

SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

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On behalf of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), we applaud the letter written in by Mr Tan Chek Wee (30 May), and subsequently the responses by Ms. Dawn Kua Su-Wen (5 June) and Mrs. Judith Lindley (5 June) following Mr. Ho Chi Sam's letter of "Health and property deserve priority over strays cats" (2 June).

The SPCA takes heart to see the kindness of animal lovers who, out of their own pocket money, feed and take these stray cats to veterinary clinics for sterilisation.

The Society takes in about half a thousand stray cats every month. Many of these strays appear on the streets because of irresponsible pet owners who abandon them or let them run loose when they are no longer interested in keeping them. Many of these cats were not sterilised before abandonment, and so their surviving instincts cause them to reproduce prolifically.

Show your support for a more humane solution to the stray animal situation by emailing your plea to Mr. Mah Bow Tan, Minister for National Development at mah_bow_tan@mnd.gov.sg.

A scratch on the car may be caused by a fallen branch, an innocent child or even a cat, but it can be polished back to its full glory. However, the culling of innocent animals just because of our intolerance and lack of understanding will leave a mark in history for our future generations.

With awareness of global warming heightened, everyone is trying to play a role in saving Mother Earth. Singapore is famously known to the rest of the world as "clean and green" but that colour green surely depicts not just a nation that is well arranged with many varieties of trees, but more important, that it actually accepts the presence of other living creatures – birds, lizards, macaques, cats and so on.

If only there were as widespread and deep sense of urgency to care for our strays.

For information and suggestions for the letter, log on to http://www.sPCA.org.sg/about_us/opinion.asp#10.

Chong Poh Choo (Miss)
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