

Annual Review

2021 - 2022



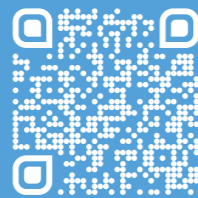
Embracing
Change

ABOUT US

Established in 1921, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Hong Kong) ("the SPCA" or "the Society") is the region's largest and longest-standing independent animal welfare charity. The SPCA's key areas of work are:

- Rescuing and protecting wildlife and homeless animals whilst assisting government departments with the enforcement of animal welfare laws and initiating prosecution of offenders
- Providing medical care and rehabilitation services to abandoned and rescued animals and help them recover from illness or injury
- Providing desexing services to free-roaming and stray animals so as to manage and control the animal population
- Lobbying the government on animal welfare related legislative issues
- Monitoring the welfare standard of food animals
- Providing comprehensive and professional veterinary services for companion animals
- Educating the public, especially young people to cultivate a deep respect for all life in community

Over the past century, the SPCA has been pushing the frontier of animal welfare with very limited resources. 99% of our funding comes from the generosity of the general public, as well as income generated by our veterinary and membership departments. We are building a new education and animal welfare centre in Tsing Yi (to open in 2023) to diversify our services and we need your continued support to enable us to carry on the hard work of promoting and providing animal welfare services as well as turning Hong Kong into a caring and inclusive community.



Make a donation and support
our animal welfare work.

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OVERVIEW

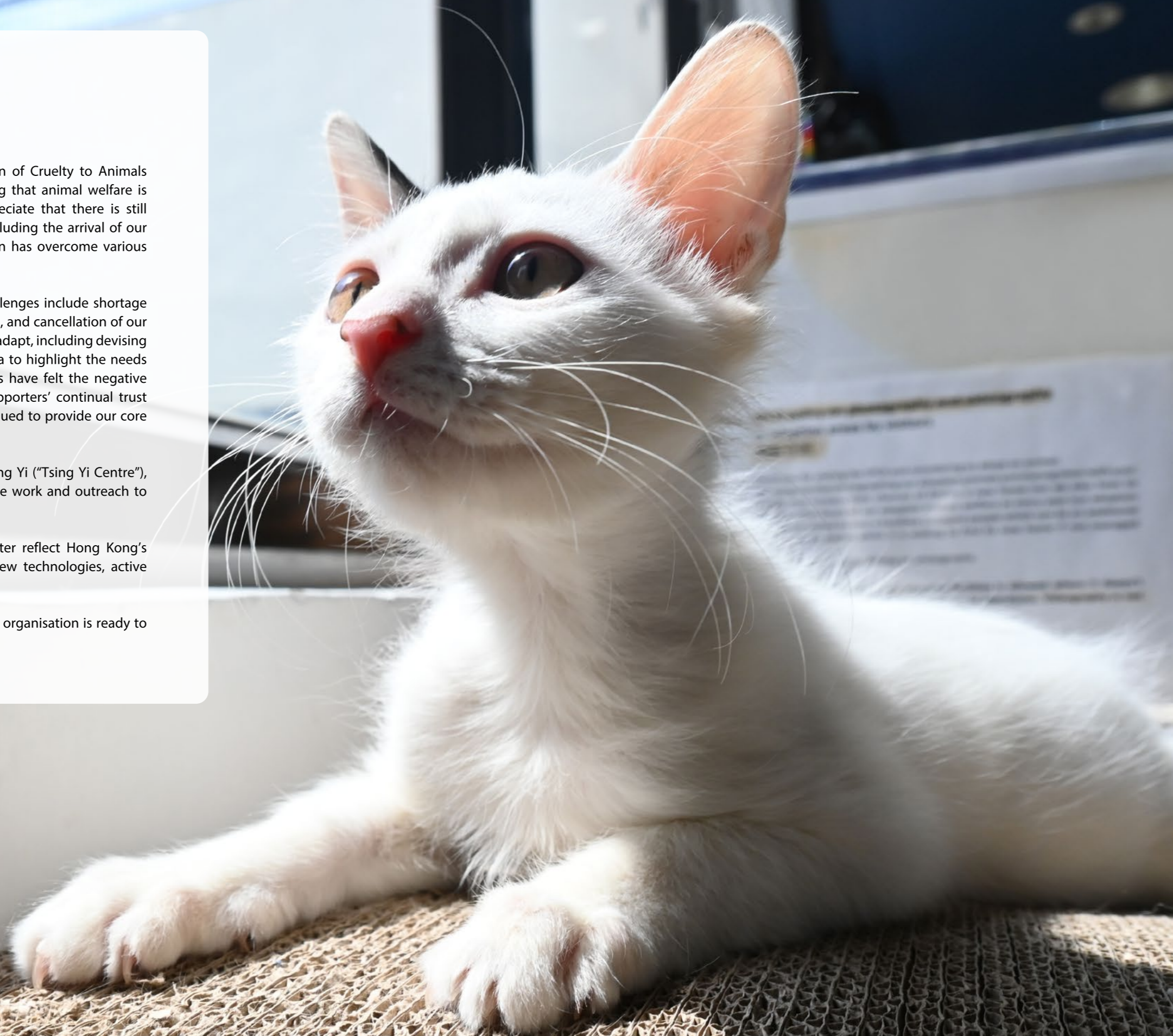
The year 2021 marked the 100th anniversary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (the SPCA). Since our inception, there have been encouraging trends indicating that animal welfare is increasingly embraced by the Hong Kong community. Nevertheless, we appreciate that there is still so much more to be done. For us, 2022 began with many exciting changes, including the arrival of our new Executive Director, Fiona Cumming. Under her leadership, the organisation has overcome various obstacles presented by Covid-19.

Amid social distancing rules and travel restrictions, our biggest operational challenges include shortage of overseas veterinarians, a cap on the number of visitors to our adoption centres, and cancellation of our physical fundraising and educational events. Fortunately, the SPCA found ways to adapt, including devising innovative strategies to reach a bigger audience, making use of the social media to highlight the needs of our animals, and launching fundraising events online. Meanwhile, our teams have felt the negative impact of the brain drain in Hong Kong over the past year. Thanks to our supporters' continual trust and financial support, our teams have been able to remain resilient as we continued to provide our core services related to animal rescue, vet clinics and homing.

We are looking forward to the completion of the SPCA Centennial Centre in Tsing Yi ("Tsing Yi Centre"), opening in Q2 2023, which will further broaden the scope of our animal welfare work and outreach to support more animals in need in Hong Kong.

In 2023, we will have an updated Vision and Mission statement that will better reflect Hong Kong's generational change. We will strive to capture opportunities responding to new technologies, active demographics and more passionate voices with the aim to benefit animals.

Change is constant, but the SPCA's commitment to animals will never fail, as the organisation is ready to keep evolving and move onward and upward in the next 100 years to come.





24,636

calls were made to the SPCA 24-hour rescue hotline requesting assistance or providing information.



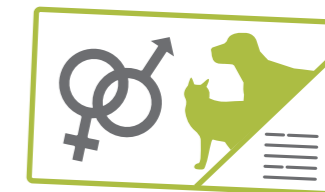
11,965

animals were desexed through our neutering services and animal birth control welfare scheme helping to stabilise the animal population in the community.



4,604

animals were rescued or handled by the Inspectorate Department helping reunite them with their owners or live a new life with the SPCA's assistance.



2,969

SNAP vouchers were provided to the public for use in 88 participating veterinary clinics for desexing services.

SPCA 2021 – 2022

SPCA BY NUMBERS

Thank you to all of our supporters for making these achievements.



2,247

street cats were neutered and vaccinated for free under our Cat Colony Care Programme. The CCCP has benefited over 80,000 street cats since its launch in 2000.



2,036

dogs were desexed under our Community Dog Programme. The programme aims to increase responsible dog ownership, improve dog welfare and regulate the population of Hong Kong's loosely owned and unowned roaming dogs.



1,358

animals were adopted by loving families in Hong Kong and have become integral parts of their new homes.



1,089

animal cruelty and animal trading investigations were effectively carried out to prevent animal suffering.



738

animals benefited through the Foster Parent Programme, and received dedicated care from our foster parents on the journey of looking for a forever home.



SPCA BY NUMBERS



Animals Handled

	2021/2022			2020/2021	
	Dogs	Cats	Others	Total	Total
Collected or rescued by the Inspectorate	463	974	3,167	4,604	4,405
Surrendered by owners	57	121	184	362	377
Strays found by public	61	169	306	536	472
Selected from the AFCD for rehoming	31	44	51	126	237
Selected from shelters for rehoming	1	50	72	123	107
Total number of animals handled	613	1,358	3,780	5,751	5,598
Reclaimed	183	225	47	455	526
Kept for homing	297	616	516	1,429	1,534
Foster animals	148	433	157	738	998
Referred to KFBG	0	0	1,908	1,908	1,546
Strays sent to the AFCD	41	2	150	193	196
Euthanised	84	354	927	1,365	1,268
Animals homed	297	584	477	1,358	1,577



Education Talks and Programmes

	2021/2022	2020/2021
Talks and workshops on SPCA premises	121	26
Talks held offsite	30	14
School project interviews	27	37
Life education talks	3	5
Total audiences reached	13,600	4,997



Community Development Work

	2021/2022	2020/2021
Harmony in Community talks / Audiences reached	230	0*
Pet Owners' Education talks / Audiences reached	0*	0*
Talks at carnivals / Audiences reached	450	0*
Online Pet Care Talks	321	282
Pet-industry professional training (audiences reached)	15	0*
Advocating enhancements in animal welfare	9	1
Meeting with/ submitting our views in writing to District & Legislative Council members and government departments	7	2
Professional consultations given to corporations and government departments	0*	4

*Due to Covid-19, the Society could not hold public activities during this period for safety reason.



Cat Colony Care Programme (CCCP)

	2021/2022	2020/2021
Number of cats captured	2,286	3,047
Desexed and Returned to colony	2,247	2,992
Sent to homing	27	37
Euthanised	2	5
Reclaimed by owners	10	13

Community Dog Programme

	2021/2022	2020/2021
Total number of dogs desexed	2,036	2,290



Inspectorate Figures

	2021/2022	2020/2021
Hotline calls received	24,636	25,047
Emergency vet calls	2,440	2,299
Animals handled	4,604	4,405
Rescue cases	1,081	1,113
Complaints of cruelty investigated	740	839
Animal trading inspections	349	503
Advice given	233	242
Warnings given	32	27
Prosecutions instigated	38	54



Spay Neuter Assistance Programme

	2021/2022		2020/2021	
	Dogs	Cats	Total	Total
Number of vouchers reimbursed	537	2,432	2,969	3,109
Cost of vouchers reimbursed	\$135,200	\$381,400	\$516,600	\$536,900
Number of private veterinary clinics in scheme			88	84



Veterinary Procedures

	2021/2022	2020/2021
Consultations	27,263	30,340
Vaccinations	21,509	24,023
Surgeries (non-desexing)	3,003	3,404
Desexing surgeries*	11,965	13,939
Hospitalisation	2,782	3,104
Dentistry	1,077	1,306
Diagnostic imaging	4,184	4,101
Total	71,783	80,217

* Includes desexing surgeries performed on the Animal Welfare Vehicle, and under the Cat Colony Care Programme and the Community Dog Programme



Animal Welfare Vehicle

	2021/2022			2020/2021	
	Dogs	Cats	Others	Total	Total
Number of animals desexed	322	1,724	1	2,047	3,010



ANIMAL RESCUE AND CRUELTY PREVENTION

THE INSPECTORATE

Founded in 1937, the SPCA Inspectorate is Asia's oldest inspectorate exclusively dedicated to the investigation of animal cruelty and the protection of animal welfare. The core functions of this evolving organisation are to patrol, inspect, educate and act upon complaints of abuse and inhumane treatment of animals, and promote education on animal safety and cruelty prevention.





CATS ON WINDOWSILLS

Our Inspectors often risk life and limb to carry out rescue missions, sometimes at high-altitude places. In 2021/2022 alone, our Inspectors received more than 220 calls (approximately 18 cases per month) for help related to “windowsill cats” – cats sitting precariously on windowsills, laundry racks or air-conditioners outside apartments in high-rise buildings. These cases were one of the most common rescue missions carried out by the SPCA Inspectors in 2021/2022.

Saving animals trapped at high-altitude places requires high EQ, wit, professional skills, a well-thought-out strategy and lots of physical strength. Members of the public without proper training are not advised to save the animals in this situation as a slight human movement might cause the animals to stumble and fall. Unfortunately, in 25% of the 220 cases mentioned above, the cats had already fallen to their death or disappeared before the arrival of our Inspectors.



RACE AGAINST TIME

APART FROM “WINDOWSILL CATS”, OUR INSPECTORS ALSO NEED TO DEVISE DIFFERENT STRATEGIES TO RESCUE ANIMALS TRAPPED IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS.

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODES AND LEARN MORE.



DOG STUCK INSIDE A WATER BOTTLE



THE CONCERTO OF A NEWBORN CALF



THE SQUEAKY GUINEA PIG



SAVE THE DRYAD

SAVING ANIMALS FROM PET SMUGGLING

The number of pet smuggling cases has been on a concerning rise in recent years, putting more innocent animals at the tragic risk of being killed or getting brutally injured. It is suspected that the surge was caused by prolonged border restrictions amid the pandemic, giving rise to more lucrative business opportunities for illegal pet traders.

In December 2021, the Marine Police intercepted a suspicious van in Lau Fau San. In the van, 51 pedigree dogs and cats were found crammed inside 18 small cages sealed with plastic tape. The SPCA’s Inspectors were called to the scene to assist in handling the smuggled animals. Among the dogs were Dobermans that had undergone ear-cropping surgery. Their ears were wrapped in tape. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department later transferred nine dogs to the SPCA for veterinary treatment and daily care until the law enforcement agencies authorised adoption arrangement.



In January 2022, the Marine Police seized 40 pedigree kittens and puppies that were being smuggled to Hong Kong on a speedboat along the Ha Pak Lai coastal area in Yuen Long. The animals were kept in 12 plastic cages sealed with tape. Some cages had three to four pets inside. The SPCA Inspectors rushed to the scene to assist in investigation and in handling the injured animals. A total of 32 animals (12 dogs and 20 cats) were later delivered to the SPCA by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for veterinary treatment and custody. Following the end of the trial, some of them started looking for their forever homes at the SPCA.



ANIMAL CRUELTY CASES

06/2021

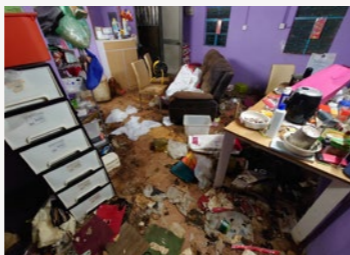
19 CATS AND 2 DOGS FOUND INSIDE DIRTY VILLAGE HOUSE

Our Inspectors received a complaint from a member of the public about some animals kept in a dirty, malodorous village house. Upon arrival at the 200 sq. ft. village house, 10 adult pedigree cats and two adult Pomeranians were found wandering in the living room with cages stacked up on a floor covered with faeces. In the bedrooms, an adult Ragdoll and eight kittens were crammed inside five cages filled with excreta. Some cats were skinny with nasal discharge and skin diseases. The black Pomeranian had matted coat while the white one got excreta on its paws. They were fed with unclean water and food. Our Inspectors later sent a total of 19 cats and two dogs to the SPCA for medical treatment.

07/2021

DOGS NEAR STARVATION

Our Inspectors received a report from the police about a suspected death of an animal found inside a village house in Yuen Long. When one of our Inspectors entered the premises, the backyard and the floor of the living room were covered with faeces and rubbish. Two underweight dogs were found wandering in the backyard and the other four were caged inside tiny plastic carriers filled with urine. The dogs were dirty and urine-soaked. Little water was provided in the yard and dry food was stored in a plastic container that was inaccessible to the dogs.



09/2021

5 DEHYDRATED UNDERWEIGHT CATS SUFFERED FROM SEVERE NEGLECT IN DIRTY APARTMENT

Five underweight and dehydrated cats were found living in a dirty, smelly apartment with cat faeces on the kitchen floor. Insufficient food and water in filthy bowls and a water fountain were also found on the floor. Our Inspectors were called to the scene to assist the police's investigation and help handle the animals. All five cats were sent to the SPCA for medical treatment and rehoming after the trial ended. The owner admitted that even though he had noticed the cats had looked sick and skinny for months, he had never taken them to a vet for medical examination. He was convicted of animal cruelty and was sentenced to 100 hours of community service.

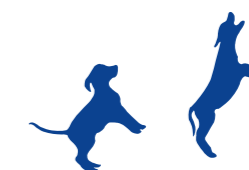


EDUCATION ON ANIMAL SAFETY AND CRUELTY PREVENTION

Over the years, our Inspectors have been playing the important role of educational ambassadors, teaching pet owners the importance of taking home safety measures for their pets, such as installing cat nets on windows and balconies.

Last year, our Inspectors delivered talks to the Hong Kong Police College, the Hong Kong Police Detective Training Centre, the Fire and Ambulance Services Academy, and the law and veterinary medicine students of City University of Hong Kong. The education programmes cover a wide range of topics, including the use of legislation and investigation techniques concerning cruelty to animals, animal handling and welfare.

We will continue to work closely with the Hong Kong Police Force, Agriculture, the Fisheries and Conservation Department, Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden and the Fire Services Department on a day-to-day basis, with a view to strengthening collaboration to help animals that are abandoned, abused and injured.



ADOPTION

Currently, the SPCA has three centres that offer adoption services in Hong Kong. Our headquarters in Wanchai, also our largest adoption centre, welcomes approximately 20,000 visitors annually and rehomes a wide variety of animals, such as dogs, cats, hamsters, terrapins, rabbits, chinchillas, guinea pigs, birds and exotic animals. The other two adoption centres are the Kowloon Centre located on Princess Margaret Road and the Sai Kung Adopt-a-Pet Centre.

In these centres, our homing assistants give our animals unconditional love and care every step of the way on their journey to finding a forever home supported by our veterinary care team.

ACHIEVEMENTS AMID ON-GOING CHALLENGES

In 2021/2022, the total number of animals adopted was 1,358. Among them, there were 297 dogs, 584 cats and 477 exotic animals including hamsters, rabbits, turtles and birds. We also partnered with a pet supply store, Whiskers N Paws, in the hope of reaching a wider group of prospective adopters. We are thrilled that 21 abandoned exotic animals were adopted through our collaborative effort with Whiskers N Paws.

The year 2021/2022 was not easy for our adoption team. To comply with the Covid-related social distancing measures imposed by the Government, all visitors to our adoption centres were required to book their sessions before coming to the centres. That inevitably slowed down the process of finding the right matches. Fortunately, our adoption operations continued throughout the year to handle as many adoption applications as possible. Thank you to our diligent adoption team that followed all safety measures carefully.

To optimise our operations, we closed our Mongkok Adopt-a-Pet Centre and safely moved the animals to our other centres in February 2022 so that we can concentrate our efforts on all our animals. This move streamlined our efforts and allowed our staff to cater to the needs of individual animals more effectively.



ANIMALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Senior animals and those with medical and behavioural issues face more challenges when trying to find their forever homes. They have to compete with younger, healthier animals and overcome potential prejudices and preconceptions among adopters.

We took in fewer animals in 2021/2022 as we needed to allocate more resources towards taking care of those animals with additional special needs. Fortunately, with persistent support and medical care, their condition can be greatly improved hence their chance of getting rehomed can also be increased significantly.

Mongrels are also unfortunately “less popular” and often overlooked when compared to the pedigree as many Hong Kong people prefer adopting small-sized pedigree dogs over mongrels mainly due to limited living space and other logistical issues. This strong inclination towards pedigree breeds makes it more difficult for mongrels to find their forever homes.

We believe that all animals should be loved equally, regardless of their breed, age, physical and mental state. To promote the idea that “All Breeds Are Equal”, we have created a video and posted it on our Facebook page to draw public attention.



ALL BREEDS ARE EQUAL





Cat adoption area in the new Tsing Yi Centre

(The drawing represents an artist's impression of the centre only and may not reflect actual environment and scale)



Semi-outdoor exercise area and the roof top garden

(The drawing represents an artist's impression of the centre only and may not reflect actual environment and scale)

NEW HOPE TO ANIMALS

We are looking forward to the opening of our Tsing Yi Centre. The completion of the new centre will provide more space for animals under our care. The animal adoption areas will offer extended and more specialised accommodation for the different types of unwanted animals that are looking for new homes. With new hospital and surgical facilities and additional housing to accommodate animals rescued from animal cruelty cases, we will be able to help more animals in need – providing them with a comfortable environment in which they can recuperate and recover.

A range of different training spaces in the new centre will provide our behavioural team with the tools they need to help our many canine charges either to become well socialised and learn the basics of better manners or to overcome behavioural issues that may be linked to past traumas or events.

By understanding each animal's behavioural needs and using positive reinforcement techniques to support and train them, we aim to help them adjust and adapt to fit into the human world, hence increasing their chances of finding their forever homes.

We are also excited about the option of using on-site outdoor areas both on the roof top and on the ground so our canine friends can experience and enjoy outdoor activities too. We believe that such exercise is vital to canines' well-being and can help prepare them for their future lives.

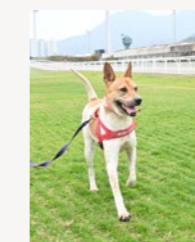
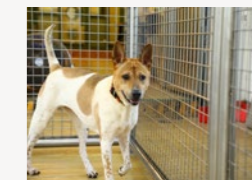
ADOPTION SUCCESS STORIES



AGUMON

Agumon was one of the long-stayers in our centre. She had waited for more than a year before she met her destined family. Being abandoned in an empty house, she lived a miserable life before her rescue and had lost all faith in humans.

When she first arrived at our centre in 2020, she was extremely anxious, with no appetite and suffering from recurring diarrhoea. She also showed signs of reactive and guarding behaviours due to fear and insecurity. When people tried to approach her, she would bark to deter them, making it extremely challenging for her to connect with potential adopters.



With the effort of our kennel keepers, homing team and trainers, Agumon eventually transformed into a cuddly, affectionate, trusting dog who always had a blast playing with humans and other dogs. In December 2021, the then four-year-old Agumon finally found her forever home. Please scan the QR code to witness her transformation.



ROSE & RONIN

Rose and Ronin were a 10-year-old cat couple whose severely ill owner had no choice but to surrender them at the SPCA Centre in April 2021. Leaving their loving owner was not easy. Our homing staff spent a lot of time comforting them and helping them settle into their temporary home at the SPCA.

The two cats' condition had declined with age as expected and they also had some issues that needed medical attention. Despite the fact that healthy kittens usually stand a better chance of getting adopted and Rose and Ronin were not young anymore, they finally met their new owners by the end of 2021 and got a second chance at love.



FOXY

Foxy was once a stray dog wandering in the wild without proper food or shelter. A member of the public called the SPCA for help and our inspectors took her back to our centre, hoping she would find a permanent roof over her head soon. However, having spent a long time in the wild, Foxy mildly struggled to adapt to the life at the centre and curled herself up in bed most of the time. When visitors walked past her, she would bark to protect herself. Our trainer and homing assistants spent a lot of time socialising with her and she gradually showed her true self. She even became the trainer's assistant to help other timid dogs to adapt to their new lives at the SPCA. After a year of waiting, happiness finally knocked on her door and she was adopted into a loving family in November 2021.





ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL

Every year, a vast number of unwanted animals are born and end up on the streets. They are often the offspring of feral, abandoned or irresponsibly owned unneutered animals that are left to roam and reproduce freely in the city. Many of these animals are vulnerable to illnesses, accidents, cruelty and injuries.

Desexing companion animals also helps decrease abandonment rate as additional unwanted pets may add financial burden to some families.

Therefore, animal birth control is central to many of the SPCA's welfare initiatives. We provide free or low-cost desexing services that help control the population of cats and dogs in a humane and sustainable way, improve their welfare and restore harmony between humans and animals.

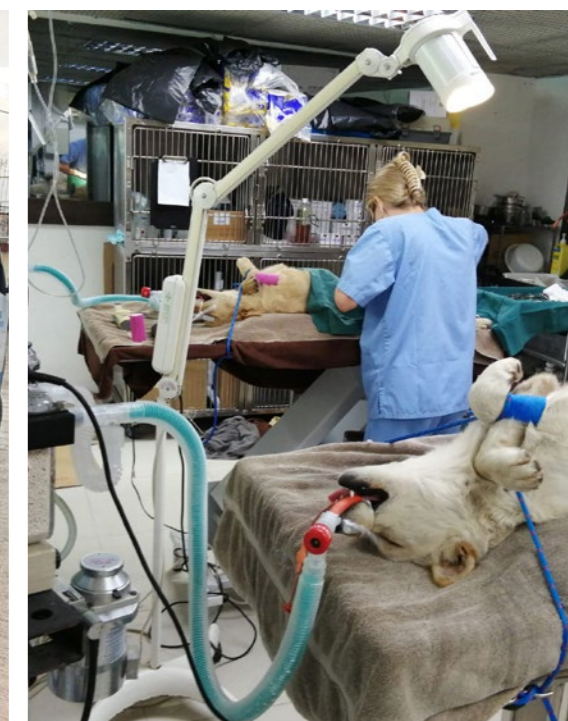


ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE MONGREL DESEXING PROGRAMME (MDP)

Stray dogs are often found wandering around construction sites and villages in the New Territories and they breed freely. Without neutering, the unwanted puppies are often abandoned on the streets whilst their parents remain vulnerable to diseases, car accidents, and malnourishment.

Under the MDP, mongrels can be desexed free-of-charge at the SPCA Welfare Desexing Clinic located in Fairview Park, Yuen Long, as well as at the other SPCA centres with the aim to improve their welfare and combat the stray animal problem in communities by ending their proliferation cycle.

2021/2022 was another successful year for the MDP. Thanks to all our staff, dog owners and volunteers who supported this programme, nearly 2,000 dogs were neutered. This programme plays an important role in rabies prevention as microchipping, rabies vaccination and licensing are being offered for free alongside the desexing.



ANIMAL WELFARE VEHICLE AND THE SPAY NEUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME (SNAP)

The Spay & Neuter Vehicle (SNV) service was suspended for a period of time due to the pandemic. In spite of that, our medical team still managed to neuter a total of 322 dogs and 1,724 cats on the SNV by the end of 2021/2022. Dogs desexing on the SNV, microchipping, rabies vaccination and licensing are all free.

Regarding the SNAP, we subsidised 537 dogs and 2,432 cats to be desexed at both the SPCA's and in private clinics all around Hong Kong in 2021/2022, totaling \$516,600 in terms of surgical cost. The number of participating clinics also increased to 88 – expanding our partner network throughout Hong Kong.

We also seek opportunities to forge partnership with other animal welfare organisations and shelters by providing them with animal desexing services. Together we educate villagers about the benefits of animal desexing and encourage them to bring their dogs and cats to undergo sterilisation.

NEW CENTRE FOR ANIMALS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES

One of the major challenges we faced in 2021/2022 was the insufficient capacity for desexing animals at our clinics. Fortunately, with our new Tsing Yi Centre scheduled to open in 2023, there will be two well-equipped surgical centres dedicated to carry out spay and neuter operations to support the needs of the CCCP. With the new facilities, we expect the desexing capacity will increase by 50% per year.



TAKING A PROACTIVE APPROACH

Since the Cat Colony Care Programme (CCCP) was launched in 2000, we have been working with a group of committed carers who feed and trap unowned street cats in their neighbourhoods and bring them to the SPCA for sterilisation. Our medical team not only desex, vaccinate and microchip these cats but also provides preventative treatments including flea and deworming treatments. Minor ailments are also treated. The goal is to return healthy, desexed cats to their original colonies and prevent unwanted births.

In 2021/2022, we continued to take a proactive approach and carried out a total of 33 trapping missions, with the support from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Volunteer Team assisting in eight of them. In these SPCA-led trapping events alone, over 200 cats were captured, bringing the total number of cats neutered for the entire year under the CCCP to 2,247.

It is also important to note that the CCCP plays a vital part in preventing cross-border rabies transmission as every stray cat handed to us via the programme will be vaccinated against the disease.

Over the 22 years since the programme was launched, the CCCP has desexed more than 80,000 street cats. Today, there are far fewer but much healthier cats living on the streets distributed across more than 2,000 cat colonies in Hong Kong.



PET HEALTH CARE

THE VETERINARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The first SPCA veterinary clinic was founded in the early 1950s. Since then, our veterinary services have grown from strength to strength, expanding to seven clinics across Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, the New Territories and the Outlying Islands. Our facilities include full hospitalisation, in-house laboratories, state of the art digital radiography, ultrasound, ECG and endoscopy/bronchoscopy.

Our aim is to provide high-quality veterinary consultation and surgery to serve the needs of our members' companion animals, while generating much-needed funds to help support the Society's welfare programmes.



OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AMID VET SHORTAGES

2021/2022 was definitely amongst the most challenging years in the history of the Veterinary Services Department (VSD). The major issue was a severe shortage of veterinary surgeons, caused primarily by the city's strict quarantine policy and travel restrictions, making both local and overseas recruitment very difficult.

Despite staffing problems, the SPCA vets and vet nurses worked tirelessly throughout the year to maintain our medical services for both owned and stray animals. A testimony to this is that during 2021/2022, the VSD provided 27,263 consultations, performed 3,003 surgeries and cared for 2,782 hospitalised animals.

Another major challenge we faced during the year was an increase in animal smuggling cases, many of which involved a large number of animals requiring urgent medical attention. Despite these hardships, our veterinary and welfare teams went above and beyond their duty to provide the best care for these innocent victims.

On the other hand, in 2021/2022 we received an increasing number of enquiries from pet owners planning to move abroad with their pets. Compared to previous years, there was much higher demand for "fitness to fly" examinations, ISO microchips, rabies antibody blood testing (serology), and veterinary export certificates.



UPGRADED FACILITIES TO IMPROVE ANIMAL CARE

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, at long last in 2021 we were able to go ahead with the much-needed renovations of our 24-hour hospital at our Wan Chai Headquarters. Improvements included a designated exotic pet ward, a larger cat ward with cat-friendly cages, separate dog and cat isolation wards, a central treatment area with an ICU and a quiet room for owners to spend time with their sick pets in a peaceful environment. These significant upgrades have enabled us to enhance our care and treatments of critically ill patients.

Looking forward, the Tsing Yi Centre will have a floor dedicated to Veterinary Services, complete with a state-of-the-art animal hospital featuring surgery suites, consultation rooms and advanced diagnostic imaging technologies. This facility will not only enable our vets to provide timely treatments to animals in the vicinity, but also serve as an all-round training centre for vets and vet nurses in the future.



YEAR	ISO MICROCHIPS	VETERINARY EXPORT CERTIFICATES	"FITNESS TO FLY" EXAMINATIONS	RABIES SEROLOGY
18/19	176	51	205	157
19/20	319	60	228	197
20/21	809	133	269	210
21/22	1109	276	448	224



NURTURING FUTURE VETERINARY SURGEONS AND NURSES

In 2020, the SPCA and the Jockey Club College of Veterinary Medicine and Life Sciences, City University of Hong Kong (JCC CityU) signed an agreement formalising a partnership to work together towards our shared goals of improving animal health and welfare in Hong Kong through education and training.

As part of this agreement, Dr. Jane Gray, Deputy Director (Veterinary Services) and Dr. Fiona Woodhouse, Deputy Director (Welfare) gave guest lectures in 2021/2022 to JCC CityU veterinary students on a variety of topics, including shelter medicine, animal welfare and veterinary ethics.

Since the late 1990s, we have been actively promoting the importance of veterinary nurse training in Hong Kong. We were the first veterinary practice to provide in-house, international standard training to our nurses. All our nurses undergo training from the Animal Industries Resource Centre (AIRC), one of the leading veterinary industry educators in Australia. In addition, we recently employed several graduates from the CityU Scope Vet Nurse Diploma Programme. Many of them interned in our centres prior to graduation. Currently, we have 15 fully qualified veterinary nurses and nine are undergoing training.

Further to our training commitment, Dr. Jane, Dr. Fiona, Becky Lin (Veterinary Nurse Manager), and Marcus Lo (Veterinary Nurse Supervisor) have provided lectures, workshops and seminars for the CityU Scope veterinary nurse students.

LIFE-SAVING STORY

BREATHE EASY

In recent years short-nosed (brachycephalic) cats and dogs have surged in popularity, with people falling in love with their cute "baby-like" flat faces, but the sad truth is due to selective breeding these animals often have significantly shorter life expectancies compared to other breeds.

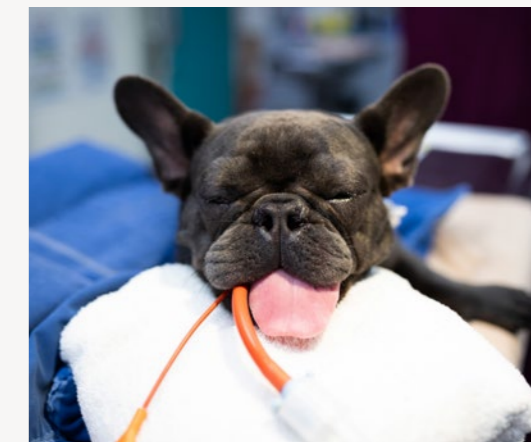
Selection for brachycephalia has resulted in deformation of the upper airway tract, leading to various breathing difficulties collectively known as Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome (BOAS). Surgical correction can help to alleviate some of the symptoms – most notably surgery to "open up" narrow nostrils, and to "trim down" an elongated soft palate (excessive tissue at the back of the throat). However, these surgeries are not themselves without risk, and severely affected patients are also known to have a higher anaesthetic risk.

On the subject of migration, owing to their inherent breathing difficulties, many airlines have banned flat-faced breeds. Sadly, the SPCA has seen a surge in abandonment of flat-faced animals because their owners were unable to take them when relocating.

Not wishing to end on a sad note, let us share a story with a happy ending!

BAO'S STORY

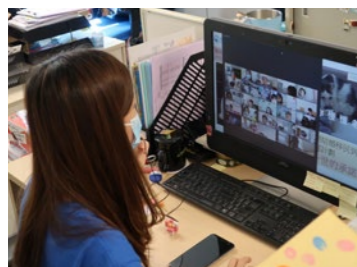
Bao, a female French Bulldog, was brought in for a veterinary check-up by her sensible and caring owners who were concerned about her breathing and wished to see if surgery could help. She underwent nostril resection and spay surgery. Luckily, she did not need soft palate surgery. Bao's owners were really happy with the result as Bao's breathing and exercise were greatly improved after the surgery. It just goes to show what many flat-nosed owners think is "normal" is actually far from it!





EDUCATION

At the SPCA, we believe that education is an important means of cultivating people's respect for life and their love for animals, as well as raising awareness of animal welfare issues. Our educational talks are specially designed so that participants can develop a concern for animals, learn about their needs and feelings, as well as give careful thought to their well-being. Through caring for animals, people are encouraged to respect humans as well.



EDUCATION ON ANIMAL WELFARE AMID THE PANDEMIC

The stringent social restrictions amid Covid-19 brought unprecedented challenges to public education. Nevertheless, our Education Department utilised its creativity and developed a variety of online talks and virtual live tours at the SPCA to make learning more riveting and flexible under constraints.

In 2021/2022, we organised a total of 181 sessions of talks including 117 speeches, 20 workshops, and three life education talks, and accepted 27 student interviews. Partnering with Caritas Institute of Community Education, we co-organised the Animal Care Assistant Foundation Course in which we taught 14 classes and assisted in administrative work, exam paper correction and student counselling to nurture the next generation of care givers. .

Through the above programmes, we reached out to a total of 13,600 people from all walks of life. Our work was highly commended by the Education Bureau for embodying the spirit of "Life-wide Learning (LWL)" and conveying the positive values of "Responsibility, Respect, Understanding and Care" to students. The SPCA Education Manager, Ms Vivian Chiu, was invited by the Education Bureau to host three online seminars and inspired 690 primary and secondary teachers to teach their students about kindness and respect towards animals.

TEACHING CHILDREN THROUGH ARTS

Our online English comics also attracted the attention of the English Learning section of the Education Bureau, which incorporated six of our comics into their "Say Yes to Treating Animals with Respect" primary school online teaching resource kit.



In July 2021, we started writing for a monthly column dedicated to pet care on the online platform "Parenting Headline". Through the platform, our messages can reach out to 150,000 parents and children every month. Our team also attended the three-day Puppy Summer Fun Expo held at the Asia World Arena in August 2021. With our self-designed workshops, games and activities, we brought education and entertainment to 260 parents and children.



In addition, we collaborated with Chan Shu Kui Memorial School and the International Art and Cultural Exchange Centre (IACEC) to co-organise drawing competitions for children and youth and shared with them the importance of animal welfare. We received hundreds of creative drawings from participating students who delivered messages about animal care through their masterpieces. IACEC donated part of the proceeds made in the competition to the SPCA in support of our welfare work.



ANIMAL-WELFARE POLICY VIDEO COMPETITION 2021/2022

2021 marked the SPCA's 100th anniversary and we launched the ground-breaking Animal-Welfare Policy Video Competition 2021/2022 for both secondary and tertiary students on World Animal Day, 4 October, as part of the celebratory events.

During the nine-month competition, contestants were invited to join our online workshops covering current animal welfare issues, laws and policies on pets and wild animals. They were required to contribute creative ideas to the policy formulation process by offering feasible and practical animal welfare policy suggestions to the public in three-minute videos on a given topic on pet or wildlife issues.

We promoted the competition via different means such as Facebook, school mails and sharing with Education City. We also broadcast information about the competition on the big screen at Times Square in Causeway Bay and accepted interview request by RTHK. All these helped us reach a wider group of prospective participants and encourage them to join the competition.

Moreover, the Education Bureau helped distribute our leaflets to teachers who attended the "Life-wide Learning (LWL)" seminars. To attract youngsters, we contacted YouTube Chill Up, a popular online platform for young people, to do street interviews related to pet topics.



We were also thrilled to work with supporting organisations including the Education Bureau and the Agriculture Fisheries and Conservation Department, and our sponsors Royal Canin (Diamond Sponsor), MCL Cinemas, Hyatt Centric Victoria Harbour Hong Kong and Art and Culture Outreach. Their contributions were vital to keep the competition going at the height of Covid-19.

Although what lies ahead is uncertain, the Education team will not shy away from any challenge and continue to craft innovative educational programmes in the future.





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

With the pet industry booming in recent decades, more and more people are keeping pets and treating them like family members. However, to lawmakers, urban planners, pet owners and non-pet owners, the trend has also given rise to challenges in terms of making a densely populated city like Hong Kong animal-friendly.

In light of this, our Community Development Team often seeks pragmatic solutions to pet-related problems, such as conflicts arising from pet-keeping in housing estates and a lack of pet-friendly public areas. Our aim is to help build a city where humans and animals can live together in harmony.

ADVOCATE THE IMPORTANCE OF PET INCLUSIVITY

In recent years, pet-friendly policies have become a hot topic among pet owners in Hong Kong. However, scarcity of land is often the biggest obstacle to building a pet-friendly community, as it often means competing for land uses. In a congested city like Hong Kong, the most feasible way to tackle such problem could be to cultivate inclusivity.

Over the years, the Community Development Team has collaborated with different stakeholders to promote the importance of pet inclusivity. By holding educational talks, workshops and carnivals, we pass on a key message: people and animals have equal rights to enjoy resources available in our community.

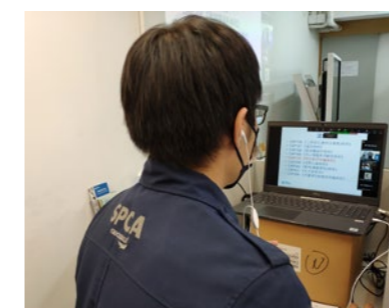
REACHING OUT TO PARENTS AND CHILDREN THROUGH CREATIVE EVENTS

With the support of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, we successfully organised the “Harmonious Community for People, Pets and All Creatures Great and Small Carnival” that ran from March to May 2021. The carnival consisted of three parts: a photography competition titled “Caring and Sharing the LOVE”, a parent-child workshop themed “Love Animals and Care for Our Community”, and a mini carnival exhibiting the winning photographs at The Mills.

For the photography competition, we invited Anita Ng, a professional member of the Hong Kong Institute of Professional Photographers, and TV director, Frankie Lee, to host online tutorials for the participants to share their experiences and tips on shooting animal-themed photos. Through the process, we encouraged participants to love and appreciate the uniqueness of different animals. The event received a total of 82 creative entries competing for valuable prizes.



In April 2021, five sessions of the parent-child workshop were held. One of them was broadcast via Zoom. The instructors inspired the participating children, teaching them how to make different animal models with the PIXIO magnetic blocks, conveying the message that it takes the efforts of every individual to build a harmonious, animal-friendly society. The event attracted more than 200 parents and children. We were thrilled that our message had reached so many families across Hong Kong.



Moreover, we organised a canine first-aid training course for the Agricultural, Fisheries and Conservation Department and delivered an online educational talk to the staff of Kai Shing Management Limited. We also worked with Transport Infrastructure Management Limited and the Aberdeen Kai-Fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre to organise public activities promoting animal welfare.



Moving forward, the SPCA will continue to sow the seeds of harmony through public education about responsible pet ownership and the importance of animal inclusivity. We believe our efforts will support Hong Kong to evolve into a more pet-friendly city where humans and animals coexist in harmony.





A Baby Wild Boar

LOBBYING AND ADVOCACY

Over the years, the SPCA has been striving for changes to the animal welfare laws through lobbying and campaigning, in hope of a more robust legal framework for animal rights and higher penalties to punish those who abuse animals.

Encouragingly, public awareness has increased and recent discussions within the Government have also moved the animal welfare agenda forward and started to give it momentum.

MAJOR PROGRESS IN LAW AMENDMENT

Despite stringent social distancing measures in 2021/2022, the SPCA still managed to carry out some of our most important lobbying work and make remarkable progress in major areas.

For years we have been urging the Government to incorporate the concept of “duty of care” for animals into the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance (CAP 169) and expand its usage to cover other pieces of legislation on animal-related issues, such as animal trade, animal boarding, riding schools and pet shops.

At long last, in a written reply read at the Legislative Council in April 2022, the Former Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, announced that the Government would introduce a positive “duty of care” on anyone responsible for animals, make cruelty to animals an indictable offence, increase penalties for such offences, and give enforcement officers greater power to prevent animal cruelty.

Having worked on the issue for several years, we were also pleased to learn that the Organised and Serious Crimes (Amendment) Bill 2021 was passed on 18 August 2021 to incorporate certain offences, such as wildlife trafficking and illegal trade, into the law for the very first time. With these long-awaited changes in legislation, we hope that animal welfare and protection will be further improved in Hong Kong.

Other milestones we achieved in 2021/2022 included the release of *An Empirical Study of the Nature of Animal Abuse Cases in Hong Kong from 2013-2019* and the implementation of the next phase of the banning of the ivory trade after years of lobbying. The ban prohibits the import, re-export and commercial possession of ivory, with a maximum penalty of 10 years’ imprisonment and a \$10 million fine.

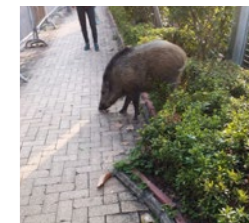


AN EMPIRICAL STUDY OF THE NATURE OF ANIMAL ABUSE CASES IN HONG KONG FROM 2013-2019

“DUTY OF CARE”
FOR ANIMALS IS A CONCEPT
IN THE LAW THAT OBLIGATES
ANIMAL-HANDLERS
TO TAKE REASONABLE STEPS
TO ENSURE THAT THE ANIMALS’
NEEDS ARE MET.
FOR THOSE WHO FAIL
TO COMPLY,
THEY WILL COMMIT AN OFFENCE
EVEN IF THE ANIMAL
HAS NOT YET SUFFERED.

ADVOCACY OF NON-LETHAL WILD BOAR MANAGEMENT

In November 2021, the Government announced that wildlife officials could carry out capture operations using dart guns with anaesthetics to control the number of wild boars roaming the city putting on halt its non-lethal programmes.



Following the announcement, the SPCA released a statement urging the Government to continue its non-lethal measures pertaining to wild boar management. We believe that effective wildlife management should involve a combination of public education, feeding bans, better waste control and animal contraception. Ideally, interventions at the animal level should be kept to a minimum. Therefore, we were thrilled to learn that the Government finally proposed to amend the Wild Animals Protection Ordinance (Cap 170) in July 2022 to strengthen the existing feeding ban on wild animals. The amendment would widen the ban to cover the whole of Hong Kong and impose tougher penalties on offenders.

SWIFT RESPONSE TO CONTROVERSIAL ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUES

In early 2022, an employee of a hamster shop tested positive of Covid-19, prompting the Government to take drastic measures on handling hamsters bought from the pet shop chain. As soon as the news broke, we released a statement to advise pet owners on the proper and safe ways to take care of their pets at home. To avert a potential wave of indiscriminate hamster abandonment, we also urged the general public, especially hamster owners, not to abandon their pets as the risk of animal-to-human Covid-19 transmission in general is negligible.



PROVIDED SUPPORT TO OTHER ANIMAL ORGANISATIONS

Apart from lobbying, we provided support to our coalitions, such as Asia for Animals (AfA) Coalition and the HK Wildlife Trade Working Group. We also helped the Hong Kong Faculty of Law of the University of Hong Kong with its report publications and press releases regarding animal welfare issues.

The SPCA, as part of its general outreach work in advancing the cause of animal welfare in Asia, supported AfA biennial conference in 2021. This time the event was held virtually and covered a wide range of topics with delegates attending from around the world.

A new initiative of AfA was to launch a Macaque Coalition focusing on macaque welfare. The SPCA joined to share Hong Kong’s and the SPCA’s experience in trying to assist with related issues hoping that some of the measures introduced and trialed in Hong Kong would offer practical solutions to issues facing macaques in other areas of Asia today.

With many regions in Asia impacted by Covid-19 and concerns on managing exposed pets, Dr Fiona Woodhouse, Deputy Director (Welfare) of the SPCA, presented at an international online seminar with the Vietnamese government, sharing the approach of the SPCA and Hong Kong in general with regards to animal care and epidemic control measures amid the challenges brought by Covid-19.

LOOKING FORWARD TO FURTHER CHANGES IN LEGISLATION

With unwavering determination, we will continue to push for changes in legislation through lobbying and campaigning and bring the greatest benefits to the well-being of animals, including these ongoing issues:

PET LICENSING - While demand for pets has been on the rise, the restrictions on illegal cats and exotic pets trade are still below par. Licensing should be required by the law to deter people from buying animals from illegal traders and breeders.

SMUGGLING - Smuggled animals are often exposed to a high risk of fatal disease, starvation, exhaustion and even death. Penalty should be increased to achieve significant deterrence against the inhumane practices. Moreover, online pet trade encourages illegal trade industry and should be banned in Hong Kong as soon as possible.

MERCY RELEASE - This is a practice that should be prohibited as the process inflicts unbearable suffering on the captured animals. Animal organisations often need to spend an enormous amount of resources on the rescue, caring and rehoming captured animals that are purposefully abandoned (released) into a non-native habitat where they cannot survive.



SAY NO TO MERCY RELEASE

ANIMAL SHELTER REGULATION - A reasonable standard for animal shelters could safeguard animal welfare by preventing an excessive number of animals overloading the shelters and leading to undesirable outcomes.

PET-FRIENDLY POLICY - To make Hong Kong a more pet-friendly city, restrictions on keeping pets in public housing and policy regarding pets on public transport will continue to be discussed with the Government.



MEMBERSHIP

For the past century, the SPCA has focused on improving animal welfare and preventing animal cruelty in Hong Kong. After years of efforts to promote our cause, we have motivated many members of the public to join us and be part of the driving force behind animal protection. By becoming part of the SPCA, our members can rest assured that their voices will be heard. Their involvement also helps us further improve our services for animals with owners and for those without a home.

A CHALLENGING YET ENCOURAGING YEAR

We are always grateful to our members for their continuous support for the SPCA. Every cent they have spent on their pets using our services is a blessing to the unfortunate animals we have rescued. Their generous support and donations are exceptionally critical to us in maintaining various animal welfare services, especially during the coronavirus pandemic.

As of 31 March 2022, we had a total of 32,455 members, a slight increase compared to 32,030 members in the previous year. As a token of our appreciation, in 2021/2022 alone, our Membership Department collaborated with a total of 20 companies, including clothing brands, restaurants, hotels, transportation companies and pet suppliers to provide our members with special discounts and offers that cover all aspects of their lives.

Members can also enjoy an array of exclusive benefits and privileges at the SPCA, including using our pet boarding, pet grooming, behavioral training and retail services at a discounted price.

SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR MEMBERS' SUPPORT

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank many of our kind-hearted members for their generous donations to the SPCA amid the seemingly never-ending pandemic. Their help has enabled us to continue our important animal welfare work at the most turbulent time.

While many facilities in our centres were in urgent need of refurbishment, we received some encouraging support.

The owner of Sweetie showed her support for the SPCA and donated waterproof chairs for us to use in the clinic waiting rooms in the Wan Chai and Kowloon Centres. If pets ever urinate on the chairs, cleaning is easy because of its waterproof quality.

The chairs are also easy to move around, allowing us to free up space when necessary. The light wood colour of the seats gives the waiting room a bright, clean look. By upping the comfort quotient of the centres, we hope pet owners and their little ones can sit back and relax while waiting for the treatments. We are very grateful to the owner of Sweetie for her generous support through all the years.

TOTAL NUMBER OF THE SPCA MEMBERS

32,455





FUNDRAISING

The SPCA receives around 1% of its funding from the Government. Therefore, donations from the public are vital for us to continue our services and animal welfare initiatives. Every year, we organise a variety of fun-filled events to promote animal welfare and fundraise for our work. These events, such as the Flag Day, raffle ticket campaign, Dogathon, charity mooncake sale and calendar sale, are all highly-anticipated by the public.

FUN AND INNOVATIVE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS AMID ECONOMIC DOWNTURN

In 2021/2022, the seemingly never-ending Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting economic downturn posed a great challenge to our efforts to fundraise for the animals under our care. As people generally kept a tight rein on their budget, our Fundraising Department worked twice as hard, designing innovative fundraising events to rekindle public awareness of animal welfare issues. Such events were held with tremendous success, with the fundraising results outperforming those in the previous year.



RAFFLE TICKET FUN IDEAS

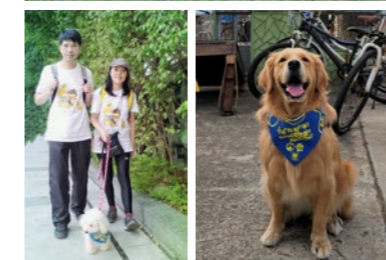
In May 2021, we launched the “MEOW to the Future” Better MEOW Raffle Tickets campaign, which featured the cartoon characters Ding Ding Cat and Din Dong as co-ambassadors. Ding Ding Cat, created by Hong Kong Tramways as its mascot, used to be a hungry stray found by a tram driver on the street before gaining mascot status. Ding Dong, on the other hand, was designed by local comic author, John Chan, who was inspired by his real-life adopted pet cat. Their stories perfectly exemplify how we can use creativity to convey the message “Adopt. Don’t Shop” to the public.



Moreover, upon purchase of a raffle ticket booklet, the buyer would get a free postcard to send to his/her special someone. We set up “Pet Mailboxes” in various locations in Hong Kong to temporarily store the outgoing postcards. Senders could just drop off their postcards at one of the locations and we would deliver their blessings at their selected time.

FIRST ANIFORM DAY FASHION SHOW

In September 2021, our fundraising team invited 10 renowned international fashion designers to design one-of-a-kind artworks to be printed on T-shirts. The T-shirts were showcased on our very first “Aniform Day 2021 Pawty Fashion Show”, premiered in New Town Plaza, Sha Tin. The fashion show was part of the 7th Aniform Day “Aniform Pawty” events. Proceeds made from the T-shirt charity sale all went to support the medical needs and daily care of our homeless animals. Joining the 10 designers were 12 illustrators, eight celebrities and a number of key opinion leaders, all being passionate supporters of animal welfare.



FIRST VIRTUAL DOGATHON

Amid Covid-19 social restrictions, we tried to stay flexible and made the unprecedented move to host our highly-anticipated annual charity Dogathon as a virtual event, under the theme “Dog Lovers’ Sweet Stroll”.

Participating dog owners were asked to take their dogs for a walk on a route of their choice for at least 100 minutes at any time during the campaign period, instead of physically walking together with other participants at the same time in the same place as was the format before Covid-19. After the walk, owners were required to upload a photo to our event page and send the link to their families and friends who could make an online donation in support of the walk.

During the walk, the participants were encouraged to renew their vow to “walk through life together” with their respective four-paw family members. We were honoured to have Hill’s Pet Nutrition Asia Limited, which gives us great support all year round, as our title sponsor.

HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL OF YOU

We are very grateful to all our donors, sponsors, volunteers and participants for their generous support for us in 2021/2022. We will continue to take every challenge as an opportunity to grow and leverage resources to yield positive results for all parties involved.





CHINA OUTREACH

While our China Outreach programme was officially formalised in 2008, we have long worked with veterinary bodies and schools in China since the 1990s. The programme represents our commitment to improve animal welfare, not just in our city but beyond our borders. With the rapid growth in companion animal populations, increased food animal production, scientific research and the use of animals in entertainment in China, the task of bringing humane education to the public in mainland China has become the core of the China Outreach programme.

On the other hand, our vets and animal care teams have been working with practising veterinary surgeons as well as veterinary schools and animal shelters in the mainland to facilitate knowledge exchange. We also work closely with various government departments and offering advice and support on issues relating to animal law reforms and public animal facilities.

ANIMAL WELFARE WORK AMID THE PANDEMIC IN CHINA

In 2021/2022, China continued to face the challenges brought by Covid-19. Despite the prolonged lockdowns that disrupted our partner shelters' adoption service in Shenzhen, the team managed to successfully rehome 17 animals, desex 183 stray animals and assist 341 people who called our hotline for help.

In addition, we received representatives from six companies that planned to organise activities to promote animal welfare in Shenzhen. They generously donated valuable resources to our homing animals in support of their daily care.

We also introduced the innovative concept of "Pet Mobile Cabin Hospital" to the Shenzhen government for assisting with the care and isolation of pets of Covid-19 patients. The idea was widely emulated shortly by other regional government across the country.

ONLINE HUMANE EDUCATION AMID SCHOOL LOCKDOWN

Face-to-face classroom teaching was suspended by the China Government in the hope of containing the Covid-19 virus from further spreading. Students instead had to switch to online learning at home to continue their studies.

Our China team seized the opportunity to host a variety of animal care online courses for more than 5,000 students from 14 schools. We also introduced our humane education programmes to approximately 30 school teachers and 50 leaders from animal protection groups in the mainland in 2021/2022.

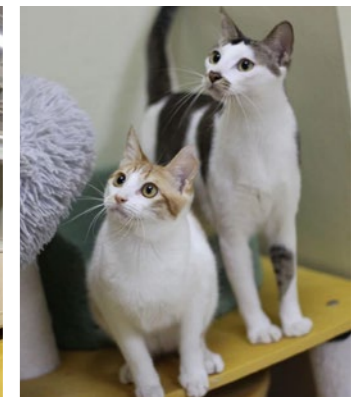
Moreover, we shared Hong Kong's experience in stray animal management with the Shanghai, Beijing, Hangzhou and Chengdu governments and actively participated in animal welfare work in other cities. We also continued to make suggestions on amending China's Wild Animal Protection Law with the aim to further improve wildlife welfare in the country.



MOVING FORWARD

For the past three years, it has been very difficult to get medical and other support from the Hong Kong team due to the border restrictions amid the on-going pandemic. Exchange is crucial and we look forward to developing this important bridge when travel is more flexible.

In the past, we have also held exchange programmes with veterinary surgeons, shelter operators and government representatives in China to visit Hong Kong and observe the daily operations of the different SPCA programmes and facilities, giving a very valued and important educational opportunity to them. This will only increase once our newly-built Tsing Yi Centre opens its doors, providing more space and newer facilities.



VOLUNTEERS

Before its official establishment in 1921, the SPCA was first set up by a group of volunteers in 1903. As we receive limited funds and minimal support from the Government, volunteers' help is of paramount importance to our daily operation and animal care.

Every year, we provide our volunteers the opportunity to contribute their time and skills to help animals in fun and challenging ways, such as being kennel keepers, dog walkers and foster parents, and joining our Inspectorate team to rescue animals in peril. The support of our volunteers enables us to care for thousands of animals each year and transform their lives.

ALL-ROUND SUPPORT FROM VOLUNTEERS

In 2021/2022, we received a total of 2,273 applications from individuals who expressed their interest in becoming volunteers to contribute to our welfare initiatives and different fundraising events.

Every year, we receive a vast number of sick and injured animals that have been abandoned or abused. Not only do they need our immediate medical care, but they also need a temporary loving home for rehabilitation and recuperation from surgeries or intensive treatments. Last year, there were a total of 738 animals nurtured by our foster families who provided love, care and attention to these traumatised animals, empowering them to embark on their recovery.

In addition, our volunteers gave a hand in different fundraising events such as Aniform Day 2021, the Flag Day and the charity raffle ticket. All these events were held successfully, thanks to the volunteers' support.

CONTINUOUS SUPPORT FROM CORPORATE VOLUNTEERS

Amid strict social distancing measures, we were thrilled to have 66 newly registered individual carers to join our Cat Colony Care Programme (CCCP). Apart from getting individual help, we continued to receive support from corporate volunteers such as the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC), which regularly teams up with our staff and senior volunteers of the CCCP to capture stray cats for sterilisation. With their help, the number of stray cats has been humanely and sustainably reduced over the years, thus lowering the euthanasia rates as well as restoring community harmony.



To celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival in 2021, the HKJC team also volunteered at our "Pawstar Harbour Night" event, which took place in Wan Chai Promenade, Hong Kong's latest pet-friendly hotspot. Dog owners were invited to join the city's first human-pet moon appreciation carnival and enjoy the full moon with their beloved pets under the dazzling stars.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to HKJC, Lumiere and Aesop for joining our corporate volunteer programme. They reused old carton boxes and materials to make toys for our homing animals. These toys provide emotional support for our animals waiting for their forever homes.



STEPPING INTO THE SECOND CENTURY

We owe a debt of gratitude to our devoted volunteers for their unceasing support through thick and thin. Heading into our second century, we will continue to broaden our volunteer base and organise more workshops and training for those who would like to contribute to animal welfare and make Hong Kong a true pet-friendly city.

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
2,273

TOTAL NUMBER OF ANIMALS NURTURED BY FOSTER FAMILIES
738

TOTAL NUMBER OF NEWLY REGISTERED CCCP CARERS
66



OUR THANKS

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 Pet-Link Company Ltd.
 ProVet
 PYL International Logistic Ltd
 Rosewood Hong Kong
 Rotary E-Club of District 3450 Foundation Limited
 SENS Pet Limited
 Sinopec (Hong Kong) Petrol Filling Station Company Limited
 Special Assets Properties Ltd
 SPRINT INDUSTRIAL
 St. Stephen's College Preparatory School
 Sung Tak Wong Kin Sheung Memorial School
 SymAsia Foundation Ltd - Wong And See Foundation
 The Rosehip Specialists (HK) Limited
 Tseung Kwan O Government Secondary School
 V.K. Hsu And Sons Foundation Limited
 V3REE INNOVATION LIMITED
 Vet Scan Limited
 Veterinary Specialty Hospital of Hong Kong
 Whiskers N Paws Limited
 YTT Charity Fund Limited



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Chou's Foundation

For her continuous support and generous donations that have helped us promote our animal welfare work

Desiree and Peter Bennett

For their generous donations that have enabled us to help abandoned animals

DR CHEUNG, Huen Cheong Thomas

With his generous donations to our Animal Sponsorship Programme, we have been able to help the abandoned, injured and abused animals to find their forever homes.

FU, Jennifer Jane

With her generous donations to the SPCA, we have been able to bring in important resources to our animal welfare, education and community work.

HUNG, Fuk Yee

With her generous support, we have been able to bring in valuable resources to our animal welfare work.

PAU, Yee Wan Ezra

For her generous donations that have supported our animal welfare work over the years

Aeon Credit Service (Asia) Co., Ltd.

For their continuous support for and donations to our animal welfare events, particularly the Aniform Day

Fu Tak lam Foundation Limited

For their generous donation in support of our Mongrel Desexing Programme

Good Hope Primary School

For their generous donation in support of the Aniform Day

Highland Dragon Limited

For their generous donations to our animal welfare work

Hill's Pet Nutrition Asia Limited

For many years, Hill's has been our sole sponsor for the quality pet food that we provide for our sheltered animals. They also give different forms of valuable support to our animal welfare programmes, such as animal adoption, behavioural training, veterinary services and educational programmes.

Owner of furchild Sweetie

For her generous donations to and support for our animal welfare work, including sponsoring our animal rescue van, seating in clinic waiting areas and Bo Bo Animal Welfare Fund

ProVet

For years of support for a variety of SPCA activities and programmes, including Pawstars Harbour Night and the Red Packet Donation Programme

Royal Canin Hong Kong Limited

For providing us support to set up the cat waiting areas in our Wan Chai, Kowloon and Sai Kung clinics, as well as sponsoring the SPCA(HK) X Dor Dor Academy X'Mas Carnival

Sinopec (Hong Kong) Petrol Filling Station Company Limited

For supporting our Charity Calendar Programme

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School

For their generous donations and support in the Aniform Day over the years

The Hong Kong Jockey Club

For generously provided funds that enabled us to improve the equipment for our animal welfare programmes

YTT Charity Fund Limited

For years of generous donations to the SPCA's Animal Sponsorship Programme and Cat Colony Care Programme



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

In 2021/2022, our fundraising team stayed flexible in the “new normal” and made the unprecedented move to host some of our signature fundraisers online, including Dogathon and the Flag Day. With the fundraising team’s effort, we managed to offset some of the negative impact of the stringent social restrictions and saw only a slight 3% year-on-year drop in gross fundraising income in 2021/2022.

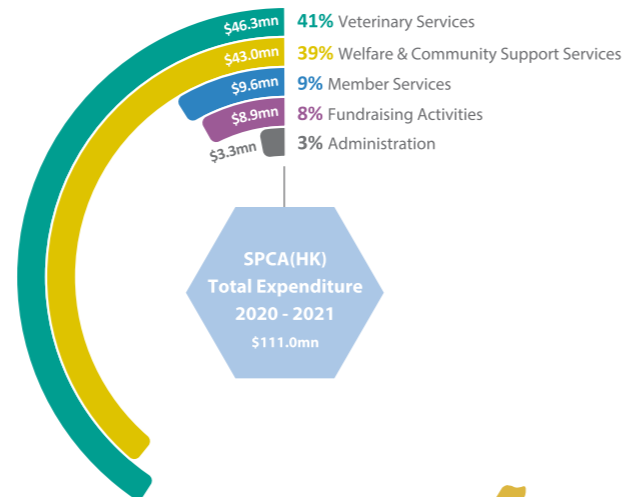
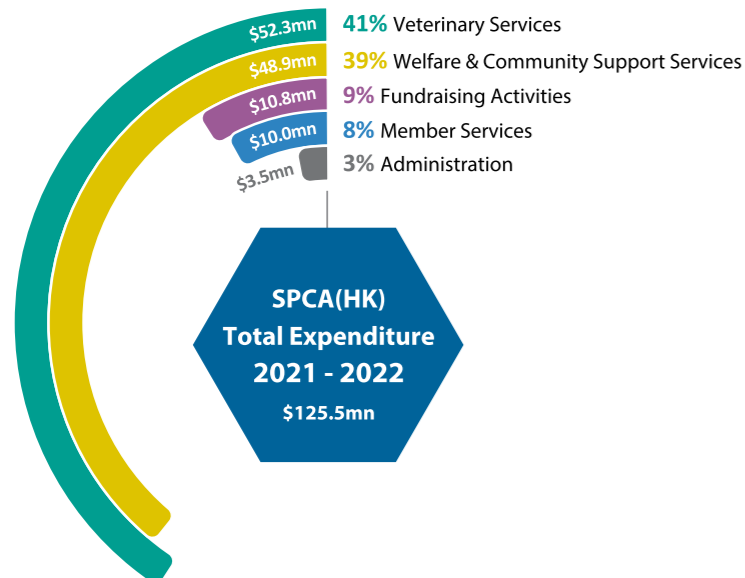
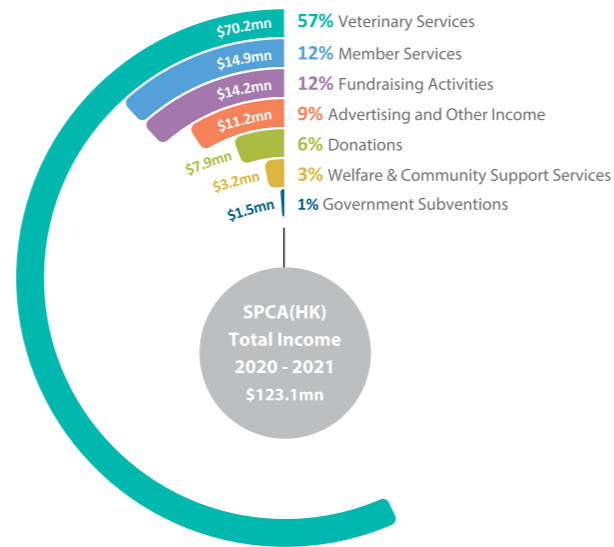
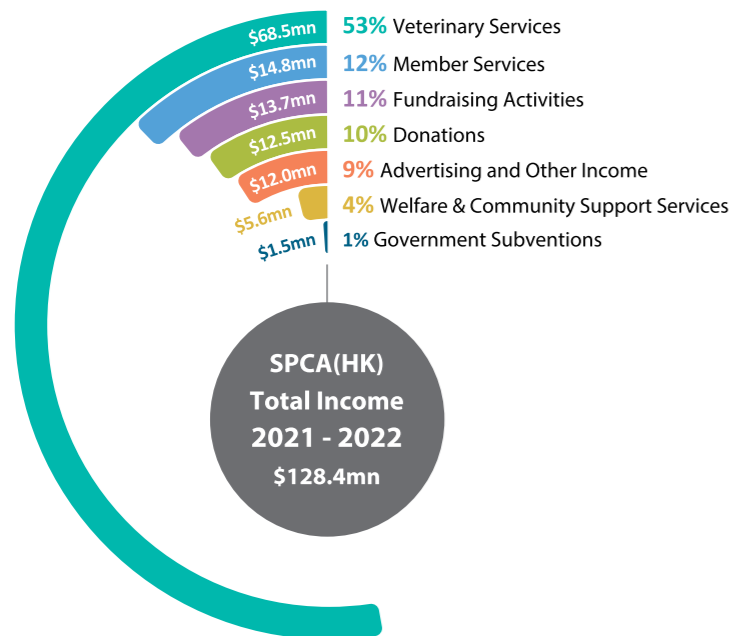
However, as a number of our long-term supporters are moving abroad, we predict that there will be cancellations of their regular donations to the SPCA and a possible drop in public engagement in our future fundraising events. The negative impact on both fundraising and donation incomes will likely show in our next fiscal year.

With people starting to go on vacations and business trips again, demand for our boarding services will likely increase, which hopefully will drive up our revenue in this particular segment back to the pre-Covid level so that we can provide more financial resources to support our homing animals’ medical and daily expenses.

However, vet workforce shortage has been one of our biggest challenges in recent years. In 2021/2022, we had to reduce our veterinary services. The negative impact of the reduction on our veterinary revenue began to show in the last quarter of 2021/2022 and will likely continue to be felt in the next fiscal year.

Gratefully, we received a staggering sum of legacy donation from a generous animal lover through the “Leaving Legacy For Your Furry Friends” charity programme launched by Forever Gift and OneDegree. We owe the donor a debt of gratitude and promise to continue to care for our animals in the future.

Sadly though, with the workforce shortage, the economic downturn and the migration wave in Hong Kong, we already project an alarming deficit in the next fiscal year. Therefore, we humbly ask for your continuous support for our animals in this turbulent time.



SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (HONG KONG) TRUSTEES INCORPORATED (EXTRACTED FROM AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2022)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	2021-2022 HK\$m	2020-2021 HK\$m
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	126.7	39.3
Right-of-use assets	1.5	3.3
Investments	21.6	32.7
Non-current prepayments and deposits	0.2	1.9
	<u>149.9</u>	<u>77.2</u>
Current assets		
Inventories	4.0	3.2
Trade and other receivables	4.2	5.4
Investments	8.7	8.6
Cash and cash equivalents	62.1	80.1
	<u>79.0</u>	<u>97.3</u>

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities		
Lease liabilities	1.2	2.7
Trade and other payables	66.9	28.4
Deferred income	1.4	0.8
	<u>69.4</u>	<u>31.9</u>
Net current assets		
	<u>(69.4)</u>	<u>65.4</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		
	<u>80.5</u>	<u>142.6</u>
Non-current liabilities		
Lease liabilities	0.2	0.7
Non-current deposits and deferred income	46.7	29.8
	<u>46.9</u>	<u>30.5</u>
Total assets less liabilities (Net assets)		
	<u>33.7</u>	<u>112.1</u>
FUNDS		
Accumulated funds	109.4	106.1
Designated funds	3.9	4.3
Investment revaluation reserve	(0.7)	1.7
	<u>112.7</u>	<u>112.1</u>

Chairman

Treasurer

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

For the year ending 31 March	2021-2022 HK\$m	2020-2021 HK\$m
Income	87.1	88.4
Other income	39.6	34.7
Total income	<u>126.8</u>	<u>123.1</u>
Total expenditure	<u>(123.9)</u>	<u>(111.0)</u>
Surplus for the year	<u>2.9</u>	<u>12.1</u>

NET REVENUE FOR THE YEAR

For the year ending 31 March	2021-2022 HK\$m	2020-2021 HK\$m
Veterinary services	16.2	23.9
Fundraising activities	2.8	5.3
Member services	4.8	5.3
Welfare & Community support services	(43.4)	(39.7)
Donations	12.5	7.9
Advertising and other income	12.0	11.2
Government subventions	1.5	1.5
Administration	(3.5)	(3.3)
Surplus for the year	<u>2.9</u>	<u>12.1</u>



OFFICIALS OF THE SPCA

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Ms. Joanna Eades

Ms. Gigi Fu

Mr. Tim Hamlett

Mrs. Lucy Wong

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Mr. Nick Debnam

HONORARY SECRETARY

Ms. Amanda Whitfort

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Ms. Myree Mueller

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Ms. Jennifer Van Dale

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Fiona Cumming

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📍 Flat B, 2/F, Block 5,
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Tseung Kwan O, NT
☎ 2243 0080

Mui Wo Centre

📍 Shop 14, Mui Wo Clinic,
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SPCA Welfare Desexing Centre

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Sai Kung Adopt-a-Pet Centre

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Cheung Chau Centre

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