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It is generally accepted that eating dogs is wrong, but it is no different to eating any other animal, says The Vegan Society in response to the global outrage which met yesterday's news that the annual dog-eating festival in China will go ahead later this month.

Hundreds of thousands took to social media to express their disgust with an event in which 10,000 dogs could be eaten in Yulin, in Guangxi province in southern China. A petition to end the activities received over 200,000 signatures.

"While The Vegan Society is glad to hear of the widespread revulsion to this dog-eating festival, please also consider the millions of farmed animals that are killed and subsequently eaten by so many people every year, often without a moment's thought," said Jasmijn de Boo, CEO of The Vegan Society.

"Dogs share the same feelings, emotions and individual personalities as cows, chickens, pigs or any other animal. It does not matter if we invite them to share our homes as companions, all animals are sentient beings with a right to life and freedom, entitled to the same respect and treatment regardless of species," de Boo added.

You can try going vegan in 30 days with The Vegan Society's 30-Day Vegan Pledge www.vegansociety.com/pledge to receive emails of advice, information and delicious recipes to try out.

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