

Taiwan: cats and dogs are off the menu

Lawmakers in Taiwan recently announced that the eating of dogs and cats has been banned, in what the National Council of SPCAs calls "a momentous and significant move." The NSPCA hopes that countries in the Far East where this practice remains, will follow this lead.



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In terms of the new legislation by the Taiwanese parliament, the consumption, purchase or possession of dog and cat meat is outlawed. Offenders face a fine of up to 250,000 Taiwanese dollars.

The same Bill has increased the penalty for illegally or cruelly killing an animal, or abusing an animal to a maximum two-year jail term and a fine of up to 2-million Taiwanese dollars.

Although it has been argued that the consumption of dog meat has diminished in Taiwan, there have been confirmed reports of dog meat for sale recently.

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