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Saving Lives Through Sterilisation

Cat Welfare Society's 7th Annual General Meeting



Cat Welfare Society's 7th Annual General Meeting was held on 30 March 2006 at The Legends Fort Canning Park, Sava Skool. (Venue provided with courtesy of Ben Xiao.)

One item on the Agenda was to consider and approve proposed amendments to the Constitution to secure charity status for the CWS. However, there was no quorum. So discussion and possible amendments would have to be rescheduled to a possible Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EOGM) or the next AGM.



Reimbursement for Sterilization By Caregivers

The AGM announced that CWS will be reimbursing **S\$10/-** for every **community cat (no home cats please)** that a caregiver sterilizes at whichever vet of your choice, as long as you fulfil these 3 requirements:

- 1) the receipts are submitted to CWS;
- 2) fill up a form for CWS on statistics of cats in your area; (*This is because we have realized that a lot of people do not keep statistics, so when SARS broke out, we had nothing to refute town councils with when they said sterilization didn't work.*)
- 3) submit both receipts and form monthly with your claims if you wish to be reimbursed.

Forms may be downloaded from our Useful Resources page on our website:
<http://www.catwelfare.org/page/id/28>

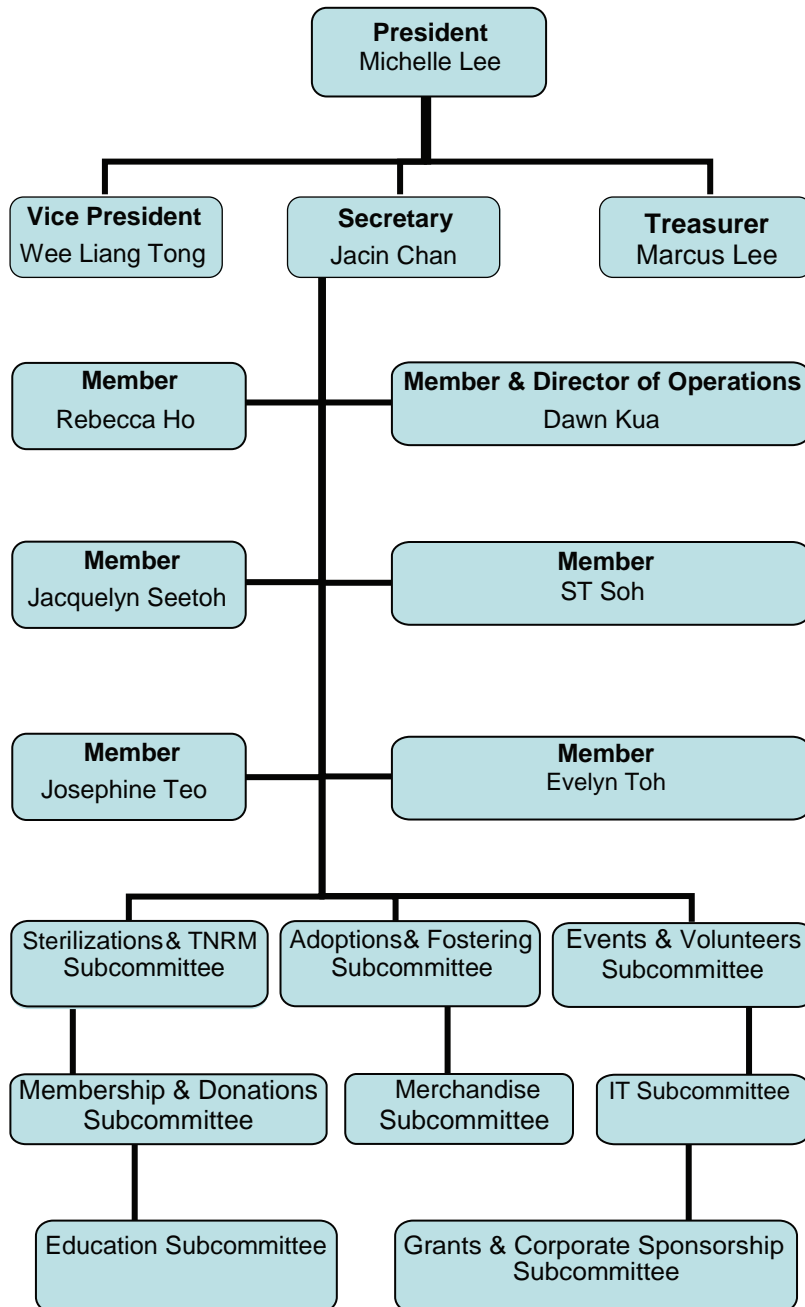
Forms and receipts may be submitted to:
Orchard Road PO Box 65 S912303.

For enquiries, please leave a voicemail at 7000-2287647 or email info@catwelfare.org

New Committee

The new Committee 2006/2007 for CWS has been voted in. We give our thanks to past Committee Members: **Christina Eng, Lillian Tan, Jolanda Hengst, Judith Lindley** and **Tay Sia Ping** for their valuable and selfless contributions to the Society.

Cat Welfare Society Committee 2006/2007



May the 2006/2007 Committee Members further CWS's mission
"To Save Lives through Sterilisation"!

Setting up a Trap-Neuter-Return-Manage (TNRM) Group in your estate

1. If you have no previous experience with TNRM you may wish to contact CWS at info@catwelfare.org to conduct a TNRM workshop for yourself and other caregivers.

2. Try to recruit other caregivers to work with you at the same time. CWS has notices for you to put up to look for other caregivers. You may also wish to flyer the area to look for other caregivers.

3. If you live in an HDB estate, contact your Town Council. Check who the Property Officer/Manager in charge of your area is and introduce yourself.

Let them know you are managing the cats in your estate and ask for their support. Also let them know that you will handle any complaints about the cats in your care. You may wish to meet with them. You can contact CWS to ask us to accompany you for a meeting if you wish.

4. If you live in a private estate, contact your Management Committee or Residents' Committee to let them know you would like to set up a TNRM programme. Flyer the neighborhood – it helps you to identify other people feeding, and also gives complainants a way to get in touch with you. This will allow residents to know that there is a proper programme to manage the cats being put into place as well.

Contact CWS if you would like us to conduct a TNRM presentation for your estate.

If you do not have a Management Committee or Residents' Committee, then you can skip this.

5. Your MP

You may wish to let your MP know you are setting up a TNRM group and would like his support as well. It is a good idea to explain what TNRM is, and what it hopes to achieve, namely less cats in the community through a more effective and humane method. Do look up the CWS sterilization and Stray Cat Management factsheet for more information.

To contact your MP, Minister, etc :

Singapore Government Directory Interactive :

<http://www.sgdi.gov.sg/>

Starting your programme :

1. Count the number of cats in your area before you start.

2. Keep detailed statistics on how many you have trapped, how many are yet to be sterilised, etc. This helps you to keep track of your colony, and will be of great use if people claim that the number of cats is increasing. CWS has a detailed management sheet for you to mark down these details.

3. Establish feeding times and make sure you clean up. CWS has a Responsible Feeding brochure on how to feed in a responsible manner.

4. Learn how to Mediate or appoint a Mediator in your group. This is covered under CWS' Mediation fact sheet and is also covered in greater detail in our TNRM workshops.

If you see pest control in your area :

1. Call your town council/management committee and ask if they can recall the pest control company.

2. Make sure that pest control is trapping the cats humanely. Abuse of an animal is never allowed even if the cat is being trapped to be removed and killed.

3. Take down any and all details of the pest control company – the name of the company (which should be on the side of the van and/or the uniforms, if any), the license plate number, etc.

4. If you have a camera, you may wish to take photographs, this will help you later in case you need any information, for example, which cats were caught, which pest control company was used, etc.

5. Do NOT attempt to touch the pest control personnel or to intimidate them in any way.

If you lose your cat :

1. Call AVA : 1800-476 1600

AVA_CAWC@ava.gov.sg (email)

2. Call SPCA : 6287 5355

feedback@spca.org.sg

3. Call your Town Council

Ask to speak to the Property Manager or officer in charge of the area where your cats were lost to see if any cats were rounded up there.

4. You may wish to print posters and flyers to distribute, mentioning your cat is lost and giving details on how to contact you. Make your flyers large and eye-catching to attract attention. Make sure to ask for permission before putting them up, and remember to take them down.

6. You may also wish to borrow a cat trap from CWS to place in your yard to trap your cat if it is lost.

If you find an abused/abandoned cat or see an act of abuse/abandonment :

1. Call the Police at 999.

2. Bring the cat to the vet.

3. Gather evidence – take photos, bring the body of the cat for a necropsy at the vet and ask for a vet report. If you see witnesses around ask for their contact details so you can contact them again if you need to.

4. Make a Police Report. Abuse and abandonment are both crimes under the Animals and Birds Act. You can find the relevant provisions under Part IV of the Animal and Birds Act at : <http://statutes.agc.gov.sg>

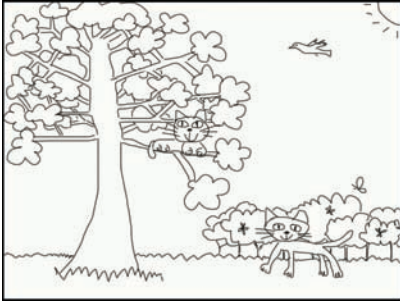
5. Call the AVA at 6471 9987 to report Animal Abuse/Abandonment

6. Inform the welfare groups if you would like to.

Creative Box

We welcome your freestyle artistic contributions in good taste. If you would like your works to be featured here, please submit a scanned image sized at least 300dpi to: jacquelyn@catwelfare.org

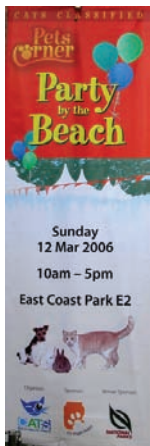
Title of drawing: **Home In The Park**



By Jacin Chan

Our Booth @ Pets Corner- Party by the Beach

Sunday 12 March 2006
10am – 5pm
East Coast Park E2 (field near the hawker centre)



Did you stroll by Cat Welfare Society's booth at Singapore Press Holdings' CATS Classified's event, **Pets Corner-Party by the Beach?**

It was a sunny day. The organizers had cleverly placed mist fans all around to cool the space, making the open air area comfortable for both humans and their pets. Spotted at Party by the Beach were dogs, cats, hamsters and plenty of curious humans. The organizers hosted competitions and activities for the pets and their owners. The entire space was a bustle of exciting activities, chatter and conversation.

Our booth was enthusiastically manned by CWS committee members Rebecca Ho and Jacin Chan, with help from their team of 9 volunteers from Pasir Ris Secondary School (Class of Secondary 3E7). These volunteers' contributions will be noted in their Community Involvement Programme (CIP) hours.



The booth sold CWS merchandise for fundraising, as well as to chat with the visitors and raise awareness about CWS's mission.

Jacin and Rebecca felt that the response from the public to CWS merchandise was very encouraging. Buyers said they were attracted to the cute designs of the t-shirts on sale. Many visitors also came up to the booth to chat and enquire about who they could contact regarding sterilization of cats.

Thoughts of 2 volunteers from Secondary 3E7:

Camilia Teo, 15 yrs old.

"This is the first time I'm helping out at a CWS event. I'm finding it quite fun. I enjoy meeting people and there're so many interesting things to check out!"

Benny Tan, 15 yrs old.

"Our class was attracted to CWS and its events. Our previous involvement for CIP was limited to a small display booth in school. We wanted more exposure and interaction with the public. I'm enjoying myself here as I can improve my verbal skills and observe how people behave around animals."



Our Booth at Purina/Proplan Championship Cat Show

9 April 2006 @ Singapore Expo.

CWS participated at the cat show and set up our exciting booth for an adoption board and sale of merchandise from 9am to 6pm.

Lugging along a huge array of CWS merchandise (T-shirts, pictorial book, car decals, bookmarks), Jacin Chan and her volunteers rallied to promote awareness of the Society, we also gave away free postcards and information brochures on sterilization and handle enquiries from the public. Merchandise sales were good and we hope that everyone went away with a clearer idea of what we do and how important sterilization and TNRM are. Our thanks to Ong Zhen Yuan, Michael Wong

and Winnie Ng, and Huling, for your enthusiasm and hard work!

The CWS adoption team and volunteers for this round headed by Dell Chan and Shireen Chan were at the booth too! Our thanks to Angeline Tham, Alexandra Gilchrist, Vivienne Eio and Candice Oh-Toyoura for your wonderful efforts and knowledge!

The team used a different strategy for this adoption drive. Instead of having live cats at the adoption drive, the team used posters to attract visitors and potential owners. They blew up photos of the cats up for adoption and included write-ups next to these photos and put everything up on a huge adoption board. No real cats were brought down to the booth.



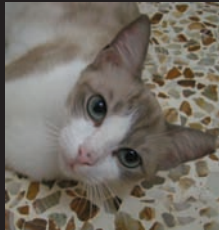
Undeniably, cute balls of fur attract oohs and aahs very readily. Live cats have the ability to melt all those hearts out there and there will be higher chances of being taken home to a good family. Taking live cats present at events generate a lot of interest, but the cats are stressed out as they have to deal with different sights and sounds. Not only that, the cats resent being caged up for a day. As such, the adoption team decided that they would try out this mode. At the end of the day, the team received 15 interested enquiries on adopting the lovelies on the adoption board.



All fosters have been contacted and cats are available as of today!!! All descriptions have been updated. Please direct all enquiries on these lovelies to adoptions@catwelfare.org



Lucky is a sterilized female adult cat. **Torty** is a 6-mth old tortoiseshell kitten who is attached to Lucky, its mother. Both are low maintenance and litter-box trained. If you adopt both together, you can be sure the two cats would get along.



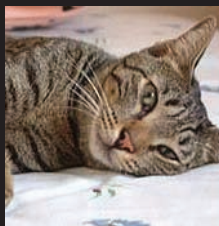
SARA is a 1-yr old cross-breed female with grey/green eyes. Affectionate and friendly, she is looking for a loving home. She is sterilized with a tip-ear, litter-box trained and vaccinated.



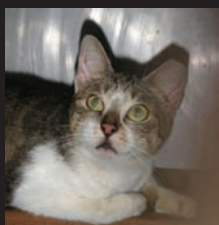
CALISTA is a 2-mth old calico kitten with nice markings. Vaccinated and dewormed, she is now ready to be rehomed. Calista is a mild-mannered kitten who is extremely comfortable around people. She will be an extraordinarily loving pet for kids and adults.



LOBO (left, male) and **NIKI** (right, female) are siblings. Both are 3½ mths old. They are looking for a loving home with lots of TLC! They are not fussy eaters & are litter-box trained. Can be adopted together or separately.



JACKIE is a 1-yr old sterilized female cat who appears to be a little shy with strangers initially, but will warm up quickly. Jackie eats both dry and wet food and is litter bin trained. Her sweet and friendly "purrsonality" makes her a great home cat.



LITTLETAB is 6-8 mths old sterilized female kitten. It is a small cat with medium-length tail. It has white paws and white 'shoulders'. It is mature and not prone to jumping or running. She is litter box-trained, people friendly, not a fussy eater and definitely able to get along with other cats in the household.



ORLI is a 2-4 yrs old sterilized male cat. Orli has a trusting nature, enjoys being carried like a baby and is a loving lap-cat. He is also an avid shoe/shoelace wrestler. He has a very relaxed nature and is contented to just lounge around. He is litter-box trained and low maintenance.

ABOUT US

Cat Welfare Society (CWS) is a charity whose mission is to save the lives of our street cats through sterilisation. Our main functions include:

- Sterilisation
Helping the hundreds of caregivers in Singapore who sterilise the cats they feed by giving them a voice, emotionally supporting them in order that they may continue with their work, helping them with the authorities (town councils, police etc) and providing them with highly-subsidised sterilisation slots at selected vet clinics.

- Education
Informing the public on how sterilisation can benefit their cat, themselves and the community.

- Adoption
Finding good homes for those cats and kittens that are unable to survive on their own in our urban environment.

- Mediation
Resolving complaints about cats. CWS will investigate all complaints as long as the complainant is willing to provide his contact details.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Cat Welfare Society spends mainly on the sterilisation of street cats, medical care for rescue cases and on expenses incurred in fostering cats (eg. vaccinations, medical care, sterilisation etc). Our main sources of income are from donations, membership subscriptions and merchandise sales. If you wish to make a donation or apply as a member, you can go to any of the AXS stations in Singapore and click on "Community". Or you can download a GIRO form or membership form from our website and mail it to us. To make an Internet Bank Transfer, please email us for details.

As CWS has only one employee, we are always in need of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer with us, please check out our website for the available volunteer activities or email us for the list.

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