

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

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Forum Editor  
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Dear Sir,

I refer to the on-line Forum letter “Glue traps are cruel” (25 February) and would like to thank Ms. Jeslyn Long for her concerns. The SPCA wrote in to the authorities last week following the article “66 rats killed in blitz at Skate Park” in The Sunday Times to express its stand – that glue trapping is cruel. The SPCA has also enquired as to how the rats were “disposed” of, as this is also a cause for concern.

Unfortunately the employment of glue traps to catch rats, is an accepted practice in Singapore. The SPCA would like to see them banned. In Australia rat traps have been banned since 2006. The ban was enacted via the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act on the grounds of cruelty to the trapped animal be it rat or other specie.

It is important for sources of food that are attracting rats, to be better secured so that the rat population is kept at bay.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Officer