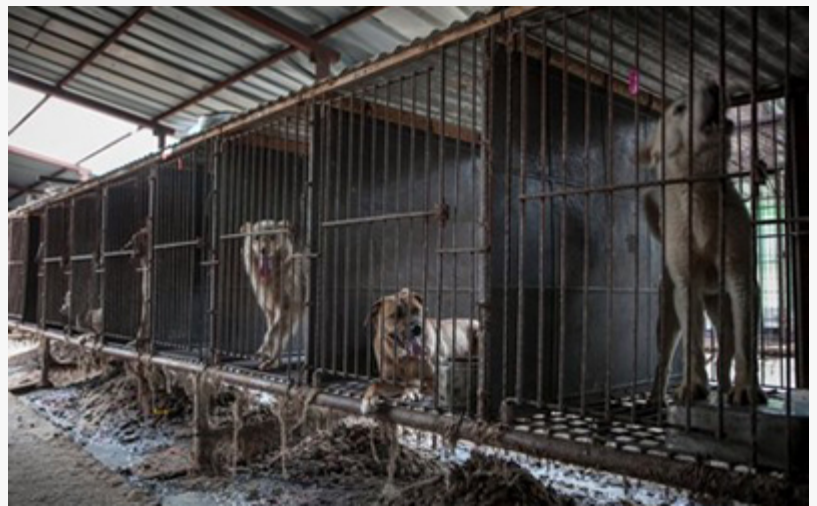


CDC Responds to the Growing Health Risks Posed by Global Dog Importation

PORTLAND, OR, UNITED STATES, June 14, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [National Animal Interest Alliance \(NAIA\)](#) welcomes today's [announcement from the CDC](#) to prohibit dog imports from areas of high risk for rabies. Today's action highlights the need to address critical gaps in the oversight of dog imports to prevent the spread of infectious diseases in the U.S.

We are pleased to see the CDC taking this step to protect animal and public health. Unfortunately, this action would cover only about 6% of annual dog imports, and does not address the

multiple other diseases and pathogens that pose a severe threat to people, pets, and livestock as a result of dogs being imported into the U.S. These include lethal diseases like rabies, exotic parasites, and other infectious diseases that have already caused epidemics in our pets.



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“The Healthy Dog Importation Act would establish basic import standards to protect people, pets, and livestock from imported pathogens. We look forward to this bipartisan bill being re-introduced and working with Congress and a broad coalition of bill supporters to see it enacted,” said Patti Strand, NAIA President.

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