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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research was to study dog protection from brutality laws and animal welfare laws in Thailand, particularly in the case of illegal trading and slaughtering. These will be studied and compared with international laws covering Japan, France, Korea, German and England. The problems and obstacles will also be studied along with their solution guidelines to help protect dogs from brutality and to manage dog welfare, especially in the case of illegal trading and slaughtering. This research only focused on studying some legal messages in protecting dogs from brutality and managing dog welfare in terms of trading and slaughtering dogs in Thailand. Animal rights were not investigated in this study even though this idea was broadly discussed. A documentary study was employed from various sources covering electronic articles, books, journals, and legal papers. Facts and masters of law concerning the measures of protecting dogs from brutality and managing animal welfare, especially in the case of illegal trading and slaughtering in Thailand, were gathered.

The study found that trading dogs as food in Thailand was a brutality manner. Similarly eating dogs was also regarded as a brutal action. The legal measures concerning trading dogs as food in Thailand was insufficient and lacked effectiveness. There were no laws directing aimed at protecting animals or protecting animal brutality. The only law that has been presently enforced with animal traders for eating the law on disease control. Moreover, the criminal law section 381 regulated only the light punishments which were unsuitable for the brutality of the dog traders for eating. Besides, there were no legal measures about animal welfare management in Thailand. The law on animal welfare management overseas was in stark contrast. It was internationally accepted that animal welfare should be managed. Therefore, the researcher suggested regulating additional laws to protect animals from brutality and provide animal welfare management in Thailand to protect dogs from being traded as food.