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## LET'S BE THANKFUL

It's Thanksgivings time. We're all thankful for something - our families and our friends - both the two legged and four legged variety. Many of us are thankful for our health or just to be alive and share the days with the ones we love, but let us all also give thanks to living in the United States of America. No, I'm not being overly patriotic, although there is nothing wrong with that, what I'm talking about is how we American's think about animals. Most specifically the animals we call our pets. We love them. They're our best friends. They're our company. They make us smile and laugh. Some protect us and others actually save lives.

Recently, I was reading an article on how some foreign countries treat pets. In particular, I'm referring to the way they treat dogs. I'm NOT talking about Islam, they may think dogs are "unclean" in their religion, but they do profess that dogs may not be pets, but they are taught to treat dogs kindly. What I am writing about are cultures that treat dogs other than as pets.

There is a practice that goes back many centuries in some Asian countries like China, Vietnam, Korea, and the Philippines, where the term pet is subjective. Sometimes dogs are pets and other times dogs are used as food. Yup. Amazingly, some cultures in today's modern times consume dog meat. I've discovered that some cultures look at animals subjectively seeing little to no difference between a cow and a dog. All animals are treated the same. There are even some cultures where eating dog meat is a tradition.

Now that bothers me badly enough, but here is the horror. Many of these countries have yielded to outside pressures from animal rights groups from the US, places like Hong Kong, Taiwan, and South Korea and have

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...fitting would that be to give to VetDogs knowing that Veteran's Day was just a few days ago.

Well this is probably one of my longest articles; I thank you for your time and interest. On behalf of all of us at TwoByFour NY, we wish you, your pets, and all of the pets around the world a wonderful Thanksgiving.

made the raising of dogs for human consumption illegal, but they DO NOT have laws prohibiting the consumption of dog meat... just the raising of dogs to be eaten. So there is now an underground dog trade in places like Thailand where some unscrupulous people take stray dogs off the streets and there is now a growing number of “dognappers” who steal and sell dogs on a black-market and sell them, smuggling them to countries like Vietnam.

There are groups who are fighting these practices, which are very difficult because some cultures praise the powers of eating dog meat or demand that we, Westerners, be more broadminded and not disgrace their customs. There is one fellow, Rerngsak Mahawinjchaimontree, (yes that’s his name,) the governor of Nakhon Phanom province, who is trying to stop the trade and rescues and tries to return stolen dogs by showing pictures of dogs allowing owners to reclaim them.

Unfortunately, to date only 3 people have reclaimed their pets. He also has a refuge where he protects and cares for these dogs. The refuge has enough space for 500 dogs. As of August 2011 there were 1,500 dogs in his care. Now here is the problem about helping him. He’s in Thailand. They take donations directly deposited into a bank account, or there is an associated organization called the Thailand Animal Guardians Association that ALSO has a bank account number to make a donation. You can visit that website at [www.thaiaga.org/index\\_en.php](http://www.thaiaga.org/index_en.php) to read it in English and see more about the horrors about cruelty to dogs in Asia, BUT honestly I don’t know this organization at all - so any donation is TOTALLY AT YOUR OWN RISK.

So, may I suggest instead that give your Dog a great big hug; and thank your lucky stars we live in the land of the red, white, and blue and donate to one of the many Animal Causes right here in the USA. Whether it’s the North Shore Animal League; or thank the dogs that help us by donating to the NATIONAL DISASTER SEARCH DOG FOUNDATION at [www.SearchDogFoundation.org](http://www.SearchDogFoundation.org), or give a big thank you to America’s Veteran K-9 Corps by giving to [www.VetDogs.org](http://www.VetDogs.org) that provides guide and service dogs and training to disabled veterans and active duty personnel a donation would be so fitting of a way to say thank you to “man’s best friend”. And how ...

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## Homemade Turkey Thanksgiving Treat Recipe for Dogs



- 2 lbs. ground turkey
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 8 oz. peas
- 3 carrots, diced
- 1 apple, diced

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In mixing bowl, combine all ingredients. Mix well by hand. On baking sheet, form into the shape of a large turkey drum stick. Bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes. Let cool and serve.

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**REMEMBER TO CALL EARLY TO SCHEDULE  
TWOBYFOUR TO WATCH YOUR PET DURING  
YOUR HOLIDAY TRAVELS.**

[Information supplied here is only to keep you aware about the needs of your pet – nothing can replace the examination and care from your veterinarian.]



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