

## **CHARLES KENNEDY MP SAYS 'NO TO DOG MEAT' 7/15/2014**

***Lochaber MP, Charles Kennedy, has signed a motion in parliament that calls for an end to the illegal and cruel trade of millions of dogs for food.***

The motion supports The Charity's No to dog Meat campaign to end the dog meat trade by working with government officials and local organisations in Thailand, Vietnam, Korea, the Philippines and China to raise public awareness and strengthen laws related to this trade.

The motion calls on the Chinese government and Yulin and Guangxi officials to stop the Yulin dog meat festival where thousands of dogs are being cruelly bound, confined, trucked and slaughtered for meat.

This week activist and Trustee of the NoToDogMeat Foundation and member of the Healing Animals Organisation, HAO, raised nearly £1500 for the "NO TO DOG MEAT" campaign by walking accompanied by his healthy 3 Chihuahuas and 2 Shih Tzus the 120 mile 'Highland Way', ending in Fort William – the heart of Mr Kennedy's constituency.



***At the finishing line of the West Highland Way in Fort Williams dogs from left to right: Jake, Madeleine, Violet, Hannah and Ronan***

### **My Kennedy said:**

"If we are to meet our international credentials it is imperative that we stand up against issues of importance such as animal cruelty. These practices seen across China are abhorrent and it is right that efforts should be made to put pressure on Chinese officials to call these practices to an end.

I would like to commend Robert Donkers on his efforts to raise awareness of this issue and wish him - with my support - good luck in his campaign".