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Table S1. Sample semi-structured interview questions for local herdsmen in the Gyatong Grassland

Category	Questions
Sociodemographic data	Name, Gender, Age, Education level
	Occupation, Income source and level
	Years of residence
	Type and number of livestock
Chinese mountain cats	Sightings of Chinese mountain cats, including geographical location and habitat characteristics, temporal occurrence (e.g., time and season of sightings), observed behavior patterns
	Sighting frequency and changing trend
	Interactions between Chinese mountain cats and domestic cats and dogs
	Local knowledge and beliefs about the Chinese mountain cat
Domestic dogs	Number of domestic dogs
	Rearing methods (e.g., chained, free-ranging)
	Dog abandonment
	Events of domestic dogs interfering with wildlife
Stray dogs	Number of stray dogs in village
	Population trend of stray dogs in village in recent years
	Potential origin of stray dogs
	Disease and vaccination status of stray dogs
	Interactions between domestic dogs and stray dogs
	Events of stray dogs interfering with wildlife
	Events of stray dogs interfering with livestock
	Events of stray dogs attacking people
Attitudes and management measures of stray dogs	Attitudes towards stray dogs
	Involvement in feeding stray dogs and (if so) its frequency
	Situations when stray dogs should be managed (e.g., attacking people, hunting livestock, stealing food, transmitting disease, hunting wildlife)
	Desired compensation for damages and losses caused by stray dogs
	Desired stray dog management measures (e.g., killing, neutering, shelter, adoption)
	Desired number of stray dogs

Table S2. PCR reaction mixture composition for the genetic analysis

Component	Volume/ μ L
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2×EasyTaq® PCR SuperMix (TransGen Biotech, Beijing, China)	10
Forward primer [0.2 µM]	2
Reverse primer [0.2µM]	2
BSA [0.5 µg/µl]	1
Template DNA	2
Nuclease-Free Water	3
Total	20

Table S3. PCR protocol for the genetic analysis

Step	Temperature	Time	Number of cycles
Initial denaturation	95 °C	15 min	
Denaturation	95 °C	30 s	
Annealing	65-55°C	30 s	down 0.5 °C per cycle
Extension	72 °C	30 s	
Denaturation	95 °C	30 s	
Annealing	55 °C	30 s	32 cycles
Extension	72 °C	30 s	
Final extension	56 °C	30 min	

Table S4. Primers used to sequence 9 nuclear loci and partial *CytB* gene

Locus	Primer name	Sequence 5'-3'	Size /bp	Source
<i>CLU</i>	CLU_f	AAGGGGCTTGCTGACTGG	193	Self designed based on Johnson <i>et al.</i> , 2006
	CLU_r	AGAGCAATATAGTGATGGGCCA		
<i>HK1</i>	HK1_f	CGGTTGTATCCTGGTAGCCT	294	Self designed based on Johnson <i>et al.</i> , 2006
	HK1_r	CGAGCTCTCTGGTTTCATGC		
<i>RSA2</i>	RSA2_f	TCCGGGTTTTGTTCCATCTT	294	Self designed based on Johnson <i>et al.</i> , 2006
	RSA2_r	TGGCCATGCTAAGGGAATAAAG		
<i>GHR</i>	GHR_f	TTAACCTCTGTGGCTGAGCA	658	Self designed based on Johnson <i>et al.</i> , 2006
	GHR_r	TTGATCCAGATCTCCTCAAGGT		
<i>DGKG2</i>	DGKG2_f	GGTCGTAGTCCATTCCTTGC	700	Self designed based on Johnson <i>et al.</i> , 2006
	DGKG2_r	CAGAAGCAAGGGGTGATGTC		
<i>GATA3</i>	GATA3_f	TCTCTCTAGTGCTGTGAAAACAAA	440	Self designed based on Johnson <i>et al.</i> , 2006
	GATA3_r	CGGAAAAGGCTTGCTGAG		
<i>GNB1</i>	GNB1_f	TGCCAGCTGTAGCGAGTTA	650	Self designed based on Johnson <i>et al.</i> , 2006

	GNB1_r	AGGGAGGGCGTCGGTACT		
<i>RAG2</i>	RAG2_f	GATTTATGTCATGTCTGTTGTTGG	430	Self designed based on Johnson <i>et al.</i> , 2006
	RAG2_r	CTCCTGGCAATACTGTGCAA		
<i>PLP</i>	PLP_f	TCATCAATGTGTAAGTACCTGTCC	820	Self designed based on Johnson <i>et al.</i> , 2006
	PLP_r	GGCATGGATCCTGCATTAAC		
<i>CytB</i>	H15149	AAACTGCAGCCCCTCAGAATGATA TTTGTCTCA	403	Kocher <i>et al.</i> , 1989
	CanidL1	AATGACCAACATTCGAAA		Paxinos <i>et al.</i> , 1997

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