

# ***SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS***

*(In association with R.S.P.C.A. England) Patroness: LADY Y.P. McNEICE*



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Forum  
Straits Times

Dear Sir,

I refer to the letter, 'Killing them not the solution, let's sterilise them instead', (Online forum, Feb 6).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms April Tan for highlighting the need to sterilise cats so that the surplus population can be effectively reduced.

Referring to her suggestion that schoolchildren should be educated, for the past 20 years the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has been actively educating students through talks in schools on the importance of sterilising their pets. Aside from education efforts, the adult population can also set an example to the young by sterilising pets in the household.

A two-pronged approach which translates into a mass sterilisation programme for strays and sterilisation of pets would go a long way, we believe, in alleviating the unwanted stray and pet animal population.

A kind and compassionate society which allows sterilised stray animals to share the environment and live out their lives can surely achieve it.

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