



## PRESS RELEASE

### World Animal Day 2018 – Adopt and foster to save lives

**Singapore, 4 October 2018** – SPCA will be celebrating World Animal Day this weekend on 6 and 7 October. This event serves as a platform for SPCA to reach out to the public and share about animal welfare issues in our society, while generating awareness about how they can positively contribute towards helping animals in our community. World Animal Day is also about celebrating our achievements in relation to steps the Society has taken to address and improve animal welfare in Singapore.

As an animal shelter, our goal is always for abandoned and abused animals to find the forever homes and loving families they deserve, and this is a message we will continue to share on World Animal Day. In the past financial year, we have had 680 animals adopted.

Besides adoption, there are other ways people can help our shelter animals. Moving forward, we hope that more animal lovers will come on-board our fostering programme. In the past year, 108 animals were fostered by volunteers and staff. One of our staff members recently fostered a dog for three months. He had been found bleeding from a rotting open wound where his tail was supposed to be. Following his surgery and recuperation, Tofu (as he was later named), was eventually adopted by a family who loved his good-natured personality.

For those who are interested in joining our team of fosterers, a group of volunteers will be sharing their foster experiences at the event. In fact, we have an estimated 120 volunteers who will be joining forces with us at our World Animal Day celebrations, so this is the perfect opportunity for interested parties to approach them and learn more about our volunteer family.

During the event, we have a line-up of performances by local music artists who advocate for animal welfare in their personal time. One of them is singer-songwriter, Joie Tan, an animal welfare volunteer.

Dr. Jaipal Singh Gill, Executive Director of SPCA, said, “SPCA’s mission as an animal welfare charity is to promote kindness and prevent cruelty to animals in the community. As we promote adoption, we need to remember equally important initiatives, such as our fostering programme and sterilisation programmes. We must have a holistic approach to tackle animal welfare issues,

in order to make a difference. We hope you and your family will join us on this very important day, commemorating how animals can contribute positively in our lives and considering what we can further do to champion animal welfare for all creatures great and small, in the hope of becoming a more compassionate society where all animals are treated with kindness and respect.”

For more information on the World Animal Day celebrations at SPCA, please visit: [http://www.spca.org.sg/whatson\\_details.asp?id=279](http://www.spca.org.sg/whatson_details.asp?id=279).

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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



Before: Tofu was found with his bleeding wound



After: Tofu recuperated and was adopted



Tofu is now very happy with his forever family.