

# ***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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The Editor  
Speakup Column

Dear Sir,

I refer to the story on page 12 of The New Paper on Sunday (17<sup>th</sup> June) in particular to the heading "Lost your Pet? It could be dead in 24 hours."

The SPCA would like to reassure readers of the article that the 24 hour policy (when a surrendered animal may not be kept) does not apply to lost pets, which are advertised for two days in the press, before going through our selection process for adoption, if no one claims them. As many as 60 dogs are advertised monthly to try and reunite them with their owners.

I refer also to the kitten pictured on page 12 with the caption that "it may have already been put down by the time you read this report." This is actually a kitten from our adoption area (where animals are kept until they are adopted) and it was adopted on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

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