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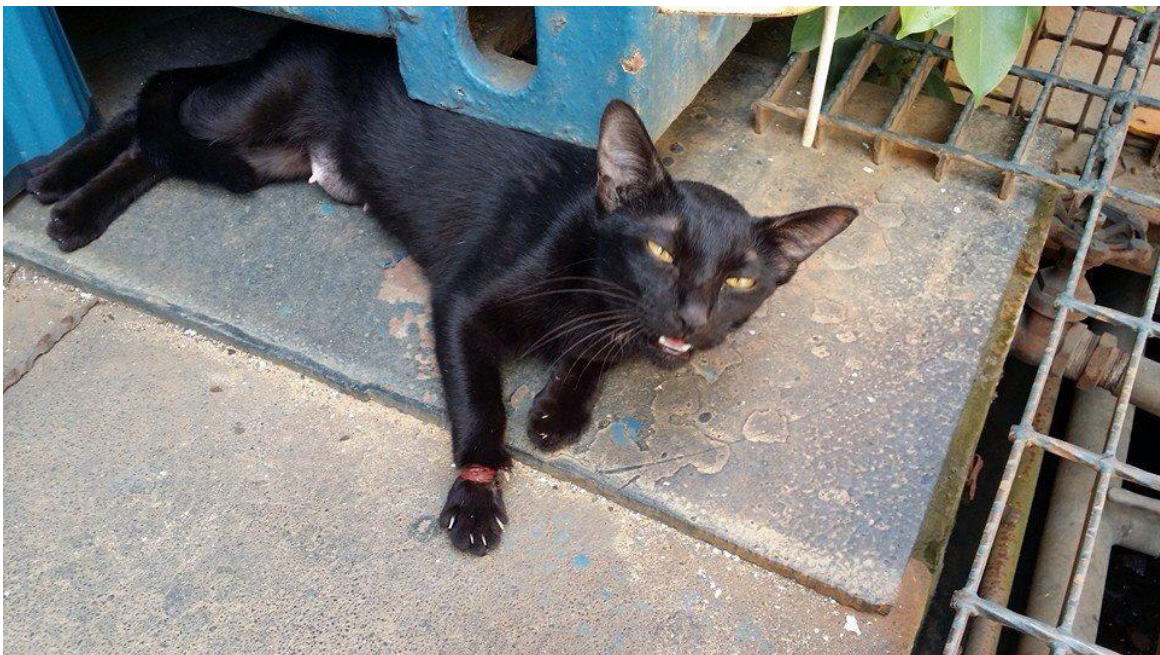
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Date: 8 OCTOBER 2014

Appeal for Information & Witnesses

**Distressed Cat found with
Rubber Band tightly wound
around Its Right, Front Paw,
at 51 Pioneer Sector (Shipyard)**



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Just today (8 Oct), around 9.30am, SPCA was alerted to this cat seen to be with a red rubber band wound tightly around its front, right paw. The cat was suspected to be in that condition for at least half an hour. Its distress whine was heard from our informers, which in turn prompted the probing.

The informers have also allegedly seen the possible culprit physically abuse a kitten days ago.

The distressed cat turned out to be a mother of 5 kittens, and both mother and kittens have been rescued, and taken to SPCA.

Under our vets' care, the mother cat has had the rubber band removed from her right front paw, though a very visible swelling remains on it. She seems to be uncomfortable fidgetting at the moment, though she is on the whole looking to recover. She will be under our medical observation for a period of time.

All 6 (mother and kittens) are coping fine at the moment. Hopefully all 6 could be adopted by their eventual forever families in the weeks, or months, to come.

We believe the cat's earlier condition to be due to the cruel act done by a person as the cat's distress and physical injuries clearly appear to be wilfully inflicted.

We are appealing to the public for any information or witnesses who may be able to identify the culprit(s) responsible so that necessary action can be taken against them. If you can help, please **call SPCA at 6287 5355 ext 9, any day, any time.**

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In Singapore, cruelty to animals is a crime. Under the revised Animals and Birds Act, any first-time offender who is found guilty of such an offence including abandonment of any animal, can be imprisoned for up to 18 months, fined up to S\$20,000, or both, under the tiered penalty structure. Repeat offenders found guilty of such will be penalized even more heavily, as per the revised Animals and Birds Act (w.e.f. 7 October 2014).
