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Ministry of Agriculture

To Whom It May Concern:

We are Janelle Babington and Penny Eims, animal welfare petitioners with AnimalVictory.org. We created a petition on February 3 with regards to the novel coronavirus and the ensuing panic among Chinese residents who are killing their pets out of misguided fear that the virus will spread among cats and dogs and ultimately harm humans. Within four days we received 7517 signatures.

[https://www.animalvictory.org/china\\_stop\\_advising\\_people\\_to\\_dispose\\_of\\_pets\\_and\\_shut\\_down\\_exotic\\_meat\\_markets\\_permanently](https://www.animalvictory.org/china_stop_advising_people_to_dispose_of_pets_and_shut_down_exotic_meat_markets_permanently)

The World Health Organization has already stated that companion animals are not at risk of contracting the coronavirus and it has advised that they were not the source of the outbreak. In fact, the source of this deadly virus has been linked to the exotic meat market (wet market) in Wuhan. We are of the understanding that there is a temporary ban on the sale of exotic meats (koala, bat, snake, rats and more) but we believe these markets should be permanently closed due to the health repercussions for not only Chinese residents, but the entire world.

We hope that officials in China will reach out to frightened residents and let them know that killing their companion pets is not necessary. We also hope to see officials shut down exotic meat markets, in all areas of China, permanently. We hope to hear back from your agency with regards to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Janelle Babington and Penny Eims

