BEWARE GLOVES MADE OF DOG SKIN NOW ON GLOBAL MARKET, PETA WARNS; DOG-LEATHER FACTORIES PENETRATED BY PETA ASIA

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Video Too Horrifying for Most People to Watch Shows Terrified Dogs Bludgeoned and Skinned – Not Only for Meat but Also for Fashion

London – With leather gloves and other accessories on many holiday shopping lists, PETA is alerting consumers to a flourishing **dog-leather industry** in eastern China, which exports the leather for small accessories all over the world. As first reported by the *Reuters* news agency this morning, a PETA Asia investigator has **obtained a pair of dog-leather gloves** (**photos here**), along with never-before-seen **video footage** in which workers in China's Jiangsu province, where dog slaughter is a regional trade, grab terrified dogs with a metal noose, club them and slit their throats. The animals' skin is then cut off, and PETA Asia's investigator saw workers peel the skin off dogs who were *still alive*. The investigator also documented that dog skin was turned into women's fashion gloves, men's work gloves and other products that are exported around the world.

A dog slaughterer told PETA Asia's investigator that the facility bludgeoned and skinned 100 to 200 dogs a day. About 300 dogs are kept in the compound, and some can be seen frantically climbing over one another in an attempt to escape the packed holding cell. Although the dog-meat industry in China is well known, this is the first time that the production of Chinese dog leather has been captured on camera.

"Now that so many mass-market retailers are importing cheap leather from China, who can tell if that trim or those leather gloves or wallets are made out of dog skin or not?" asks PETA founder Ingrid Newkirk. "PETA is calling on shoppers worldwide to remember the terror that dogs and other animals endure at slaughter and make the safe, vegan choice in clothing and accessories for the holidays and every day."

When there are so many cruelty-free, environmentally friendly fabrics available, from high-street to high-end, there is no reason for dogs, cats, cows, sheep, pigs, goats or other animals to suffer for the sake of fashion.

Raw, broadcast-quality footage, including footage inside glove factories, is available here, and photographs are available here and here. For more information, please visit **PETA.org.uk**.

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