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Hanzhong City, China and the surrounding villages are home to over 300,000 residents and many of these people were also dog owners. In this region of China just days ago, over 37,000 dogs lived in harmony with the people. But due to a recent outbreak of rabies, 12 people have died after being bitten and not receiving medical attention soon enough. Now these people whose loving family pets they shared their lives with have had their lives shattered by a local government order for dog culling. Officials have set out to kill all dogs in the area; friendly, healthy, vaccinated or not.

WFL Endangered Stream Live presents a special report straight from China with the most recent news about the massacre of dogs. Katia Louise catches up with Jill Robinson, Founder and CEO of Animals Asia while on road tour in the UK to broadcast an international appeal for support and help keep this outbreak and the culling of dogs from spreading to other areas. It's a panic situation with a division of local citizens; those with pets and those empowered by the local government to see that every last dog is killed. Thousands of families are now devastated by the barbaric killing of their pets. Over 30,000 dogs have been killed and more lives are being taken every day.

Zhu Rainbow, PR Manager for Animals Asia streams in from China, stating that the action by the Chinese government is unacceptable and inhumane. Without even the most common knowledge of dogs and the ramifications of rabies, these people did not seek medical attention until too late.

Local Chinese animal protection groups are working together with Animals Asia to educate the public and provide vaccine support to keep this situation from spreading to other areas.

Local dog owners gather together, lighting candles in prayer for their lost companions. No dog is safe, even those who have been hidden inside their home by their owners, once discovered, houses are stormed and their pets are beaten to death right there in front of the whole family.

The people of China are asking for support from fellow dog loving people to write letters to their government asking them to stop the killing.

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