

SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

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The Editor
New Paper, Speak Up

Dear Sir,

I refer to the article “Residents get Catty over Mess” (The New Paper 2nd March) and letters - “Ban against cats should be lifted” and “HDB ban unfair to cat lovers” You, 7th March). The SPCA supports the call for the long standing ban on keeping of cats to be reviewed by the HDB. Abandonment and straying of owned cats is a common problem resulting in many complaints which affects the status of sterilised community cats. The SPCA believes that permitting cats to be kept as pets in HDB flats, would call for more accountability by owners (presently keeping cats), and result in less irresponsibility.

Cats are actually are very suitable for apartment living. SPCA has always advocated that pets be kept responsibly, and in consideration of one's neighbours. If residents could be permitted to keep a cat on the proviso that they are sterilised, microchipped and kept indoors, together with a government aided programme (along the lines of the Stray Cat Rehabilitation Scheme which was halted abruptly in 2003) carrying out sterilisation of community cats, we feel both initiatives would go a long way towards solving the straying cat problem.

Yours sincerely,

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