

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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Dear Sir,

I refer to the letter 'Cabbies avoided me just because I was holding a puppy' (On-line Forum 7th February 2007).

Unlike many European countries where Man's best friend is allowed in buses and subways, the only means of public transportation for our pets is the taxi.

Over the last few years, more pet companies have started providing ferry services to try to ease the problem. However, the price is rather steep as compared to flagging down a taxi.

The SPCA has heard of such instances where taxi drivers turned down owners and their pets.

It is true that no one likes being rejected. We would therefore suggest that you call for a taxi whenever you need to bring your dog out. It helps to inform the operator in advance that you have a pet with you. Yes, it is a few dollars more for the booking fee, but you are assured of the transport, and your pet will be much happier without the needless wait by the roadside under the hot sun.

SPCA would also advise that you keep your puppy in a pet carrier (available at pet shops) throughout the journey. Not only is it much safer for your pet; it also helps to keep the seats clean for the next passenger/s.

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