



Saved from the frying pan

About 550 dogs were found crammed inside cages at an unidentified kennel in Ban Na Lom in Sakon Nakhon's Kusuman district yesterday. Another 150 dogs were seized by the authorities in a separate operation on the same day. They were due to be smuggled across the border to end up on foreign dinner tables.

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Border officers put stop to 'dog dinners'

Authorities have rescued almost 700 dogs from crossing the border and ending up on foreign dinner tables.

The dogs were seized in separate operations yesterday.

Navy officers seized 130 dogs from a pickup truck on its way to a ferry in Nakhon Phanom's Tha Uthen district. It is believed they were to be smuggled out of the country.

The officers suspected the dogs were being carried from Sakon Nakhon and would be shipped to Vietnam, Mekong riverine unit chief Surasak Suwannakesa said.

The pickup driver managed to escape from the vehicle which had a fake registration plate.

All the dogs from that operation and others will be quarantined in Nakhon Phanom.

The quarantine unit will also house 550 more dogs after authorities rescued them from a kennel in Ban Na Lom in Sakon Nakhon's Kusuman district during a raid early yesterday.

Suspected dog trade gangsters, who were about to transport the animals, fled when they spotted authorities.

Officers believed the dogs were destined for Vietnam and China, where dog meat is a delicacy.