

SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

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The Editor
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Dear Sir,

I refer to the report, Lucky 4D fish. It was reported that 500 Molly fish imprinted with numbers have been imported into Singapore from Thailand for sale.

What people may not know is that many fish can and do die when handled during the imprinting process.

It stresses them and removes their natural slime, which has anti-bodies to protect them from diseases.

The SPCA has written to the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority to stop any future importation of fish that are subjected to an artificial imprinting process because the welfare of the fish is compromised.

This is clearly a marketing gimmick that encourages the sale of these fish without due consideration of the animals' welfare.

In summary, the SPCA views this as cruel, unnatural and unnecessary.

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