat. In Shanghai, there are also people who are "made" to eat cat meat. Volunteer Laoke pretended to be a restaurant boss, investigated in Shanghai Agricultural Products Wholesale Center and found the dirty trick. "I can responsibly tell you that all frozen rabbit meat there is cat meat." In an unassailable tone and with photos he shot in the ice house Laoke proved his findings. The selling price of cat meat posing as rabbit meat is 5.5 yuan/jin, while on the rabbit meat quotations list released on www.d288.com, this Feb., the wholesale price of frozen rabbit meat is 11 yuan/jin.

Guo Ke said, beheaded and disemboweled, a cat and a rabbit will look very much alike, and it is hard to tell them apart. Besides, cat meat and rabbit meat have a very similar taste, and only a senior diner can taste that rabbit meat is finer than cat meat.

The current law is vague on whether we can be indulgent towards eating cats, but one thing is for sure, the incredibly "black" cat-eating industry chain will have a law-breaking stigma attached to it.

Huashang Daily, 2011-11-08: Following the slaughter of dogs in a civil house backyard in Hu County: A "black workshop" selling dog-meat under the label of a sheep's head is closed down

<http://news.hsw.cn/system/2011/11/08/051149341.shtml>

"Selling dog-meat under the label of a sheep's head", originating from The Transmission of the Lamp of Song Dynasty, metaphorizes that one is unworthy of his name or is up to no good. In Hu County, a mutton shop should have actually sold dog meat as mutton, and yesterday it's closed down by the local Industry and Commerce Department, etc. for cheating the consumers and carrying out unlicensed business activities. Besides, the dog-slaughter "black den" was also closed down by the law-enforcing department, with its meat products sealed up for safekeeping in another place, including 289kg dog meat.

At about 07:20 in the morning, in the backyard of a dog-slaughter black den, this Anhui couple loaded an electro-tricycle with slaughtered dog meat. 10 minutes later, the proprietress set out to deliver goods, and along the way she passed through Hu County West Street, Bell Tower, Grand Cross, and then rode the tricycle to the shop front of Zhu Feng Mutton Shop on Jiandong Road, where he unloaded the goods, and then placed them on the counter.

20 minutes later, posing as a consumer, the reporter entered the shop. "How much is the mutton?" asked the reporter. "16 yuan," the dog-slaughtering proprietress said, "the sheep was slaughtered in the morning, very fresh." "Why is the sheep so little?" asked the reporter, pointing at the dog meat on the counter. The proprietress explained, "This is local sheep, small, and easy to sell." In the end, the reporter bought "mutton" at the price of 14 yuan /500g.



Around 07:00 a.m. yesterday, the proprietress carries the slaughtered dog meat onto the electro-tricycle, ready to deliver it to the storefronts.

Around 08:30 in the morning, more and more people came to the street, and citizens steadily came to buy mutton. An old lady bought 3 jin at the price of 18 yuan /500g. "I don't know mutton. But this is a mutton shop, it will definitely sell mutton." Said the old lady, and she often bought mutton at this shop.

Around 08:40 in the morning, after receiving the report from our reporter, law enforcement officials of Industry and Commerce Department, Public Security Department, etc., rushed to Zhu Feng Mutton Shop. After seeking confirmation from several parties, the reporter was sure that the dog butcher man was Zhu Feng and the woman was his wife, and they were running "Hu County Zhu Feng Mutton Shop".

"Is this mutton?" one law enforcement official asked. At first, Zhu Feng's wife insisted that it's "mutton", but after seeing the dog-slaughtering photo shown by the reporter, she ceased speaking. When the law enforcement officials were looking into the meat in the refrigerator inside the shop, Zhu Feng's wife said, this is real dog meat.

In the den's backyard where dogs were slaughtered, the ground was muddy and 12 dogs were being tied, some of which looked sick, and the legs of some were shaking with cold. In the two pigsties, there were two freezers, one of which stored the dogs' fur, heads, etc., giving off a stinking smell, and the other stored simply packaged meat products. According to the log book found at the scene, meat products such as dog meat slaughtered here were sent to restaurants in Hu county town, Xi'an, etc. Upon examination, law enforcement officials found that the den had not gone through any relevant procedures, nor had it had its dog meat going to the market quarantined. Why are they selling dog meat as mutton? "It's driven by a low cost," Mr. Gao, a seller of meat products explained, "relatively speaking, the price of dog meat was lower than that of mutton, and it's seasonal -- Shaanxi people usually eat dog meat in winter. And if it were stray dogs, the cost would be even lower."

People's Daily Online, 2013-10-31: Black den freezes cats in a freezer to death, and sells cat meat as rabbit meat (fig.)

<http://news.china.com/social/animals/11140998/20131031/18120020.html>

In Huai'an City, Jiangsu, some people sold cat meat as rabbit meat to restaurants, thus an acquisition, slaughter, production and marketing coordinated-process black den came into being. Upon a citizen's tip-off, at about 04:30 on Oct. 30, the local Institute of Animal Health Supervision, the Public Security Department, the Industry and Commerce Department, the Food Safety Office, etc. jointly launched a surprise attack on wiped out a black den which sold cat meat as rabbit meat, deceiving the consumers.



5. Experts of different territories point out problems behind dog meat consumption, severe law and food safety risks exist

"Financial Channel of Chinese Trade News" 2014-06-17: Seminar hold for Reflection on "Yulin Dog Meat Festival"

<http://finance.chinatradenews.com.cn/html/china/2014/0617/53076.html>

Xia Zhaofei, the professor of clinical department, China Agriculture University, indicates that, it is possible to raise dogs in groups, but it requires extremely high techniques and it is hard to achieve. One mistake could cause a

large quantity of death. Therefore, even though it is possible to raise dogs for meat, the price of each Jin (Chinese measurement, about 1/2 kilo gram) would cost over 100 Yuan, not between ten to twenty Yuan as that sold in Yulin. He also says, normally it wouldn't keep too many different breeds at the same time if dogs are raised in groups.

After the seminar, more than twenty experts and researchers have signed a legal opinion which points out that, there are serious law risks on Yulin's dog meat market. The purchase links expose the illegality. A large quantity of dogs is from dog traders who steal or snatch away the dogs from their owners, not from a regular farm. This behavior has abused the interest of dog owners. They can appeal for their own rights according to the "Civil Laws", "Property Laws" and "Tort Liability Laws". Meanwhile, either the dog traders or the purchasers will be facing criminal penalty. According to "Penal Code", dog traders are suspected commit larceny, robbery, and crime of intentional destruction of property.

Workers Daily 2014-06-21: "What is wrong with the festival that celebrated by eating dog meat?"

http://media.worker.cn/sites/media/grrb/2014_06/21/GR0501.htm

According to the laws and regulation of China, qualified meat products has a completed tracking system. One can track the farming, vaccination, transportation, sales, and slaughter site of the meat product. If it is not traceable it means the product is not qualified.

Base on this regulation, Lawyer An Xiang, the author of "China Current Animal Protection Law Collection" says, dog meat if goes to the dinner table, first of all the dogs must be raised in regular farm. If the dogs are caught from outside, it is not qualified. On the other hand, last year Ministry of Agriculture has unveiled the "Notice on enhancing control and supervises on dogs and cats breeding, transportation, and quarantine", it requires every dog should have one vaccination book, one quarantine certificate and one lab report. The quarantine fee for each dog costs about 300-500 Yuan, therefore an entire truck of dogs would cost much. An Xiang says, in Yulin, many dogs are found sharing one quarantine certificate, or worse, the dogs in the entire truck have no certificates at all.

Qiu Baochang from the Legal Affairs Committee of Consumers' Rights and Interests of Beijing Lawyer Association says, the bottom line of the current "Food Safety Law" is safe. If the operator cannot assure the safety of the food, he/she shall take the responsibility. If meat products cannot be examined by laws and regulations, Food Safety Department must intervene. Meat must be safe to eat under any circumstances.

China Economic.cn (www.ce.cn)2014-June-06: <Lawyer: "Yulin Dog Meat Festival "Might be a Time Bomb of Rabbis>

http://finance.sina.com.cn/roll/20140606/134419337792.shtml?bsh_bid=422962587

Since the "stray dog extermination events" in Beijing 2006, when An Xiang published his article "Observation of Beijing Dog Raising Laws", he has been trying to analyze the current status of animal protection work from a legalistic point of view. "It is not only a moral problem, it is also a problem of customs, and even more, it is a legal problem to eat dog meat, and celebrate the festival by eating dog meat. Now when we look at the meat's source, transportation and the way of slaughter, it is far behind the requirement of laws and regulations. It is impossible to guarantee the safety of the meat, and the legality." He said.

An Xiang believes, "Law of Animal Quarantine" 2007 has explicitly stipulated, that animals that are vaccinated compulsorily, should have a vaccination file each, and should be attached with a "tag of livestock", so that the meat could be tracked, according to the requirement of veterinary authorities. "But when we look at the dog meat trading process, none of the step is qualified." Dr. Liu Lang from Beijing Small Animal Veterinary Association says.

When we talk about the source of dog meat, the related laws require the animal should have three certificates, two files and two tags: "Quarantine Certificate", "Animal Vaccination Condition Certificate", "Industrial and Business

License”, “File of Breeding”, “File of Immunity”, ”Tag of Livestock” and “Tag of Vaccination”. All these documents would increase the costs of dog meat, including costs of farm, cost of feed, cost of vaccination and costs of quarantine. Dr Liu Lang points out, dog eaters are relatively small market, it is hard for the meat dog breeding business to expand. Furthermore, large dogs need 8 months to grow which is a long growth cycle. It would be expensive to raise dogs for meat.

Therefore, the source of the dogs on dog meat festival is a big concern for the public. From the reports of the police department, the cases of robbing and poisoning dogs are increasing. These dogs are mainly heavy or expensive rural dogs and pet dogs.

“If dog meat is from poisoned dogs, how can the safety be guaranteed?” An Xiang believes, when it comes to transportation, it does not reach the requirement of the regulations.

According to the “Rules for the Quarantine of Canine Origin” and the “Notice Regarding the Further Strengthening of the Quarantine and Supervision of Dogs and Cats’ Origin” published by Ministry of Agricultural in April, 2013, each dog required a vaccination book, a quarantine certificate, and a lab report. “However during the transportation, in order to drop the cost, hundreds of dogs in a truck may only share one document. Many more are fake or blank certificate. An Xiang says.

“Many people are shocked by the cruel scenes of ‘Yulin Dog Meat Festival’ which dogs are slaughter around the streets. This has already violated the Animal Epidemic Prevention Law and Methods of Animal Quarantine Management.” Liu Lang introduced, slaughter must be conducted at a qualified site which is appointed by official veterinary.

“But the situation now is, no veterinary and no protection measures. This could be a time bomb of rabbis.” Liu Lang said. Once the dogs are with rabbis, brucellosis or leptospirosis, their blood could intrigue an outbreak of diseases if it goes into the butchers’ wounds or touches their mucosa.

Southern Metropolis Daily, 2014-05-16 There is no “dog meat street” any longer in Ronggui; existing over 10 years, complained against repeatedly, and recently ordered to cease selling cat & dog meat

<http://paper.oeeee.com/nis/201405/16/217083.html>

In the morning of May 9, law enforcement officials carried out a complete inspection of the dog & cat stalls in Shangjia City market, and issued a notice of instructing to correct to the market and the proprietors, requiring them to cease illegal sales of cats and dogs. “He who doesn’t have one certificate for each dog and one certificate for each cat must stop selling! From now on we will strengthen regulation, and will wipe out every single illegal activity we find!” Shangjia City market staff told Southern Metropolis Daily reporter that, by the next day, all the 8 stalls had stopped selling cats and dogs.



Before, law enforcement was carried out several times, but why is it finally cleaned up this time? Ronggui Market Safety Supervision Branch explained that the main reason was that, in Apr. last year, the Ministry of Agriculture issued a notice, requiring that a quarantine certificate must be obtained for the cats and dogs one by one, that is, for each dog, a rabies antibody certificate shall be obtained and another epidemic disease report shall be issued by a qualified laboratory designated by the provincial animal health supervision authority. This is the so-called “one certificate for each dog” policy. After the policy was issued, as long as one fails to provide relevant quarantine certificate for each dog, he will have to stop selling. “It is the clear basis for law enforcement. According to our preliminary examination, investigation, we find that many dog sellers could not provide a certificate for each dog, so we have to clean them up.”

Xiaoxiang Morning News, 2015-04-02: 17-ton “poisonous dog meat” destroyed pursuant to law in Cili

<http://www.xxcb.cn/chengzibaoliao/szxw/2015-04-02/8976990.html>

On Dec.9, 2014, someone reported that poisonous dogs were collected and sold in a farmer’s market in Cili County. After learning this situation, Cili County People’s Government immediately called a relevant departments meeting to arrange the related investigation and treatment work. On Dec.10, organized by Cili County Government, more than 30 law enforcement officers from the County Public Security Bureau, County Food Safety Office, County Food and Drug Administration, County Industrial and Commercial Bureau, County Bureau of Quality Supervision, County Animal Husbandry Bureau, County Disease Control and Prevention Center and other related departments set out in law enforcement vehicles to investigate and treat the dog collection den in Baigongcheng Community, Lingyang Town, Cili County.

Upon investigation, the law enforcement officers checked and detained on the spot 1,297 dogs which died from some unknown cause, discovered and seized an account book, which recorded that 1,427 dogs had been collected this year, totaling 17 tons, and that the amount of money involved reached nearly 300,000 yuan; some already-sold dead dogs mainly went to the local markets and the counties and cities around Cili. Two individuals involved have been brought under control, and the other 6 suspects are still at large, and the department concerned is hunting them down.

