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# **10 Dogs Rescued from the Korean Meat Trade Arrive at AWA**

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Voorhees, NJ – On July 16<sup>th</sup>, Animal Welfare Association (AWA) received ten dogs that were rescued from a South Korean dog meat farm by the Humane Society International (HSI). While dog meat is eaten in several countries in Asia, South Korea is the only country that farms dogs for human consumption on a large scale.

The dogs on these farms live in terrible conditions — in barren wire cages without adequate shelter or veterinary care. Then they are brutally slaughtered, usually by electrocution or hanging, taking up to 5 minutes to die.

AWA has taken in dogs rescued from China and South Korea meat farms in the past several years. These dogs have gone on to live happy lives with their adoptive families. “We are so grateful we can offer these dogs a better future. Saving the lives of animals is our mission and these dogs were facing certain death”, says Maya Richmond, Executive Director of Animal Welfare Association.

Coming from a life of cramped chicken wire cages, where they were bred specifically for consumption, meant these dogs did not know kindness or love from humans. Being at AWA will give them a safe place to adjust. While at the shelter they will receive medical treatment, behavior rehabilitation (if needed) and training, ultimately, they will be adopted into loving homes where they can finally have the lives they deserve.

For photos from HSI please see link provided below.

<https://newsroom.humanesociety.org/fetcher/index.php?searchMerlin=1&searchBrightcove=1&submitted=1&mw=d&q=SKFarm16Rescue0520>

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