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Austin Mom Rescues Four Dogs from Certain Torture and Death in Asian Meat Markets

Amy Stanton Choreographs Safe Rescue of Dogs From Her Home 10,000 Miles Away



Austin, Texas – Tuesday, August 30, 2016 - Four dogs that were to be skinned alive and served as food in Chinese and Vietnamese meat markets are arriving in Austin on Tuesday. After almost 24 hours in a crated 10,000 mile journey to freedom, the dogs will arrive just before midnight Sunday evening at Bush Airport in Houston. Amy Stanton, a successful business owner, mother, and animal rights advocate, who worked diligently to arrange rescue and transportation for the dogs, will be at the airport to greet them. Amy plans to take the dogs immediately to a house in Houston with a big backyard to run around in their first night before heading back to her home in Lakeway on Tuesday. The dogs are in for a real treat in Austin, the largest no kill city in the U.S., where dogs are loved and treated like our best friends. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said elsewhere.

The dog meat trade is alive and thriving in many Asian countries including Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Korea, China, Indonesia, Malaysia and Laos. No dog is safe. Thieves are stealing pet dogs from yards and temples during the night. From there the dogs are crammed into cages so tightly that many die from suffocation, thirst and injuries before they make it to the slaughterhouse. This journey can take days. The unlucky ones that survive the journey then face a fate that is unimaginable. Before being slaughtered for their meat, dogs are tortured, sometimes for 48 hours, while other dogs are in cages nearby watching and waiting for their turn. People who are involved in the capture, torture and purchasing of dog meat believe that the torture and extra adrenaline tenderizes the meat, and makes it an aphrodisiac, strengthening the person who eats it. “It is inhumane, unspeakable and has to end now,” says Amy Stanton.



Amy Stanton at home in Lakeway with her own dogs.

Amy Stanton is the Texas Director of Addicus' Legacy Dog Rescue, founded by Philippa Scott. Addicus saves hundreds of dogs each year from kill shelters around Texas. "I felt the need to get involved with Soi Dog when I watched a video produced in 2014 that showed the atrocities that are taking place on a daily basis in Asia," says Amy. Soi Dog is a nonprofit organization based in Thailand whose mission is to shut down dog meat markets. It is supported by well-known names like [Ricky Gervais](#) and [Matt Damon](#). "I'm committed to saving as many dogs as possible from euthanasia and torture in Texas and Asia. I know the brutality in the videos and the images is unsettling." Amy says that people don't have to watch the videos that show the inhumane treatment of Asian dogs in order to help save their lives today. "You can donate to help fund the rescue, rehoming and rehabilitation of these dogs by going to <http://asiandogrescue.org/> and clicking the DONATE button at the top of the page."

The four dogs Amy rescued were being smuggled to China and Vietnam from Thailand. Their names are Cyril, Stripes, Ella and Lucille. A fifth dog, Nala, a quiet sweet soul, was also set to be saved but sadly died waiting for her flight to the U.S. "For all the Nalas that suffer in silence without a voice in Asia, know that your spirit lives on in our work and our commitment to helping sweet souls like you find the life all dogs deserve." Amy Stanton and the dogs will be available for interviews in Austin, Texas starting Tuesday, August 30th 2016. The dogs are up for adoption. To give donations to end this violence and/or adopt these dogs please contact Amy Stanton at texas@addicuslegacy.org or go to <http://asiandogrescue.org/> . For booking information please contact Ashley Steinmetz of Ashley Steinmetz PR via 512.981.9643 or ashley@perfectwavemarketing.com