**Guide to Petition Handling Results**

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| **Civil Petition Results** | |
| Summary of requested petition | Inquiries related to dog meat issues |
| Results | 1. Hello. Thank you for your interest in the work of the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA). Here is the answer to your complaint to the MADRA.  2. We understand the complaint as an ‘inquiry related to dog meat issues’.  3. The review opinion is as follows:  ○ On December 9, 2021, the government has officially launched the 「Committee for the discussion of dog meat issues」 jointly with the public and private sectors to discuss the dog meat issues. We are continuing to discuss the main points related to the end of dog meat by June this year.  ○ The government conducted a survey on the current status of dog meat jointly with the related ministries and public awareness survey regarding dog meat. We are discussing specific measures and procedures to solve the dog meat issues based on the results.    ○ According to Article 8 of the Animal Protection Act, animal cruelty is prohibited, such as killing or injuring animals without justifiable reasons. According to Article 46-1 (1) of the Animal Protection Act, A person who has killed an animal by abusing such an animal in violation of Article 8 (1) shall be punished by imprisonment with labor for not more than three years or by a fine not exceeding 30 million won.  ○ However, whether animal cruelty is applicable must be determined by comprehensively considering the on-site situation and aspect of behavior, etc.  4. If you need further explanation, feel free to contact Kang Kyeong-Won (Tel: 044-201-2685), an action officer of the Animal Welfare Policy Dept., MAFRA. Thank you. |
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