

SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

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Be Responsible When Feeding Cats

We refer to the letters "Act against cat lovers who litter" Straits Times, 29 April and "Educate cat feeders on hazards caused by unfinished food", 6 May. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty and Cat Welfare Society agree with the writers that people feeding community cats must do so responsibly and clear leftovers.

Guidelines on responsible feeding include feeding in low traffic areas away from lift lobbies, staircases and walkways. Cat food must be placed on receptacles and feeders must dispose of leftovers after feeding. Water containers can be left at designated feeding stations provided they are changed daily.

The Cat Welfare Society works closely with Town Councils and the National Environment Agency (NEA) to educate feeders when feedback is received about the location of feeding. In cases where feeders are found to be recalcitrant after warnings, NEA will take enforcement action against them.

We remind the public that littering is an offence. Offenders are liable to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 for the first offence, and/or Corrective Work Order not exceeding 12 hours.

Responsible caregivers not only practice responsible feeding, they also ensure that the cats are sterilised. We recognise that their dedicated efforts have helped manage the cat population resulting in a decline in the stray population.

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