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In 2019, we celebrate the 10th anniversary of our Companion Animal Veterinary Training programme. Together with our expert partners Vets for Compassion (VFC), ACTAsia has brought a decade of training in animal welfare and veterinary technique to more than a thousand vets in China.

At our anniversary celebration we will award the following honours:

Caring for Life Animal Welfare Awards for:

- Special Contribution
- Social Responsibility
- Free Rabies Practice
- Charity Pioneer

# Foreword

It has been ten years since our team of two veterinarians and two nurses from Vets for Compassion, along with ACTAsia consultants, first arrived in Shenzhen and Beijing to commence the first ever Train the Trainer, spay and neuter training workshops in China.

More than 100 vets came to take part. During the surgery sessions, ten vets and two translators were in each room, in the sweltering summer heat. We connected with the Chinese vets; they were willing to learn, compassionate and resourceful.

Applying the tried and tested concept of Train the Trainer to Chinese vets was the idea of ACTAsia's steadfast CEO, Pei Su. Soon after we met, she told me about her aspirations for improving veterinary practice and consequently animal welfare in China, but that she needed international vets to make it happen; and so our fruitful partnership began.

Ten years on, our primary focus remains strong. Together we have trained more than 1,000 veterinarians and certified 17 trainers from ten provinces. The proof of sustainability lies in the fact that our trainers are proud to fulfil their civic duty, and continue to train others while we are not there, promoting animal birth control and rabies vaccination to other vets, as well as in schools.

Our programme is unique in China. It teaches hands-on modern anaesthesia, surgery techniques, animal handling, and pain relief, all approved by the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA). We update our vets every year, teaching the best clinical methods available today, supporting ACTAsia in their production of up-to-date manuals designed to assist all veterinary surgeons and anaesthetists. Volunteer surgeons and specialists from Australia, New Zealand, and the US have contributed to these manuals.

Our vet trainers are given free access to Continuing Professional Development. So far we have offered training in ophthalmology, respiratory, cardiology, feline medicine, and rabbit medicine and surgery. Veterinary specialists include Professor Lynelle Johnson (respiratory specialist, UC Davis), Professor David Maggs (ophthalmologist, UC Davis), Adj Professor Mark Rishniw (Cornell), Dr Narelle Walter (rabbit specialist), Dr Richard Gowan (feline medicine), and Dr Rebecca Weight (surgeon), who have been updating Trainers since 2012. This year we were also so pleased that the World Small Animal Veterinary Association endorsed our programme, giving it even greater professional credibility.

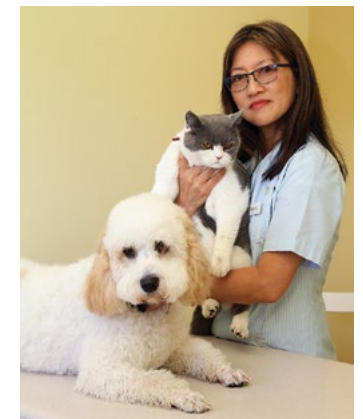
China is a resourceful and prosperous country, but very expansive. Our training programme remains a drop in the ocean unless the education is shared and passed on.

Every stakeholder needs to promote responsible pet ownership, the desexing of pets and humane euthanasia. Our goals are only possible through collaboration. ACTAsia has the experience in China that is essential to facilitating TTT and CPD workshops in cooperation with the respective Chinese Governments, veterinary associations, universities and animal welfare organisations.

It is through this symbiotic relationship that we will achieve our vision of high standards in animal welfare and the humane control of stray animal populations across China.

## Dr Elaine Ong

Veterinary Surgeon University of Melbourne  
Principal of the Balwyn Central Veterinary Hospital  
ASAVA Accredited Hospital Of Excellence  
Founder of Vets for Compassion  
Recipient of The Belle Reid Medal University of Melbourne  
- Top 100 Female Vets in the world (for her contribution to animal welfare)





## The background to our veterinary training programme

### Identifying the need

In China, the concept of animal welfare is in its infancy. The wellbeing of dogs, cats and other companion animals is hardly considered by society – not by pet-owners, not even by local veterinarians. Keeping pets in China is a relatively new culture, seen as a novelty rather than a responsibility, widely misunderstood, and unpopular in many neighbourhoods because of noise pollution, bite-incidents, and fear of rabies outbreaks.

Veterinarians do not have the same professional status in China as they do in most parts of the western world. A vocation to promote animal welfare is unusual for Chinese vets, and training in universities has little focus on companion animal issues. The increasing number of unwanted animals in China is becoming a significant welfare problem because the most common method of population control is indiscriminate, inhumane mass culling of thousands of dogs. If animal welfare and population management are to improve, vets must play an essential role.



### Veterinarians as ambassadors for animal welfare

Across the world, veterinarians are at the frontline of animal welfare. They are among the ambassadors of respect for non-human species, striving to understand the needs of animals that can't speak for themselves.

ACTAsia partners with experts Vets for Compassion (VFC) to fulfil our professional education programme for veterinarians. Together, we introduce new concepts and techniques in animal health and welfare to Asian countries. We promote and fulfil a Companion Animal Veterinary Training Programme, which includes Train the Trainer (TTT) and Continuing Professional Development (CPD). The programme was launched in China in 2009, and ten years on, we have established an effective platform for local veterinarians in China to work towards better animal welfare standards.





## Train the Trainer (TTT)

Train the Trainer promotes fundamental standards in the treatment of companion animals. Veterinarians learn best practice through a course of workshops led by partners VFC, including the sentence of the animals they treat, proper anaesthesia techniques for surgery, current spay and sterilisation methods, the importance of pain management, and how vaccinations can control rabies.

TTT is a welcome initiative throughout China, especially in second and third tier cities where clinics for companion animals are still a relatively new idea. In such a big country it takes a long time for new cultures to become routine, which is why we use the TTT model. Once certified, vets are encouraged to take their new knowledge and share it with colleagues through peer-to-peer training. This way, we can reach many more practising professionals than we could train first-hand. It's a very effective way of spreading best practice.

## Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Once veterinarians have been certified as Trainers, or passed the assessments to put new techniques into practice, ACTAsia and VFC follow-up with regular workshops to continue developing professional skills. This may include refresher courses in techniques they have already learnt, or taking the next step to introduce more new techniques into their professional repertoire.





## The partners behind the veterinary programme

**ACTAsia** believes that respect for people, animals, and the environment will lead to a more compassionate and sustainable world.

By educating children, consumers and professionals, ACTAsia promotes kindness and compassion among Asian societies. ACTAsia initiates education programmes for gradual and sustainable change.

Projects are run by international staff, volunteers and advisors in China, Australia, Europe and the US.

The Companion Animal Veterinary Training programme is part of a professional education agenda, through which professionals become advocates for compassion and awareness of animal welfare in Asia. ACTAsia's work has been publicly recognised through the following awards:

- 2019 Jiemian Charitable Leadership Award of 2018, Pei Su, founder and CEO of ACTAsia, for her contribution to promoting human and animal relationships and her dedication to the education of children
- 2017 Asia for Animals 10th Conference – Next Generation award at the 10th AfA conference in Kathmandu Nepal for Caring for Life Education programme
- 2017 CEVA – ACTAsia's contribution to promoting the relationship between people and animals and dedication to educating children, presented to ACTAsia Founder and CEO Pei Su
- 2017 Shenzhen Youth Development Foundation Awards – Best Charity Partner for the CFL project
- 2016 Dalang Community of Shenzhen – Social Construction and Innovation in the Community project
- 2016 CEVA – Charity Team of the Year
- 2015 Chinese Government on Urbanisation – Top 10 most influential organisations in China



**Vets for Compassion (VFC)** has a vision to improve animal welfare both in Australia and in Asia. The mission involves:

- Emergency response during natural disasters through provision of highly trained vets and vet professionals to help affected wildlife, farm and companion animals
- Working in underdeveloped communities to reduce the suffering of stray animals, through coordinated and sustainable Animal Birth Control (ABC) and Anti-Rabies (AR) programs
- Assisting ethical animal welfare groups in underdeveloped countries in ABC and AR programs by upskilling and providing hands on support to their vets and vet professionals. This ensures they practice the highest standard of medicine and surgery in a compassionate manner for companion and stray animals



### **World Small Animal Veterinary Association**

**(WSAVA)** is an international industry association with over 200,000 veterinarians in 110 member associations from 87 countries. It works to advance the health and welfare of companion animals throughout the world and to speak on behalf of companion animal veterinarians globally. WSAVA aims to improve the quality and availability of drugs and surgery for small animals, as well as to create a unified nursing standard for animals and humans.

In 2019, WSAVA and ACTAsia became education partners. WSAVA supports the joint veterinary training programme led by ACTAsia and VFC.

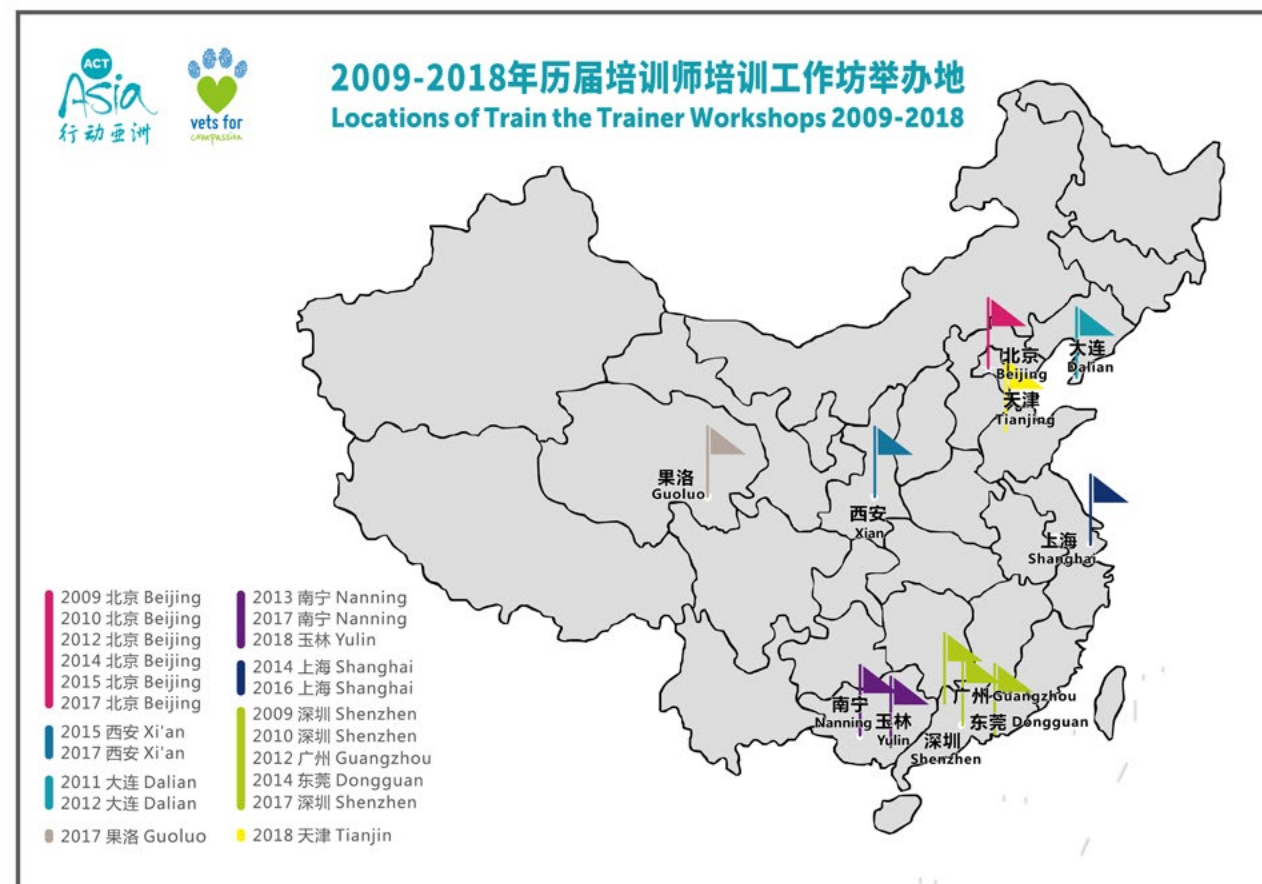






## What has our programme achieved?

Over the last decade, we have taken our training programme to a total of 11 cities throughout China. These include Shenzhen, Beijing, Dalian, Guangzhou, Nanning, Xi'An, Yulin, Dongguan, Hangzhou, and Qinghai. We have led a total of 22 TTT workshops and four CPD sessions, during which around 1,300 vets were trained and around 400 animals spayed. We have certified 16 Chinese trainers.





## Working in local partnership

Our friends and colleagues in China make our programme possible. It is through working with local organisations that we launched TTT.

Over the past decade, we have worked in many first tier cities including Shenzhen, Beijing, Shanghai, Gyuangzhou and Hangzhou, second tier cities such as Dalian, Zhonnshan, and Dongguan, third tier cities including Yulin, and fifth tier cities such as Yu Shu. We have cooperated with government departments, including the Animal Disease Prevention Control Centre in Beijing, Xian in Shanxi Province, Yulin in Guangxi Province, and Yushu in Guoluo County Qinghai Province. We have also worked with small veterinary associations, veterinary hospitals, and many animal organisations across China.

The advances we have made in Yulin are perhaps the best testament to the effectiveness of our programme. In a region notorious for its dog-eating practices and extreme number of strays, we held a workshop to promote humane control of rabies and stray populations, which was supported by local government authorities.

Director of the Yulin Animal Disease Prevention and Control Centre, Gan Jiazhong, said: *"The prevention and elimination of rabies requires years of time and multi-party participation. Through this seminar, the experience of experts can be a reference for us. In addition, we need to promote and apply it according to local need to achieve prevention and control. A good trend is that Yulin is slowly getting rid of the rabies-prone situation, which shows that our epidemic prevention work has achieved great effect."*



## International work

### 2019: Endorsed by the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA)

The veterinary training programme run by ACTAsia and VCF was commended and endorsed by WSAVA.

### 2018: World Veterinary Association 2nd Animal Welfare Awards

Dr Yin Zhijuan, deputy head of the ACTAsia and VFC China Team, won this award.

### 2017: 10th Asia for Animals Conference

ACTAsia won the 2017 Care for the Next Generation Award presented by the Organising Committee of the Congress. ACTAsia's CEO Pei Su delivered a keynote report at the Congress.

### 2017: ISFM Feline Meeting

ACTAsia was invited by International Cat Care to send three Chinese VFC trainers for the meeting.

### 2012: 2nd ISFM Diagnosis and Treat Technology Symposium

ACTAsia China Executive Manager Zhang Yuanyuan was invited to attend the symposium and delivered a keynote report.

### 2011: 2nd China Veterinarian Development Forum

Elaine Ong, founder of VFC Australia, gave a keynote report on veterinary training in China.



## Standardised training

With the joint expertise of VFC and ACTAsia, we have produced manuals and videos to help guide local trainers through a set of standardised clinical procedures in facilitating TTT workshops.

- Companion Animal Welfare Veterinary Train the Trainer Programme Trainers Manual
- Comprehensive Companion Welfare Veterinary Training Manual
- Rabbit Medical Training Handbook, Practical Emergency and Critical Care Handbook, and published other supporting materials relevant to all teachings
- Videos include Dog Handling, Cat Handling, Spay/Castration Videos Part 1, 2, and 3, Rabbit Castration, Rabbit Spay.



## Our achievements over 10 years in China

### Medical advances in veterinary care

- We encourage the use of long-acting **single-shot antibiotics** replacing a series of injections, saving time and money, and sparing animals extra stress. We advise on avoiding **antibiotic resistance** too.
- We've made big strides introducing **the latest clinical equipment**, including the oviduct ligation hook for less invasive sterilisation. We've also introduced **absorbable sutures** reducing the need for repeat clinical follow-up, **improved suture methods**, and trained vets to use the **latest clinical forceps** in surgery, particularly Rochester-Carmalt straight haemostat forceps.
- Our veterinarians learn the importance of **infection control** and use of a sterilising pan with chemical indicator strips, as well as **chlorhexidine sterilisation** and tightened procedures for **hand-scrubbing**.

### Improvements to animal welfare and public health

- **Pain and anesthesia management** are a crucial part of training where clinical practice meets animal welfare. Our trained veterinarians use **the latest safe and effective drugs**, including Zoletil, Dexmedetomidine, analgesic Meloxicam, and Lidocaine in pain management. They've also learnt to **use an anaesthetic machine** and **ET tubes**.
- Veterinarians in China learn about **the different needs of dogs and cats**, including drugs specific to each species, and tools for diagnosis and treatment. Without increasing veterinary costs, we have greatly improved animal welfare by clarifying the different **emotional, handling, and health needs of dogs and cats**.
- Our **rabies prevention vaccination programme** has already protected thousands of dogs against the deadly disease, also **guarding the safety of citizens**.
- **We update our training procedures and recommendations every year**, to make sure that we're always in line with the latest international techniques.

### Training in China

- Our goal is to **equip veterinarians in China to work and share their new knowledge independently** of supporting experts. Through **peer-to-peer training** by certified vets we increase our reach.
- Each TTT workshop takes at least three days, **covering theoretical and practical surgery**, and **high standards in animal welfare**. All certified trainers receive support and **Continuing Professional Development (CPD)** to help them develop and progress.
- TTT has helped to give **influence to veterinarians in China**, giving them the freedom to take their skills to communities in need. They are **advocates of human public health**, as well as **animal health**, for **responsible pet ownership, prevention of zoonotic diseases**, and the **population control** of stray animals.



## Endorsements in celebration of 10 years

### **Marquis Federico Spinola, Honorary Patron of ACTAsia**

'As the Patron of ACTAsia, it gives me great pleasure to endorse the 10th anniversary of our veterinary training programme in China, in partnership with Vets for Compassion. It is widely accepted that citizens of the world are bound by the common thread of humanity and share qualities such as kindness, care, compassion, and empathy. Through ACTAsia and VFC training courses, such qualities can be further developed throughout the veterinary profession, in any country, and practised as part of everyday life working with any species of animal in their care.'

### **Dr Shane Ryan, President, and Dr Siraya Chunekamrai, Vice-President of the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA)**

'WSAVA's mandate is to raise global veterinary standards to ensure all companion animals worldwide receive the care that allows for their optimal health and welfare. To assist us in this mission, we partner with established, competent and reputable organisations to increase our reach, to the benefit of veterinarians and the animals in their care. I applaud ACTAsia for their work with the training of veterinarians and the provision of continuing education for the veterinary profession in China.'

### **Professors Lynelle Johnson and David Maggs, University of California Davis**

'It was our pleasure to present on ophthalmology and cardiorespiratory medicine to a large group of enthusiastic veterinarians in Hangzhou in 2017. We commend these training programmes and animal welfare initiatives throughout China.'

### **Dr Helen Winter, Consultant Oncologist, University Hospital Bristol**

'Ten years of veterinary training and CPD is a significant milestone, relevant to the relationship between science and humanity. For both the medical and veterinary professions, the words of Jeremy Bentham, the 18th century philosopher and social reformer, are ever applicable: The question is not, can they reason? Nor, can they talk? But, can they suffer?'

### **Emeritus Professor Terence Ryan, Green Templeton College, University of Oxford**

'As a medical consultant, I worked in China for many years, 'Training the Trainers' in hospitals. This programme uses a similar process for veterinary training, so I fully understand the valuable potential for such an approach. Congratulations on ten years of excellent work with more than 1,000 vets, now up-skilled through the training workshops and seminars.'

### **Lang Liu, Secretary-General of Beijing Small Animal Veterinary Association**

'Veterinarians are the guardians of animal health and carry the responsibility to improve animal welfare.'

### **Professor Jason Lih-Seng Yeh, Institute of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, National Taiwan University**

'I recently participated in ACTAsia and VCF training workshops, so I am pleased to endorse the high standards developed over the past ten years and feel confident that the vets trained and the animals they treat will benefit from the skills and knowledge acquired.'

### **Bi Xiu Jiang, General Manager at Naughty Family Hospital**

Since I met ACTAsia and VFC in 2009, I have learnt much about their veterinary training programme with increasing admiration. They show how the veterinary profession not only has responsibility for the medical treatment of animals, but also a responsibility for educating owners, prevention and treatment of zoonosis, birth control and management of stray animals. Working for better awareness of animal welfare is fundamental to being a veterinarian.

On this 10th anniversary, I would like to show my praise and gratitude to kind friends overseas who have devoted their time and expertise. I am convinced it will have a positive influence. Thank you for your contribution and I will always be with you to work for animal welfare.

### **Jiazhong Gan, Director of the Centre for Animal Disease Control and Prevention, Yulin, Guangxi**

'Looking back across ten years, compassion has been delivered across the whole country. Looking forward to the future, we should remain cohesive and change animal welfare for companion animals.'





**Professor Qingguo Zhou, President of Foshan Small Animal Veterinary Association**

'The last ten years of veterinary training have propelled the protection of companion animals in China to a new level. It has promoted clinical methods, instilled animal welfare into both vets and citizens, and made the last decade so memorable for Chinese vets and animal defenders who have taken part.'

**Professor Haibin Zhang, Nanjing Agricultural University, PhD mentor**

'I warmly congratulate this veterinary training programme on its 10th anniversary. It has built a platform for vets, veterinary associations and industries to communicate, and made a great contribution to the development of clinical methods and procedures in China. Long may it continue.'

**Chao Tian, Associate Professor of Henan Vocational College of Agriculture, Imaging Specialist, Ruipai Veterinary Hospital.**

'Last year, our hospital was privileged to take part in flank training with ACTAsia and VFC, and we have been able to apply our new knowledge to stray animals. We'll continue to follow in the footsteps of this programme and hope to make a greater contribution to animal welfare and rabies prevention.'

## Stories from Chinese Trainers

**Duan Lei**

I come from Changsha, Hunan, where I am head of the Dog Jimeiji Pet Clinic. I've loved animals since I was a child, when I used to take in abandoned dogs. Many were sick and died, because there was no veterinary treatment for them, and it was a great sadness in my childhood.

When I was at college in 2006, I started to volunteer in Changsha Small Animal Protection Association, treating stray companion animals. It was this experience that inspired me to train to become a vet.

After the Wenchuan earthquake hit in 2008, I went with a volunteer team to rescue injured animals in the disaster area. When I returned home, I decided to open my own animal clinic, together with my wife, who also loves animals. We opened the Dog Jimeiji Pet Clinic, which now has a local reputation as the first choice for pet owners who really care about their animals.

Many people ask why we didn't join an existing chain of practices. The answer is that we are not driven by profit, but committed to giving free treatment to all animals – whether



they are stray, or if their owner can't afford to pay. I also want enough time to be a good father.

In 2009, I took part in the first veterinary training workshop run by ACTAsia and VFC in Beijing to learn up-to-date methods of flank spay. It was enlightening to understand how foreign vets control and manage pain and infection with anaesthesia, analgesia and aseptic procedures – which I now know are so fundamental to veterinary practice.

The last ten years of Train the Trainer have given me the great benefit of meeting so many like-minded veterinarians. We put animals first, try our best to reduce their suffering, and share our understanding and knowledge with many more vets.

It's hard for one person alone to make a difference in the world. But together as a group, we can go further. If you want to improve veterinary practice in China, you are very welcome to join our team of practitioners and promoters of animal welfare!



### Yin Zhijuan

I come from Guangxi, where I studied animal medicine and was motivated to do something good for animals. In 2008, I opened my own veterinary clinic, where I worked with local organisations to provide free hospitalisation and cheap veterinary



services for the animals they rescued. But other than giving free medical care, there wasn't much I could do. I wanted to do more.

In general, veterinary hospitals in China don't have much understanding of animal welfare. I was conscious that many vets were more interested their own professional development than animal welfare, and didn't understand the importance of anaesthesia. So in 2010 when I was introduced to ACTAsia and VFC by a friend, I was very happy to see that TTT was introducing anaesthesia, improving pain management, sterile surgical procedures, and rabies control.

After the first training session I returned to the clinic full of new ideas to share with pet owners. I began to use painkillers for free, and explained to owners why they were necessary, and my clients reported that their pets recovered more quickly now. I had also learnt to sterilise female animals safely, avoiding infection, and how vaccination could replace culling to control the spread of rabies.

I benefited so profoundly from this new knowledge that I was desperate to share it with other vets. In 2012 I was accredited as a Trainer myself. Now I have the chance to travel all over the country to teach new techniques and animal welfare. In each place I can feel the enthusiasm of the local students as the changes that happened to me, begin to happen for them.

In 2018 with the support of ACTAsia, I became the first Chinese vet to win the World Veterinary Association Animal Welfare Award. It is not only a personal honour, but also an affirmation of the whole team of trainers.

If I had my life again, I would choose to be a part of the same TTT programme. And I very much hope that veterinarians who read this brochure will join our team, extending the reach of animal welfare across all 9.6 million square kilometres of China. Let's work together to make it happen.





### Wei Chang'e

My name is Wei Chang'e, and I come from a rural family in the suburbs of Xi'an, Shaanxi Province. Animals have been part of life since I was a child, helping on the family farm, which I remember affectionately. I went on to study animal husbandry with a veterinary specialty at Agricultural School, when I knew I wanted to be a vet. Elected as resident farm vet, I learnt about the mass prevention and treatment of disease, but I really wanted to learn more about pet diagnosis and treatment.

In 2014 I became the first vet for companion animals in Xi'an, and founded the first veterinary clinic: Bangtai Pet Animal Hospital. This was when I first met VFC and ACTAsia, and took part in a training session in Beijing. I learnt a lot about advanced medical concepts, and it was the first time I began to understand animal welfare.

During my training, I felt so excited by the development of veterinary medicine in China and was determined to become a trainer myself. It took two years of hard work to be certified, but following my heart, I wanted to care for sick animals. Working with local animal rescue centres, we began to offer medical assistance to stray animals. We also vaccinated nearly 2,000 dogs against rabies.

Perhaps the most memorable work with ACTAsia and VFC is a trip to Qinghai, where I was a trainer teaching local vets to sterilise Tibetan Mastiffs. Although these dogs are important animals to the people in Qinghai, there is a problem with over-population.

The altitude made the training extremely difficult for many of us, but I am so thankful to both organisations for the experience it brought me.

I have gained so much from TTT: a much better understanding of animal welfare, and the responsibilities that vets have as advocates for animals. I have also learnt so much professionally, and been able to share my skills with so many more vets, particularly on flank spay and animal welfare.



### Zhang Yongjun

I'm from Beijing, and am currently director of VFC China Department. I began my career by studying agriculture, and went on to pursue veterinary medicine. When I graduated in 1994, I was assigned to Shenzhen Wildlife Park, where I was responsible for the control of diseases among animals. Despite my responsibility, I was a rookie and had very little experience with these species of animal, but I learnt a lot.

In 2004, I joined the International Foundation for Animal Care and worked as a veterinary consultant for five years. I offered support to dog and cat rescue organisations, and worked with international experts from Europe, the US and Hong Kong to help birds of prey and black bears.

I have a much better understanding of how important animal welfare is now, and have promoted it in my own clinic. My work with the International Foundation for Animal Care has made a great impact on my working philosophy. I understand the importance of protecting habitats for wildlife, maintaining ecological balance. I have learnt how important it is for farmed animals to be adequately cared for, and how farmers can reduce animal stress by providing the right environment. Once I understood the importance of vaccination and humane population control, I offered my time for free to vaccinate 1,200 dogs against rabies in Sichuan Province with the Foundation for Caring for Rabies.

In 2010, I was deeply attracted by the animal welfare concepts advocated by ACTAsia and VCF, and joined their training programme. As the first head of China's regional team, I began training vets in China, passing on basic surgical techniques and concepts, and helping Chinese vets to realise the importance of animal welfare in surgical procedures.

Over the past ten years, our team has influenced many veterinarians, helping them to gain recognition from their clients. In future, our team of trainers in China will continue to support this programme and uphold the principles and beliefs advocated by ACTAsia and VFC.





## What does the future hold?

As we enter our second decade of veterinary training, the future holds even more professional development for veterinarians in China. We hope that we will secure sufficient funding and support to continue to aim for the following objectives:

- Provide theoretical training to 100 vets each year
- Identify at least five Trial Trainers each year
- Certify four new Trainers each year
- Promote two Trainers each year to advanced level
- Offer one international training per year
- Provide one AVC/AR to an Advanced Trainer in the rural field

Our ten-year celebration serves as a reminder of the importance of animal welfare and veterinary development within societies across the world. We aim to inspire international veterinary experts, associated industries, and governments to show their support by collaborating with us. It is our shared responsibility to improve welfare standards and humanely control populations of companion animals across the world.

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### China animal protection organisations:

Szcat, Shenzhen	Straycat forum, Nanning
Capital Animal Welfare Association, Beijing	SAAP, Nanning
Think Adoption, Shanghai	Liuzhou Hoping-a-Home, Liuzhou
Together for Animals in China, Beijing	Rescuing Stray Cat Volunteer Team, DongGuan
Xixisenlin Guangzhoucat, Guangzhou	Trap Neuter Release on-going team
Vshine Animal Protection Association, Dalian	Cat home, Jinan
Luckycats, Beijing	Changsha Small Animal Protection Association, Changsha
Cool Pets, Beijing	Hongshiliu Stray Animal Rescuing Centre, Xian
Shenzhen Straydogshelter	
Beautiful New World, Beijing	

### Universities and colleges:

Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Agriculture, Shanghai Songjiang Agricultural college, Guangxi University College of Animal science and technology, Zhejiang University College of animal science and technology, College of Veterinary Medicine at Northwest Agriculture and Forestry Technology University, Faculty of Animal Engineering at Yangling Vocational & Technical College

### Veterinary associations:

Beijing Small Animal Veterinary Association, Guangxi Veterinary Association, Guangxi Small Animal Veterinary Association, Guangdong Pet Industry Association, Shenzhen Pet Medical Association, Guangzhou Small Animal Veterinary Association, Dongguan Animal and Veterinary Science Association-Veterinary Branch, Shanghai Animal Science and Veterinary Science Association- Small Animal Veterinary Branch, Xi'an Small Animal Veterinary Association, Hangzhou Small Animal Veterinary Association.



### Enterprises:

Shenzhen Kaaite Public Cultural Communication Agency, Kwafu Daily (Beijing) Children's Cultural Creativity Co., Ltd., Hangzhou International Holiday Hotel, Zhongshan Crown Holiday Hotel, Shanghai Liye Commune, Shanghai Yinxing Crown Holiday Hotel, Beijing Airborne Crown Holiday Hotel, Shenzhen and Rita Agricultural Technology Development Co., Ltd., Zhejiang Jiajian Culture COLORFUL, Hangzhou Jiumao Biotechnology Co., Ltd. Bayer (Sichuan) Animal Health Co., Ltd., Zoetis (Shanghai) Animal Health Products Co., Ltd., Shanghai Hongrui Pet Co., Ltd., Shanghai Yulan Trading Co., Ltd., Beijing Zhonglian Animal Co., Ltd., Lan's Technology Group (Hong Kong) Co., Ltd., Revised Pharmaceutical Industry, Xi'an Dimeiler, Shanghai Hanwei, Xi'an Yingxi, American Aibao, Weihai Guangmu, Shenzhen Hui Song, Taiwanese Ling Yuesheng, Pu Enhua, Guangxi Nanning Liujun Pet Products Co., Ltd., Guangxi Mano Biological Products Co., Ltd., Guangxi Shenjiu Biological Products Co., Ltd., Rangiora Vet Center (RVC), Yingxi Biology, Ruipai Jinhua Management Company, Puppytown Animal Hospital, Shenzhen Ruipeng animal hospital, Shenzhen Kangde Products Co., Ltd., Guangzhou City Red Taiwolf Biological Technology Co., Ltd., Dongguan Cool Baolai Pet Investment Development Co., Ltd., Shenzhen Qinzhan Water Technology Co., Ltd., Dream Garden, Beijing Xiangyun Town Taisu Vegetarian Food, Shanghai Glinx Intelligent Technology Co., JøRGEN KRUUSE A/S

### Veterinary hospitals:

Australia Diamond Valley Veterinary Hospital, Australia Box Hill Veterinary Hospital, Australia Melbourne Rabbit Hospital, Beijing Xijiao Veterinary Hospital, Beijing Rong-an Veterinary Hospital, Beijing Zhongnongpaide Veterinary Hospital, Beijing Puppytown veterinary hospital, Beijing Junjie veterinary hospital, Beijing Chongzeyuan veterinary hospital, Beijing Wanmei veterinary hospital, Beijing Tangmulong veterinary hospital, Beijing Minganxing veterinary hospital, Beijing Shangdu veterinary hospital, Beijing Veiduo veterinary hospital, Beijing anli Veterinary Hospital, Changsha Miaojiquanji Animal Clinic, Dalian Bo'ai Veterinary Hospital, Guangxi University Animal Hospital, Guangzhou Haizhou District Ruipeng Veterinary Hospital, Hangzhou Boda Veterinary Hospital, Liuzhou Xiaoli Veterinary Hospital, Nanning A'rong Veterinary Hospital, Nanning Mibao Animal Hospital, Shanghai Kangbei Veterinary Hospital, Shenzhen Kangde Veterinary Hospital, Shenzhen Ruipeng (Futian branch) Veterinary Hospital, Shenzhen Renhe Veterinary Hospital, Shenzhen Huanan Veterinary Hospital, Shenzhen Union Veterinary Hospital (Longhua, Minzhi, Xin'an, Zoo Center and Nanshan branches), Shenzhen Ruipai Veterinary Hospital (Fuhualonghua, Fuhuagangxia and Fuhuashazui branches), Northwest Agricultural & Forest University Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Xi'an Bangpai Exotic Veterinary Hospital, Xi'an Paite Veterinary Hospital, Yanji Aishantang Veterinary Hospital, Zhongshan Guanchong Veterinary Hospital, Beijing Guanchong Exotic Pet Centre, Naughty Family Animal Hospitals, Animal Hospital of Northwest Agriculture and Forestry Technology University

**International organisations:** Naturewatch, Humane Society International, One Voice for Animals, IFCW, Brigitte Anne-Marie Bardot Foundation, the Liang Family Trust of Melbourne

### Individual:

Madam Julian Chen, Shenzhen

Madam Shirley Brine, Australia

### Our Trainers:

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