



PRESS RELEASE

TUX FOR TAILS CHARITY GALA RETURNS – IN SUPPORT OF THE SPCA COMMUNITY ANIMAL CLINIC

Singapore, 15 November 2018 – Helmed by Ms. Gerti Iwatake, together with a group of animal lovers and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), Tux for Tails will return on 30 November 2018 at the St. Regis Hotel Singapore. The group hopes to continue its cause and raise funds to support the operation of Singapore’s only non-profit veterinary clinic serving needy animals.

Inaugurated in December 2017, the Tux for Tails gala raised a total of S\$475,000 to upgrade the SPCA clinic in order to better serve the Society’s shelter residents, community animals, and other animal welfare groups in Singapore. Together with additional donations from kind supporters, SPCA was able to upgrade its clinic from a basic one to a well-equipped healthcare facility for marginalised animals. As a result, the veterinary team will be able to provide a broader spectrum of medical treatments for the animals.

The upgrading works included purchasing of new equipment such as a blood testing machine and an X-ray machine. The equipment will aid the consultation process, as the vet will be able to test and diagnose the animals more efficiently, in order to effectively treat them.

From October 2018, the revamped clinic has started welcoming animals from other animal welfare groups for consultation and treatment.

Ms. Carla Barker, Vice Chairman of SPCA, said, “With the funds raised from last year’s gala, we were able to kick-start our clinic operations, making medical care more accessible to community animals and animals from other welfare groups. With the upgraded clinic, which is a first-of-its-kind in Singapore, we aim to help more animals in need. We thank our supporters and generous donors for making this dream a reality.”

“There has been an incredible growth of animal lovers and knowledge of pet care over the years here in Singapore. On the flip side, there is a substantial gap in affordable animal healthcare coupled with an increasing number of animals in need. With the gala, we hope to raise much-needed funds for the clinic, as well as increase public awareness on animal healthcare concerns

that most may not be aware of," said Ms. Gerti Iwatake, Chairman of the Tux for Tails Organising Committee.

Encouraged by the success of last year's fundraising efforts, Tux for Tails is returning this year to continue their fundraising efforts. They hope to support another year of operating costs for the clinic, which is expected to be S\$600,000. SPCA truly values the support that has been given to them in continuing their work in animal welfare.

For more information on the Tux for Tails Gala Dinner, please visit: http://www.spca.org.sg/whatson_details.asp?id=274.

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About *Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)*

The SPCA is a registered animal welfare charity and its two main objectives are to promote kindness to animals and to prevent cruelty to animals. Relying mainly on donations from the public and fundraising, the Society provides various animal welfare services including a 24-hour emergency service, cruelty investigation, an adoption programme, an education programme for schools and organisations, a sterilisation programme for community animals, running an animal shelter and supporting quarantine for unwanted, abused and abandoned animals. For more information, visit <http://www.spca.org.sg>.

Appendix One



Photo: Exterior view of the clinic



Photo: Blood test machine



Photo: X-ray machine