

# *SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS*



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The Editor  
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Dear Sir,

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) thanks Darren Chan for speaking up against animal cruelty ('Investigate animal abuse cases fully', Forum page, 18 September), and the need for such cases to be fully investigated and firmly dealt with. We agree with him that animal cruelty cases are most difficult to solve due to lack of evidence and eye witnesses. In the recent case involving the gruesome discovery of two mutilated kittens, unless there are witnesses who are prepared to step forward to testify in court, the perpetrator(s) will go unpunished.

Recognising community feeders and instituting volunteer patrols, in addition to educating the public about timely reporting of acts of suspected animal abuse, are steps towards combating such acts of violence. This together with strong investigative actions and necessary enforcement by the relevant authorities, can hopefully improve the situation, so that cruel acts against defenceless animals can be deterred.

The SPCA will continue its education efforts against animal cruelty, lobby to strengthen animal protection laws, and assist in investigations, including offering rewards for information on cases. Nevertheless, the law is only as good as its enforcement, and the public's help is needed too, in protecting animals, through reporting animal abuse when they witness it, by calling our emergency hotline at 6287 5355 (extension 9).

I would also like to invite Mr. Chan and any person interested in helping with our outreach efforts to contact [volunteer@spca.org.sg](mailto:volunteer@spca.org.sg).

*Yours sincerely,*

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