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for proactive pet parents

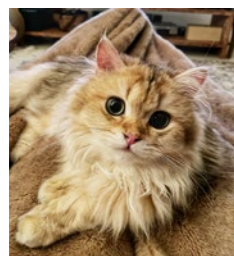
How to save a life

From deadly illegal animal traps
to fallen fledglings

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Hounds of Hong Kong





Fiona's Note

In the Year of the Rabbit, we wanted to give *Pawprint* a new look and have not only revamped our design and content but also our distribution method as well, by partnering with select pet-friendly venues to make *Pawprint* more accessible.

Not only has Hong Kong opened up after three years of restrictions, but we look forward to sharing more news on a pet-inclusive Hong Kong, providing pet owners advice and information on all things animal-related, direct from the experts in this lovely city we call home.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue of *Pawprint* and thank you for your continued support of the SPCA.

Executive Director



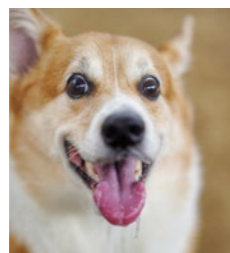
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Jenmon Jenkins
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So proud of this issue, but my favourite article has to be the office pets, it brings me so much joy to see the real bosses behind the SPCA being featured.



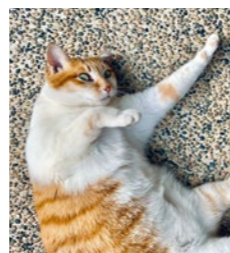
Kelly Chan
Chinese Editor

The most exciting thing about the revamp was having the award-winning photographer Frankie Adamson shoot the cover and at the end she adopted a puppy from the SPCA.



Kitty Lau
Designer

Revamping Pawprint has been quite a ride - I enjoyed brainstorming with the new team and learnt so much in the process!



Snowy Tse
Illustrator

Love our team and the new layout! Be sure to keep an eye out for all the rabbits in the magazine because they're all hand-drawn by me, haha!



Stephanie Lown
English Editor

This whole experience of revamping the magazine has been really special to me, and my favourite part has been working with the team to bring this issue to life.

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Spring Into Action

5 Seasonal Pet Care Tips

Contributed by
the SPCA Chief Veterinary Surgeon Dr. Jane Gray and the Vet Department



Now the weather is warming up, here are a few extra precautions to remember with regard to keeping your pet happy and healthy.

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure”, so we have compiled five seasonal tips for all responsible pet owners to consider around this time of year, with a yearly planner to help you keep track!

Let's start with the basics...



1. Feeling hot, hot, hot!

With the change in weather, your pet's appetite may decrease, whilst their water consumption could increase. Be sure to always have clean drinking water available for your pet, and avoid taking any long walks in the middle of the day, especially in unshaded areas during the hotter months.

Some breeds are also more sensitive to the heat, such as brachycephalic or flat-faced dogs, so take extra care with these types of pets. Also, obesity is a high-risk factor - keeping your pet slim and trim is vital to prevent overheating!

If you have a pet that does not like to drink water, you may want to consider feeding some wet food to help increase their water intake. If you are not sure, please ask your veterinary surgeon for advice.

2. Grooming: To clip or not to clip?

Your first instinct during the warmer months may be to take your pet for a haircut, but hold your horses!

This isn't an issue for animals with a single coat such as Poodles, Bichons, and Shih Tzus, who will often benefit from getting rid of their thick furry overcoats!

But those with a double coat such as Samoyeds and Huskies, need a little more caution when it comes to hair care as their coats are designed to help them regulate their temperature! Shaving can remove their natural protection, affect the way their fur grows back, and potentially make them even hotter!

These breeds require brushing throughout the year - especially in spring, when they start to shed their thick undercoat.

For cats, the warmer months and increased shedding can mean an increased risk of hairballs, which can be problematic! It is vital to groom them every day, and to help ease the passage of hairballs, you can consider either specific hairball control pastes and gels, or adding steamed pumpkin to their food.

If you need the help of a “pawfessional” groomer to tame your animal's mane, book an appointment with Hair Force One by calling 2232 5532.



3. Parasite Prevention

The warmer weather means ticks, fleas, and mosquitoes are more abundant - increasing the risk of diseases such as Tick Fever and Heartworm.

Remember to regularly apply flea and tick control products such as "Frontline" or "Advantix", and consider placing a tick collar (for example "Preventic" or "Seresto") especially if they are walked in the countryside.

With so many products available on the market it can be quite daunting to choose one – your veterinary surgeon is best placed to give advice about the right preventatives tailored for your pet's lifestyle.

As mosquitoes are everywhere please ensure your dog is protected against heartworm disease with either a yearly injection ("Proheart") or monthly oral ("Triheart") or spot-on ("Selehold") medications.

We suggest starting Heartworm prevention before 5 months of age with monthly tablets until fully grown then either continuing with monthly prevention or switching to yearly injections.



4. De-worming: Don't worm your way out of this one!

De-worming for dogs and cats is also essential with monthly dosing for puppies and kittens younger than six months, and then every three months! That's four times a year.

Worms are wriggly creatures, which have found a myriad of ways to worm their way into your pet! They can be transmitted across the placenta of a pregnant mother to the unborn foetus, through milk during nursing, by contact with contaminated soil, or the ingestion of infected fleas or rodents!

Infection is often asymptomatic, but not providing regular preventive care can lead to potentially serious illness, so it's just best not to risk it!

Scan here to find your closest clinic and book an appointment with our vets today:



5. Leptospirosis: is your pet vaxxed?

Prevention through vaccination is always far better than cure, which is definitely the case when it comes to Leptospirosis.

With the increase in temperature, and especially after heavy rain, dogs may be tempted to drink or swim in pools or streams whilst out walking, and if inhabited by infected rats, this could be fatal.

Although not all strains may be covered by vaccination, it is important to vaccinate your dog at least once a year for an optimum level of protection. There are different vaccinations available some of which protect against 2 (L₂) and others against 4 variants (L₄). In addition, there are certain areas in Hong Kong that are deemed higher risk than others, for example, the Peak, Pok Fu Lam, Lantau, and the country parks.

As always, your veterinary surgeon is the best person to advise you on a vaccination protocol for your dog.

Are you up to date?



Your Pet's Annual Wellness Planner		
Schedule		
Age	Dog	Cat
8 weeks	1st DHPPiL vaccination (includes Leptospirosis) Monthly: de-worming, flea & tick control	1st FVRCP vaccination Monthly: de-worming, flea control
12 weeks (3 months)	2nd DHPPiL vaccination Rabies + microchip Monthly: de-worming, flea & tick control	2nd FVRCP vaccination Rabies + microchip (optional) Monthly: de-worming, flea control
16 weeks (4 months)	3rd DHPPiL vaccination Monthly: de-worming, flea & tick control	3rd FVRCP vaccination Monthly: de-worming, flea control
4 months - 6 months	Monthly: de-worming, heartworm prevention, and flea & tick control	Monthly: de-worming, flea control
6 months+	Monthly: Heartworm prevention, flea & tick control De-worming every 3 months	Monthly: flea control De-worming every 3 months
Frequency	Dog	Cat
Every Year	DHPPi + L ₂ or L ₄ vaccination booster Proheart vaccination (or monthly heartworm prevention oral medication)	FVRCP vaccination booster
Every 3 years	Rabies	Rabies (optional)

This table provides general advice for vaccination, flea and tick control and deworming regimes, however, each pet is an individual and we recommend getting advice from your veterinary surgeon who is best placed to "tailor" make a plan for your pet.



How to be a pet parent 101

Similar to raising a child, there is no instruction manual or guidebook to prepare you for welcoming the latest addition to your home. But, what's more, pets can't talk or communicate how they are feeling, which adds another obstacle to the pet parenting journey.

Luckily, obstacles can be turned into opportunities - especially when you have the advice and support from professionals and peers!

Dogs and cats were among the earliest domesticated animals, with the human-dog relationship dating back to nearly 30,000 years ago - that's 10,000 years before humans even domesticated horses!

To ensure our pets live healthy, enriching lives we've condensed the most important lessons from years of professional training and knowledge to help you care for your pet's needs responsibly with our online courses.

Our online courses are taught by SPCA professionals and cover:

-  **Basic care**
-  **Grooming**
-  **Behaviour**
-  **First aid**
-  **Pet nutrition**
-  **Care for senior pets**

Users get unlimited viewing of teaching videos in a 6 month period and enjoy access to an exclusive Facebook group with other members, so that they can learn from the comfort of their own homes, at their own pace.


The Dog Care course even comes with a first aid kit and 101 handbook so you can be prepared for any accidents during your outings and outdoor activities.

Enrol before 31 August 2023 to receive a HK\$300 cash voucher for SPCA Pet Grooming Services!

Scan to learn more:

<p>Cat Care HK\$988</p>  	<p>Dog Care HK\$1,688</p>  
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How to Select a Responsible Groomer

It can sometimes be difficult to know who you can trust to help care for your pet, which is why our Grooming Supervisor, Kathy, would like to share a few tips on choosing a responsible groomer for your pet.

Q: What are some things to look out for when choosing a new groomer?
Every groomer is different, and we would suggest going in with your pet to meet with your potential groomers before booking an appointment, if possible.

Quite a few salons these days are fitted with big windows, so you should be able to observe a grooming session in progress to see how your groomers work and handle each pet.

Most groomers go through training to earn a diploma or certification and they will usually have these on display at the salon, so you may also do some research on the salon or accredited school.

About our groomers

All our groomers are fully certified with professional grooming qualifications from Hong Kong, Japan and Canada.

Kathy Lai - Grooming Supervisor has been working with SPCA's Hair Force One grooming salon since 2009 and is a Certified Professional Groomer.



Our pet grooming services are available to both cats and dogs of non-members, though SPCA members can enjoy a 10% discount, and earn Hair Miles loyalty points.

To book your pet a pamper session, call 2232 5532 and start earning Hair Miles today!



Grooming doesn't just involve a wash, cut and a blow dry, and is essential in maintaining the hygiene and well-being of your pet by helping you maintain the following areas:



Neat and tidy coat



Clean ears



Healthy anal glands



Trimmed paws and nails

Q: What should we consider or discuss with our groomer before booking an appointment for our pets?

If you have any particular concerns, do share these with your groomer. However, responsible groomers will usually ask you a few questions when you first bring your pet in, such as;

- Your pet's background: breed, medical conditions (if any)
- Any areas of interest, such as injuries, sensitive spots
- Or behavioural traits that they should be aware of during the session (i.e. excitable, fearful, reactive)

If not, these should be brought to the attention of your groomer.

It is also not recommended to book a grooming session for your pet if they have recently had any medical treatment such as injections, acupuncture, surgery, or injuries, in case of agitating these areas.

Q: What safety precautions are in place to protect my pet?

All groomers should have the appropriate grooming restraints to ensure the safety of your pet.

These usually come in the form of a grooming leash or harness, which fits around your pet's neck, and, or the front or rear quarters. This is securely fastened to the grooming table.

If your pet is too large to be on the table, they may also be groomed on the ground.

Q: Is there anything we should look out for upon picking up our pet after a grooming session?

Your pet should be thoroughly dry before they go home. Even slight soapy moisture can lead to skin issues such as eczema or hot spots, so be sure to check your pet upon pick up, and look out for any discomfort or signs of anxiety.

Sometimes during bathing or blow drying, groomers can uncover pre-existing injuries such as ear infections or abrasions that the owner may not be aware of, and these should be documented and shared with the owner before proceeding.

Q: In case our pets have been hurt during the grooming process, what should we do?

Pet grooming may involve washing, shearing and trimming of nails, and as thorough and careful as groomers may be, accidents can still take place. If, unfortunately, an incident does take place during your grooming session, the groomer should alert the owners immediately. However, if you find that there is anything unusual about your pet after a session or they have sustained an injury, you should immediately notify your groomers to inform them whether you will take your pet to a veterinarian for treatment, and keep the medical receipts and doctor's certificate for use as proof in case of dispute. 📄

ProVet X SPCA (HK) Dogathon 2023

A Sunshine Walk to Celebrate and Brighten Lives of Animals In Need



The SPCA hosted the ProVet X SPCA Dogathon 2023 on 26 March 2023, Sunday, at the Art Park, West Kowloon Cultural District, the very first in-person Dogathon since 2020.

We kicked off the event with a one-kilometre charity "Sunshine" walk around West Kowloon Cultural District to celebrate the sunshine our furry friends bring into our lives while raising funds for animals in need.

In addition to our SPCA President Gigi Fu, singer Eric Kwok, actress Helen Tam and artist Inez Leong attended the kick-off ceremony.

They shared the background story of our event ambassador Tong Jai and encouraged the participants to help brighten the lives of animals in need.

Over 800 participants and 500 dogs of all shapes and sizes - from SPCA alumni, doggie KOLs to our very own homing dogs - joined the return of the in-person Dogathon and took part in the fun activities, including PET x Handicraft Marketplace, an agility course, Sunshine photo opportunities, along with a demonstration by the fire service department and our very own behavioural training team. 🐾

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Exploring Animals in Art

Do you simply love everything your pet does?
When they do a big stretch, do you feel inclined to announce it to the entire room?
They're probably worthy of their own artwork by the sounds of it -
which isn't as outrageous as it sounds, by the way!



A Friend in Need by Cassius Marcellus Coolidge, via Wikimedia Commons



UNESCO World Heritage Sites' Mosaic Dog in Pompeii, via Wikimedia Commons

Humans have been exploring the human-animal bond and using animals as muses for centuries.

In fact, the earliest animal art dates back to 45,500 years ago of a Sulawesi warty pig in an Indonesian cave, and many famous artists have continued to use animals as muses to create internationally acclaimed artworks.

From the anthropomorphised paintings of Louis Wain and Cassius Marcellus Coolidge - the latter's painting more popularly known as "dogs playing poker" - to the UNESCO World Heritage Sites' Mosaic Dog in Pompeii, which was restored for €105 million - people have been using art to capture their beloved animals in timeless art pieces for eras.

There is something to be said about capturing animals in mosaic artwork such as the world-famous Pompeii Mosaic Dog.

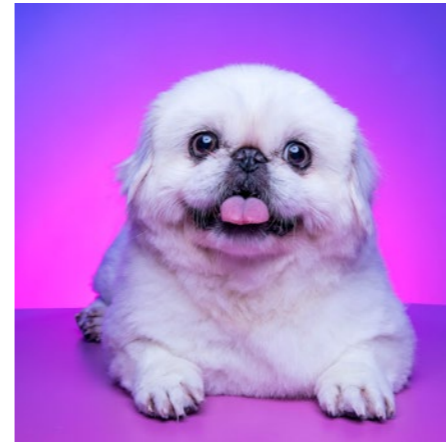


Photo of SPCA President Gigi Fu's dog, Man Man



Work in progress mosaic of Man Man

The entire mosaic-making process, from sourcing the raw materials to the completion of the artwork, is often done without the use of chemicals or machinery and requires great technical insight to create.

The craft is often passed down through generations and relies on the dedication and hard work of the artist, as each piece is painstakingly put into place by hand.

Roman architect Vitruvius describes how complex designs were made off-site in panels known as emblemata, in his surviving how-to manual. These designs could then be transported and installed - often in temples or the homes of the wealthy and powerful.

Today, there are a few contemporary artists keeping the ancient art form alive, and the SPCA's Mosaic Animal Wall Donation Programme allows people to have their pets' likeness captured in a timeless, one-of-a-kind mosaic and displayed in one of the South East Asia's largest animal welfare and education centres - our very own SPCA Centennial Centre - for visitors to admire and appreciate. 🐾

Art pieces come in 3 sizes and will be displayed at the Centennial Centre for 5 years as part of an exhibition.

After the 5-year exhibition period, donors may choose their next locale to display their personalised mosaic - perhaps at the front door of your home, just like the Romans!



Size: 1000mm (W) x 1000mm (H)
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Size: 500mm (W) x 1000mm (H)
Donation Amount: HK\$88,000



Size: 500mm (W) x 500mm (H)
Donation Amount: HK\$48,000

Want to have a mosaic of your pet made?
✉ donor@spca.org.hk for more information

10 minutes with Frankie Adamson

We sat down with award-winning photographer, Frankie Adamson of Hounds of Hong Kong, who shot our front cover, and specialises in creating timeless wall prints of the dogs she photographs. Frankie also adopted one of our rescue dogs, Lily (now named Bea) after the shoot, who now enjoys island life with Frankie and her two other dogs and cats on Peng Chau.



"Silver Lining"

Q: How did you get into photography?

I always fancied myself as a want-to-be photographer, but I never learned how to actually use the camera "properly" until [the lockdown in] 2020 when I started taking it out on dog walks with me.



I actually learned a lot through YouTube videos [and] have since joined photography memberships and grown a lot through tutelage, critique, and feedback from other photographers over the years.

Q: You have won quite a few awards since then - can you talk about some of the awards you've won?

I entered The Guild of Photographers' monthly competition pretty consistently in 2022, and a pet portrait of mine which received Gold in October last year became a Top 10 Image of the Year Finalist in Pets for 2022 with them. I also won the International Region Domesticated Animals Photographer of the Year with the British Institute of Professional Photography in 2022, and just found out that I was also named in the Top 10 Photographers of the Year (2022) in the Pet Category with The Guild of Photographers. I'm currently nominated for Photographer of the Year 2022 in Pet Portrait for an image which won gold with The Societies of Photographers last year.

Q: What does an average day look like for you?

One of the main things I love about what I do is that there's actually no average day - no two days are the same. Even though you could have a shoot in the same location that you've shot before, the dog is completely different. The energy of the dog is completely different. The weather could change it. Aside from having a procedure of scoping out locations and working through to get the best spots, everything changes. And that's what's great about it - it's never boring.

Q: How do you manage the different types of dogs? Do you have any tricks of the trade to get them to behave a certain way or do a certain pose?

Yes and no - I have this repertoire of really odd noises to get their attention. But in terms of working with dogs, I defer to the handler who knows them best and always recommend plenty of rewards. Most of the time they're kept on the lead and then I can edit it out afterward.

Q: Do you only shoot dog portraits?

I've recently had the opportunity to photograph more wildlife, having travelled to Kenya.

I'm still very new to it, but I just love animal portraiture. It doesn't matter what animal it is actually, but I'm very drawn to dogs because of the connection that I have with my own dogs.

Q: Do you have a favourite shoot that you've done?

I don't have a favourite shoot because I genuinely enjoy them all, because of how different they are. I do have particular images that are very important to me - one of them is called Silver Lining. It's probably become the most important image I've ever created and won the trophy [with British Institute of Professional Photography amongst other accolades]. I've become quite good friends with the dog's owner as a result of having this session. It just means a lot for so many different reasons.

"One of the most satisfying parts of the job is seeing my final images of people's dogs printed for the wall. Having a bespoke piece of artwork is something a lot more lasting, just like the impacts our dogs have on us. That's why I love doing what I do."

Q: What's helped you the most throughout this process?

Peer support! Being a part of photographer communities with other like-minded photographers, some of which are also in the early years of their businesses, has been really helpful because there's nobody that fully understands what you're going through like other people doing the same thing. And I'm very lucky in the communities that I've joined - there's not an ounce of competitiveness, it's all just support and advice for one another if you need it, and there's always somebody you can turn to.

Q: Do you have any tips for an aspiring pet or animal photographer?

I would say just get out there and photograph what you love. Use your phone. You don't need to spend a lot of money when you're starting out. You can use what you've already got in your pocket. Just look for things that excite you. This is true of any photography - and then the more you enjoy it, the more it comes across in the images. So just take advantage of your enthusiasm and start off by doing a lot and don't be afraid.

There are loads of amazing resources on YouTube too, so [again] you don't need to spend a lot to start. It can become expensive, but not at the beginning! 🐾

If you would like to book a session with Frankie or check out more of her work, visit houndsofhongkong.com or follow her on Instagram @houndsofhongkong





MoMo

Age: 8 years old
Issue:
Aggressive behaviour towards male owner



Case details:

MoMo used to be friendly, but as a result of his primary caretaker moving away, he kept his distance from people, including his other owners Mr. and Ms. L, and would hiss and swat whenever approached or restrained. MoMo got on well with the other two cats, BoBo and Ball Tze, but would avoid his owners, and hid behind the curtains in the master bedroom, only coming out to the living room when both owners were not home or asleep.

Lily's Notes:

Emotion drives behaviour - To modify MoMo's behaviour, first, we must make him feel safe by allowing him to make decisions on his own terms, and to create a positive interaction each time. Both owners can invite MoMo to interact by calling his name and wait for him to come over when he is ready. As MoMo displays more aggression towards Mr. L, I suggest he offers MoMo some yummy wet food during their interactions, without attempting to grab or touch him, to desensitise MoMo.

Pheromone Therapy - Installing a Feliway Diffuser can help create a calm environment for cats as the synthetic feline pheromone helps to make them feel safe and secure. This will help MoMo feel more comfortable and more at ease around his owners.

Stimulation - Finally, cats are hunters. Indoor cats find it difficult to cope if they can't hunt. Playing with feathers or a fishing rod toy is the equivalent to hunting time to our cats.

By creating enriching activities for the cats to enjoy, followed by a prey reward (treat) helps to create another positive interaction between MoMo and owners from a distance, whilst developing the pet-owner bond. Most cat owners do not give treats to their cats after play time, which can make their cats highly frustrated, potentially causing behaviour problems.

Result

After one week, Ms. L reported that MoMo became friendlier and would approach her for strokes. Although his mood still fluctuates, he has developed a good relationship with both owners, in particular Ms. L, and even comes out to sleep on Mr. and Ms. L's bed during the day! 🐾

CASE SOLVED



B&T Case Files



Lily Leung, Senior Behavioural Support Technician

Qualifications:

- Clinical Animal Behavior Course from the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies at The University of Edinburgh, Scotland
- The Academy for Dog Trainers
- Feline Behavior and Psychology from the Center of Excellence
- iCatCare Advanced Feline Behaviour
- Fear Free Certified® Professional
- Advanced Canine Aggression with Dr. Amber Batson



Sunny Tang
Dog Trainer

Qualifications :

Graduated from the Anthony Jerone's School of Dog Training & Career in New York City in 2008, Sunny had been a full-time certified dog trainer for 14 years and was an evaluator at the American Kennel Club (AKC) Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) Program before he joined the SPCA in 2022.

What made you want to become a dog trainer:

"I worked in the telecom industry for seven years and felt like I needed more purpose. Being an animal lover and seeing the impact training can have on an animal's life, I decided to make the switch to animal training."

Most memorable case:

"Tashi bit a toy poodle to severe injury when she was only three years old. The owner intended to abandon her but eventually decided to keep her after two training sessions with me. Tashi can now adapt to the owner's life and stay calm around people. This case made me realise that being a dog trainer can change a human and a dog's life."



Zeke Kwong
Behaviour & Training Assistant

Qualifications:

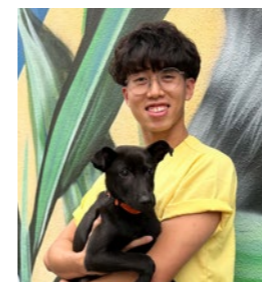
- A member of the Australian Association of Professional Dog Trainers and a dog trainer certified by Command Dog Training School in 2020
- Graduated from Animal Science in Deakin University, Geelong, Australia in 2017

What made you want to become a dog trainer:

"I volunteered at an animal shelter in Gold Coast, Australia, where I met a volunteer dog trainer for the more reactive dogs that were difficult to home. I saw that her training gave these dogs a second chance."

Most memorable case:

"I once helped an owner whose dog was too anxious to go for a walk and the owner was exhausted and stressed every time they went out. After a few sessions, the owner took my advice and put lots of effort into training the dog and helping it overcome its fear. Both of them now enjoy their walkies and even go hiking."



Nicolas Cheung
Behaviour & Training Trainee/
Veterinary Assistant

Qualifications :

Studying Online Professional Dog Trainer Course in Karen Pryor Academy for Animal Training & Behavior

What made you want to become a dog trainer:

"People surrender their pets as a result of misunderstanding their dogs' signals and behaviours. I want to become a trainer to guide owners and their dogs to understand one another and reduce the number of surrenders."

Most memorable case:

"I assisted in training our blind puppy Flash at the SPCA Centre last year. He was insecure and developed behavioural problems such as guarding and biting. Step by step, we helped correct Flash's behaviour with positive reinforcement training techniques and finally he got adopted. All of us were so thrilled. This case shows how training can help a dog integrate into a human's life."

Meet Our Trainers

Advice for pet owners:

"You can also learn a lot through training a dog. Patience and self-discipline lead to a simple happy life."

Advice for pet owners:

"Never train in a bad mood"

Advice for pet owners:

"Use praise instead of punishment"

Scan to learn more about our training courses:





Deadly Illegal Traps

You might think these traps don't affect you but in 2020 alone, our inspectors found a record 29 illegal animal traps, with seven of those being on well-frequented country park trails and sites!

Christmas day is usually a happy time for most, but for a young dog named Franco, who was caught by an illegal wire trap in Ta Kwu Ling on Christmas Day last year, he was alone, injured, and scared.

The poor pup was lured to the area by bags of bread when he unintentionally set off the traps whilst scavenging for a decent Christmas meal.

Sadly, this isn't a stand-alone case. Many unfortunate animals may need to have a limb amputated if the damage is too severe or their limbs have been trapped for too long as this can cause irreversible damage.

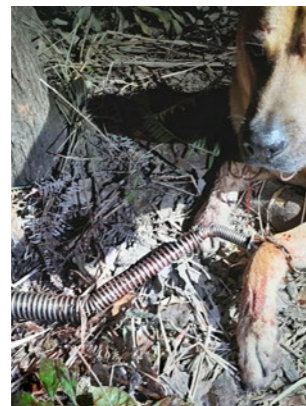
In fact, our inspectors have been rescuing animals from these illegal traps over the years but there has been a marked increase in recent years.

Who's been setting these up? What are these people trying to catch, and what's being done about it? We sit down with our inspectors to learn more about these illegal and inhumane traps.

Q: What are illegal traps?

There are a variety of illegal traps, often tailor-made to trap a particular type of animal such as snakes, turtles, or wild boars.

The most common types are:



Wire traps

Snares animals with a wire loop (like in Franco's case)



Gin traps

The leg-hold traps with metal jaws are triggered when an animal steps on them



Cage traps

Looks like an enlarged mouse cage trap

Possession or use of any animal traps without authorisation is illegal under Cap. 170 Wild Animals Protection Ordinance. In addition, many are cruel and cause dreadful suffering and are likely to cause injury or death as a result.

Q: Who is setting these traps? And where are they commonly found?

As it has been difficult to determine the culprit laying these traps, it is suspected that these traps are laid to capture wild animals for consumption during the cooler months as the propensity of these reports takes place between autumn and spring.

The traps have usually been set near graves, farmlands, or in undergrowth so it is also possible that these are being set by villagers to protect the graves and farmlands from the invasion of animals, like wild boars, and to target animals that usually show up in the undergrowth.



It has also been suggested that the increase in reports correlates to the number of people hiking during this time or that the cooler months enable perpetrators to set these traps more comfortably.

Q: Has anyone been prosecuted?

Unfortunately, it is difficult to catch these perpetrators in action. Out of the 227 cases our inspectors have dealt with since 2007, only one case was successfully prosecuted in 2016, when a man was found in possession of illegal traps and bodies of wild animals in his Kwai Chung village house.

- Offenders can face a maximum fine of HK\$200,000 and three years imprisonment if convicted of animal cruelty resulting from the use of traps.
- Hunting or trapping animals without a permit can result in a maximum fine of HK\$100,000 and a year's imprisonment whilst possession of traps alone can result in a maximum fine of HK\$50,000.

Q: What should you do if you come across one of these traps or an injured animal?

Call our inspectors! Do not touch or attempt to free the animal from these traps yourself as you risk hurting yourself and the injured animal further.

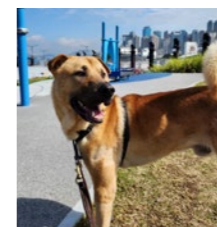
You may attempt to provide shelter and water to relieve the animals until our inspectors arrive. However, if the animal appears distressed, it is best to keep your distance to avoid further stressing the animal.

Our inspectors work 24/7 to respond to animal abuse reports and rescue distressed animals in all weather conditions. They are professionally trained to handle a wide range of animals, and dismantle these illegal traps safely, and will liaise with AFCD to follow up on each case afterwards.



Where is Franco now?

Our sweet, lovable boy is still looking for his happily ever after! If you would like to share your Christmases with Franco, visit him at our Hong Kong Centre and quote PN 541907.



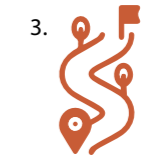
Q: What can you do to protect your own pets whilst out exploring?



1. Always leash your dogs



2. Beware of food that has been left out - these may be used as bait, and illegal traps are likely nearby



3. Always walk along hiking trails, and don't go into the undergrowth

Report to the SPCA at once by calling our 24-hour inspector hotline 2711 1000

Include details of trail location such as:

- Nearby slope number
- High-mast light pole number
- Cable mast number
- what3words
- GPS tag

These details will help the rescue team know the exact location to rescue the animal.

Do not post on social media directly as such disclosure could affect rescue efforts and evidence collection.

To support our inspectors' animal rescue efforts, please scan and make a donation. Also mark "Inspector Fund" on "Others" :





Luckily for one of our illegal traps rescues, Camry, there is a happily ever after!

Camry was found near Tai Wo Temple last October, with her left front leg caught by a wire trap anchored to a tree. Our inspectors brought Camry alongside the trap back to our Hong Kong Centre where she was freed and examined under sedation. Unfortunately due to the severity of her injuries, her leg had to be amputated.

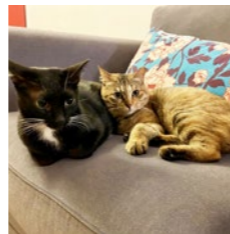


Shortly after Camry's recovery, she was adopted by a family who already has an SPCA alumnus - a tuxedo cat named Joni. You would never imagine that this cat was found with her leg trapped in a wire as her owners often find her hanging out on the top shelf of the bookcase or wardrobe, and even in their son's cot.

Joni and Camry even partake in a little evening Parkour together and have become the best of friends, sunbathing together every morning, and enjoying lots of upside-down naps in between. 🐾

"Camry is a comical little cat. She loves wall clocks and will sit and watch them and try to attack the second hand. She's also an extreme snuggle bug. If you sit down, she will climb on you and cuddle, rumbling, and stay until you move. This is extra enjoyable for us because she is just so floofy! She also likes to watch my son in his playpen - they meow at each other, which is hilarious. She is a wonderful addition to our family, and we look forward to many more years with her hopping around and letting us know when it's time for her dinner!"

Camry's owner, Rachael



Want to share your adoption story with us? Email us at happyendings@spca.org.hk

Our Welfare Work in Numbers - October 2022 to February 2023



Homing Figures

Dogs 76 Cats 310 Others 66

Total number of animals 452



Sent to foster care

Dogs 93 Cats 153 Others 29

Total number of animals 275



Desexing Figures

Total number of animals 4,504



Inspectorate

Animals handled	Hotline calls	Rescues
1,612	8,313	383

Complaints of cruelty investigated 295

Animal trading inspections 189

Advice given 84

Warnings given 8

Prosecutions instigated 17



Cat Colony Care Programme

Number of cats handled 901



Number of animals released or referred to government or outside agencies

Number of exotic species 25

Number of native species 529

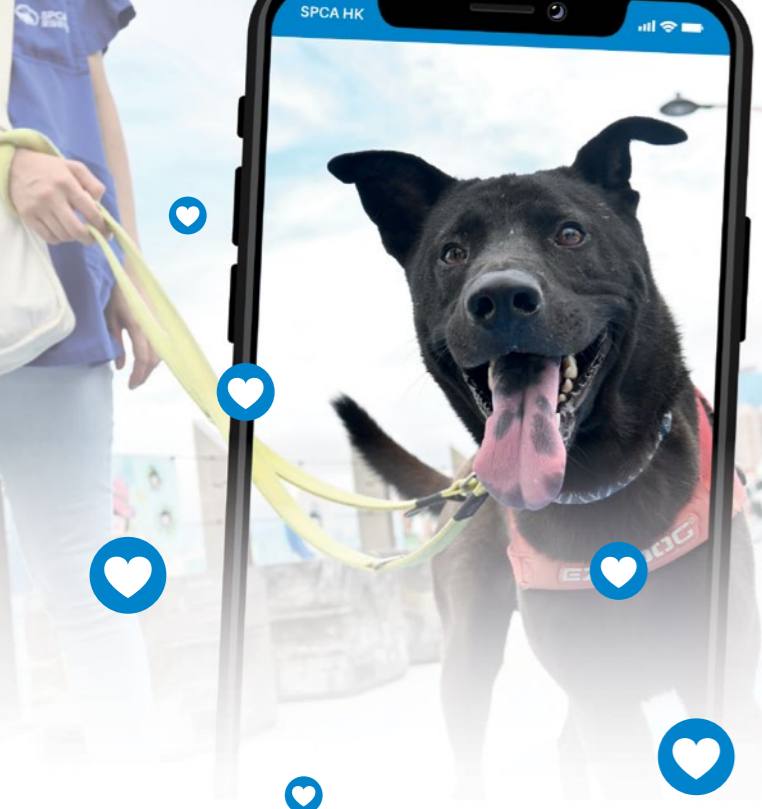
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Adoption

Adoption Date

The recent emigration wave has caused a sharp decrease in the adoption rate in different animal shelters across Hong Kong. At the SPCA, only nine dogs were adopted in February but many more puppies are lining up to return to our centres to look for a forever home. This means we urgently need more space for them and you can help save lives by adopting.

Hence, we started our Adoption Dates to help you and the animals find your pawfect match.

Meet our homing dogs in a relaxing environment outside of our kennels, and chat with our trainers to learn more about our animals in need of a home.

To learn more about the next Adoption Date, stay tuned to our social channels.



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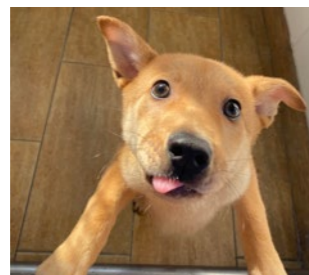


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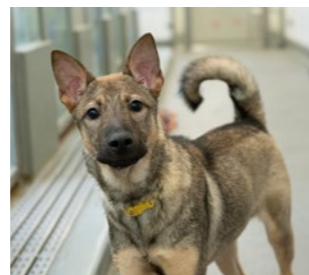
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PN 541410

Brownie
5 MO | M | Mongrel
Sagittarius
Model, Foodie, Affectionate



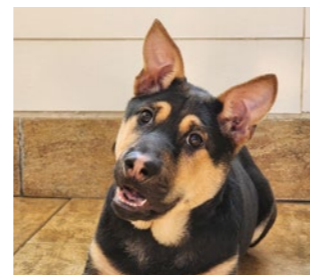
SPCA Hong Kong Centre
PN 541413

Bailey
5 MO | M | Mongrel
Sagittarius
Shy, Friendly, Foodie



SPCA Kowloon Centre
PN 538201

Chocolate
8 MO | F | Mongrel
Virgo
Clever, Social, Energetic



SPCA Hong Kong Centre
PN 537873

Roxy
7 MO | F | Mongrel
Virgo
Active, Curious, Introvert

Don't forget our feline friends at our adoption centres!



SPCA Hong Kong Centre
PN 542132

Nino
3 YO | M | Domestic Shorthair
Capricorn
Curious, Introvert, Shy



SPCA Hong Kong Centre
PN 536936

Siu Gut
8 MO | M | Bengal Cross
Virgo
Energetic, Playful, Talkative



SPCA Hong Kong Centre
PN 534501

Tracy
1 YO | F | Domestic Shorthair
Aquarius
Friendly, Active, Talkative

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What to do if you find a baby bird?

Spring and summer are the nesting seasons for most wild birds in Hong Kong, so you may encounter more fledglings as they attempt to flee the nest. Here's how to properly handle a fallen fledgling.

Did you know we rescue a lot of birds too?

In 2022, SPCA inspectors rescued a total of 2,422 wild birds and pigeons. The most commonly received birds are the Spotted Dove, Red-whiskered Bulbul, Eurasian Tree Sparrow, House Swift, and Crested Myna.

If you find a fledgling or an injured bird, it is best to try to return the baby bird to its nest, move it to a safer location or leave them alone.

If you find an injured bird and need assistance, you can call our 24-hour inspector hotline at 2711 1000 or 1823 to notify Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for follow-up actions.

Our professional Inspectorate Department are glad to offer assistance and support or help to send them to Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden for further care. Alternatively, you may bring the injured or sick bird directly to Kadoorie Farm, where any of their staff or security can assist you.

But if I touch the bird, won't its mother abandon it?

Birds have a poor sense of smell. If you have to move the bird back to its nest or a safe place, it won't deter the parents from coming back. But birds are very sensitive to disturbance, and sometimes abandon their eggs or young if predators or humans are nearby.

Observe the bird for a period of time from a distance before or after providing help.

Injuries are easier to detect, however, if the bird appears to be inactive, fluffed, unresponsive to humans or keeps closing its eyes, the bird is likely displaying symptoms of weakness or illness.

Where possible, avoid contact with sick birds or birds' droppings, and wash your hands after any handling.

Can I raise the bird myself?

No. In Hong Kong, it is illegal for the general public to keep native wild birds in captivity. All wild birds and their eggs and nests in the Hong Kong SAR are protected by the Wild Animal Protection Ordinance, Cap 170.*

If human intervention is required in the case of injured and sick birds, it should be carried out by professionals and authorised animal rescue staff. Raising a baby bird is extremely difficult and unlikely to be successful without relevant expertise. A bird needs to be both physically healthy and mentally prepared for release back into the wild.

Many birds raised by humans will become imprinted and will never be able to return to the wild because they are unable to adapt naturally, which is why it is not advisable to rear the bird yourself. 🐦



Red-whiskered Bulbul



Spotted Dove



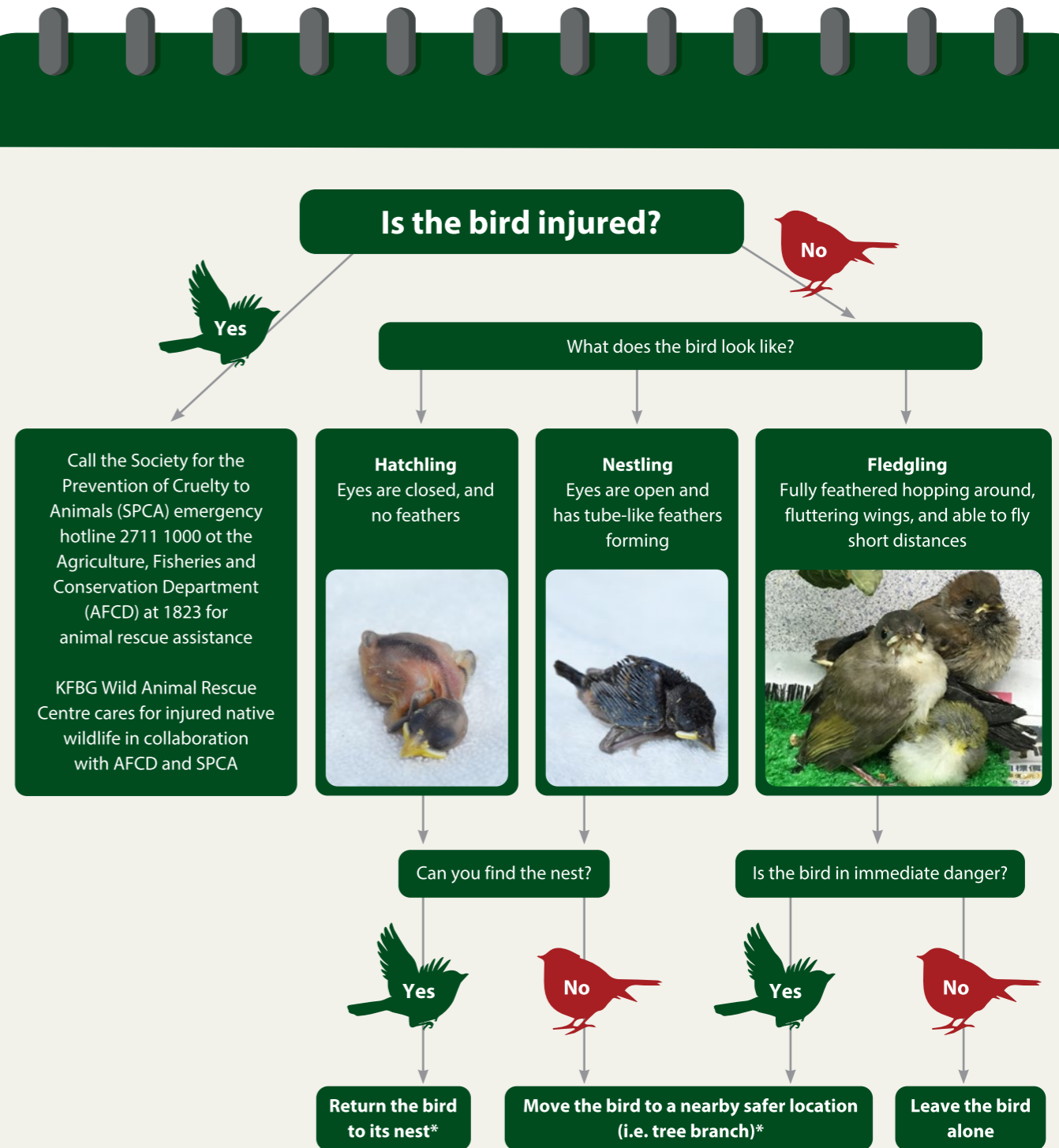
Nestling Egrets



Barred Owlet

Still unsure on what to do next?

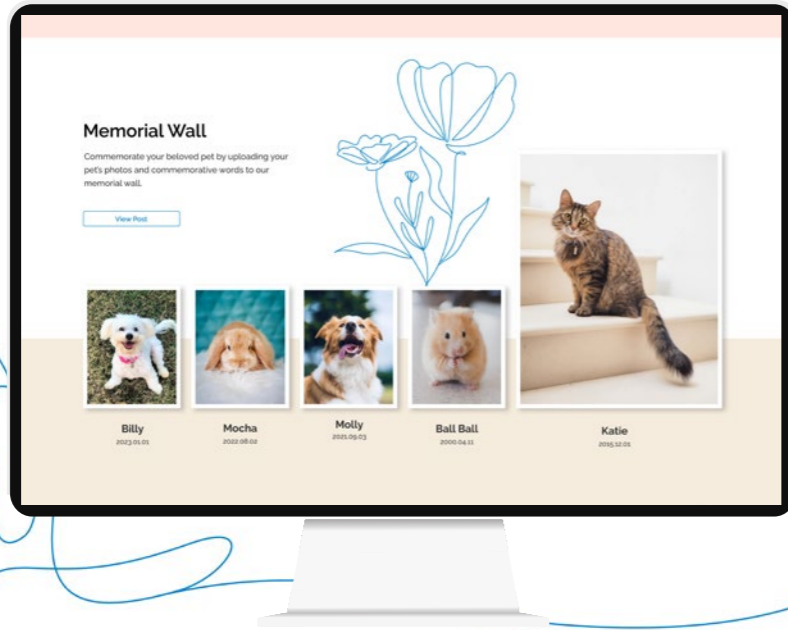
Follow this helpful flowchart:



* All wild birds are protected under Hong Kong law Cap 170. We do not encourage handling of wild birds in normal circumstances. However, genuine attempts to rescue birds that have fallen from their nests can save their lives. Where possible, avoid contact with sick birds or birds' droppings, and wash your hands after any handling. If you wish to know more about the protection of Hong Kong birds, please contact AFCD at 1823.

For further information and public enquiries, please call KFBG at 2483 7200 or email fauna@kfbg.org





NEVER TOO OLD TO LOVE

One man's loss leads to the birth of one of Hong Kong's first pet bereavement websites

We all know how much joy a pet can bring and we also know how precious and short their lives are.

This is a story about this one amazing cat, named Wai-wai, who has not only changed the life of his owner but also for many owners to come.

Wai-wai came into Mr. Lee's life at just two months old. Their bond deepened when Mr. Lee was struck with a bout of depression, and Wai-wai became a great source of comfort and companionship on his journey to recovery.

Unfortunately, Wai-wai was diagnosed with lymphatic cancer and passed away shortly after his eighth birthday.

Mr. Lee described the pain of losing Wai-wai as almost physical - "nothing prepares you for the pain of losing a pet".

To honour the passing of Wai-wai, Mr. Lee launched "Never Too Old to Love" to help other grieving pet parents deal with the loss of their pets - which are essentially family members, Mr. Lee laments.

The newly launched Pet Bereavement mini-site - one of the first in Hong Kong, allows people to remember and celebrate their pets' beautiful lives via an online memorial wall.

A host of resources are also available to support visitors with articles from SPCA veterinarians, animal behaviourists and professional counsellors, as well as a list of professional counselling services for additional emotional support. With Wai Wai and Mr. Lee's donation, we are able to support pet owners to cope with the trauma of pet loss and to create community support for this unbearable and unfortunately reality for some.

Users can also benefit from additional support via the Support Network in the near future, with a host of activities that provide pet owners with an outlet for their grief.



To learn more visit petloss.sPCA.org.hk

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Custom Design Pet Tags by PTag (HK\$279 or HK\$199 for SPCA members)

This unique pet tag is on offer to SPCA members and has some unique features including a modern photo engraving of your pet, as well as a QR code that enables anyone to scan and contact the owner, whilst also sharing your pet's current location through your registered email anytime it is scanned! To enjoy the 30% discount, simply email support@ptag.com.hk a copy of your valid SPCA membership card before December 31, 2023.

SPCA's Top Picks: Outdoors

Spring is here and it's time to spruce up your dog-walking accessories and look.

*Please check with your veterinary surgeon for the right preventatives tailored for your pet's lifestyle.

Hunter London Comfort Harness (HK\$189 - \$269)

The LONDON COMFORT harness has a soft fleece base, two adjustable settings, and a matching safety clasp. The range of deep and vibrant colours means you can find the color that best suits your pet - and if they enjoy a little splash in the water, the polyester material is easy to clean and quick-drying.



Rogz Rope Classic Lead (HK\$108 - \$238)

These durable leads have a soft round grip made of genuine leather cuffs for comfort and easy walking for both owner and dog. Highly reflective yarn is woven into the webbing to provide enhanced visibility at night and safety for everyday use.



JBL WAVE BEAM True Wireless Earbuds (HK\$499)

These water and dust-resistant wireless earbuds are the perfect device to accompany you on your walks or trips to the park and beach. Need to stay alert? Their Ambient Aware setting helps keep the music playing while remaining aware of your surroundings. Enjoy a total of 32 hours battery life and choose from Peach, Black, Silver, and Blue.



Dogness Travel bottle w/ Filter (HK\$100)

The Dogness Travel bottle was designed for the dog and owner always on the go. Gone are the days when you need to carry a separate bottle and bowl. You can now save space in your dog walking bag with this nifty bottle as it comes with a built-in filter for the convenience of you and your pet.

EZYDOG Snak Pak Treat Pouch (HK\$199)

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SPCA umbrella (HK\$98 - \$180)

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Meet the office pets at the SPCA Hong Kong Centre



Billy

Age: 10 years old
Department: Veterinary Services
Job responsibilities: Official SPCA mascot – available for photo shoots, visiting schools, universities, carnivals etc. Guarding the vet admin office from intruders, and generally being very cute and making everyone feel good!



My rescue story: I was surrendered to SPCA in November 2018, sadly my owners could no longer take care of me due to a sick family member.

Adoptiversary: I was officially adopted in February 2019 after being found irresistible by my current pawrent!

Paid in: Any type of treat – in moderation – I have to watch my waistline!

Favourite part about the job: Treats and free cuddles, hugs and tummy rubs.



Loki

Age: 1 year old
Department: Admin
Job responsibilities: My superpower is finding bits of food from all corners of the 2nd floor office as my nose is 200% effective. I also have super sad eyes so don't look into them as I know I can mesmerise you into giving me some treats.

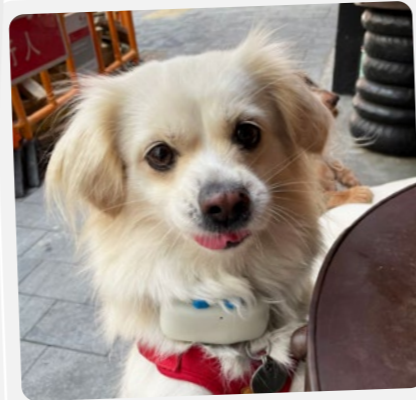


My rescue story: I was rescued from the wooded hills of Kwun Tong by SPCA inspectors. It took me a while to get used to these hoomans at SPCA but they took such good care of me, mummy said I was the most well-behaved doggie on the floor, and stared her into adopting me!

Adoptiversary: 25 May 2022

Paid in: Treats, treats and more treats! I'm indiscriminate. I'll worry about my figure later.

Favourite part about the job: Getting these hoomans to be generous.



Lola

Age: 6 years old
Department: Content Team
Job responsibilities: Alerting the whole office to intruders, and making sure everyone is working

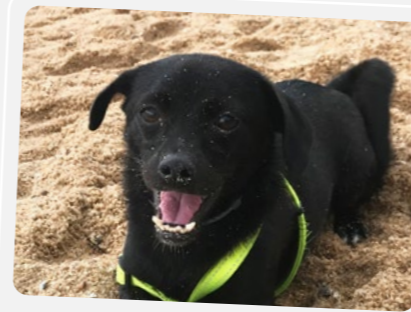


My rescue story: I was rescued from the meat trade by a shelter in Dongguan, and brought back to Hong Kong by a volunteer where I became a foster fail.

Adoptiversary: September 2018

Paid in: Snacks

Favourite part about the job: Persuading people to give me snacks, and sleeping under mummy's chair.



Luna

Age: 1 year old
Department: Veterinary Services
Job responsibilities: Keeping the CCCP cats from escaping, protecting my mum and cleaning my cat brother's dirty ears

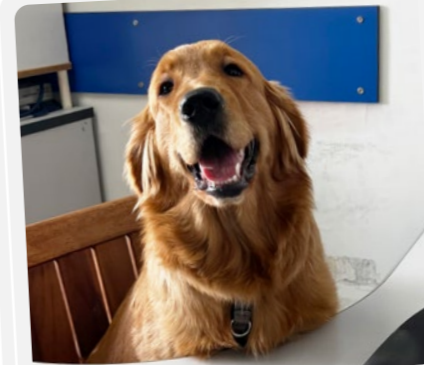


My rescue story: My pawrents brought their toddler to the shelter to see which dog would manage a house with 2 little (hooman) terrors! I sat quietly in the corner while the other dogs ran around barking like mad. My mum spotted my toothy grin across the room and asked to take me for a walk. That's when I came out of my shell and showed them the sassy, diva that I am - and they've never looked back.

Adoptiversary: November 2021

Paid in: Tummy rubs

Favourite part about the job: Getting to hang out with, and protecting my mum



Marie

Age: 7 months old
Department: Welfare Operations
Job responsibilities: Full-time office girl – strong on communication skills and networking



My rescue story: I was abandoned by my parent due to the infectious parvovirus disease, and rescued by SPCA animal welfare team

Adoptiversary: November 2022

Paid in: Big hugs and any kind of foods and toys

Favourite part about the job: Expanding my social circle - and palate, sampling all kind of treats



Pepper

(I also respond to Peppa, Pep...)
Age: 5 months old
Department: Admin
Job responsibilities: Goodwill Ambassador at the SPCA, and at dog parks



My rescue story: I am a Corgi and Chinese Crested cross which makes me a bit of an unusual mix but still super photogenic. My mum was en route to Singapore when she got pregnant with me and my two siblings, but they couldn't afford to take us along. The SPCA found me a new family, with my co-worker, Loki.

Adoptiversary: 8 December 2022

Paid in: Hugs and cuddles

Favourite part about the job: Melting people's hearts with my adorable face. My motto is "Conquer the world with cuteness".

Ronnie Wood

Age: 3 years old
 Department: Community
 Job responsibilities: Entertainer and Mediator – I am famous for my salsa-like welcome twerk for hoomans who drop in for meetings

My rescue story:
 I was born in Yuen Long as a warehouse dog. Both my siblings and mum were also rescued. When I was around 6 months old, my Mama and Dada saw me in Discovery Bay with my foster pawrents, it was simply love at first sight.

Adoptaversary: 21 July 2020

Paid in: Treats and pets

Favourite part about the job:
 Getting lots of pets and cuddles from pretty girls

Yuki

Age: 7 years old
 Department: Welfare
 Job responsibilities: Looking cute, lying in bean bags, teaching vet and vet nursing students, keeping my humans busy and helping to look after foster puppies and kittens

My rescue story:
 I believe I was an impulse purchase as my first owner left me when they had to leave Hong Kong shortly after they got me, and I was still very young.

Adoptaversary:
 1 March 2016

Paid in:
 Love and snacks

Favourite part about the job:
 Definitely snacks - but during my time off, I love hiking and getting dirty!

At the SPCA, we are lucky enough to be surrounded by animals everyday throughout the office. However being able to bring your own pet into the office is definitely a huge employee's perk. Having office pets around can be such a good icebreaker to keep stress levels down. Ultimately they can help with employee's well-being and productivity.

The Community Team at the SPCA is constantly working towards a more pet-inclusive city with government, commercial, and educational organisations. Please drop us a line if you would like us to feature your office pets. Our community team can also help you take the first step to make your organisation more pet-friendly. 🐾

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Did you know? A big misconception is that the SPCA is funded by the government, when in fact 99% of our funds are generated through our veterinary services, your donations and fundraising efforts!

We have been lucky that some hard-working students and organisations came up with some creative ways to raise money for our animals!

Bake sale!

Students from the Law Ting Pong Secondary School baked some home-made paw print cookies. Together, the students raised more than HK\$8,000 for their cookies sale at school.



Beer Caps

Australian steakhouse, The Bottle & Steak, in Sai Ying Pun collected beer caps from their customers to raise funds for two NGOs, the SPCA and Obis.

Each time a customer purchased a beer at their restaurant, they could select which NGO they wanted to donate to by placing their beer cap into a jar. For every cup of beer caps, HK\$1 was donated.



Publish a book!

One young author, primary student Tyler Hui, published a book titled *aMAZEing ADVENTURE*, and donated some of the proceeds to the SPCA.



Can you do it? Yes, you can!

Ivanna from CIS Hang Zhou Chinese International School helped fundraise HK\$2,000 for our animals through her Animal Cruelty Project which donated canned pet food to our animals.



Get Crafty

10 year old Anais Van Olpen, spearheaded a recent fundraiser for the SPCA where she helped organise two events at her school, International Montessori school in Stanley. One was done by Year Three students only, by making various handmade handicrafts and selling them to the public.

The Year Three students also joined forces with the Year One's and Two's to throw a mini concert, with individual and group performances.

In total, the children from Aegean class at International Montessori School managed to raise HK\$14,500 of which half the proceeds were donated to the SPCA.



Corporate Volunteer Programme (CVP)

Here's a chance to volunteer and help our homing animals without any training required!

Groups or organisations of 15 to 20 people can help make toys for our homing animals, and meet them in person.



To celebrate their 25th anniversary, HAESL joined our Corporate Volunteer Programme (CVP) for their community day.

Host an art exhibition!

Ebigale created an All Around Sai Kung Art exhibition to celebrate the unique characteristics of Sai Kung through art whilst making an impact and raising funds for the SPCA. Through Ebigale's fundraising and exhibition, her artwork collected a total of HK\$3,100 for the animals in need at the SPCA.



Throw a Pawsome Carnival!

CCC Kung Lee College held its first Pawsome Carnival on their Open Day and welcomed their neighbours to enjoy the festivities prepared by the students. Home-made cookies for humans and dogs, bags, coasters and mugs with beautiful pet designs were on-sale, and a total of HK\$55,389 were raised which went towards the daily and medical expenses of our animals in need. A special thanks to the students and staff of CCC Kung Lee College for their efforts in fundraising and creating a pet-inclusive culture. Now that's how you put fun back into fundraising!



If your school or organisation has a great fundraising idea, contact our Community team.

✉ community@spca.org.hk

Fun facts about RABBITS

01

Rabbits are social animals, and like to live with a companion. But, remember! When taking in pairs, be sure to desex them to avoid unwanted litters.



02

A rabbit's teeth never stops growing! To prevent overgrown teeth, adult rabbits need an unlimited supply of Timothy hay and grass - or alfalfa for baby rabbits!



03

Rabbits actually drink a lot of water and prefer a water bowl over a bottle. They can drink up to three times more water from open dishes, compared to a bottle.



04

When rabbits are happy, they will perform twists and kicks in mid-air. Instead of a cage, provide them with a tall, spacious playpen for them to hop and run.



05

Rabbits hate being picked up as this is not natural. The only time they will experience this type of movement is when a predator attacks them in the wild.



06

Unlike cats and dogs, rabbits do not have paw pads, so it is important to provide towels or carpeted floors to ensure they have enough padding.



07

Rabbits are unable to sweat or pant like dogs. It is important to provide well-ventilated areas to keep them cool and dry.



08

There is a bunny island at Okunoshima, a small Japanese island, where over 1000 bunnies live and multiply and no other animals are allowed on the island.



09

Rabbits with extremely strong hind legs can jump as high as 90 cm in one leap, so it is important to provide a rabbit pen at least 3 feet tall to prevent them from jumping out.



Happy Bunny



Would you like to book an education talk or tour with the SPCA for your school? edu@spca.org.hk

5 games you can play

with your rabbit at home

So you've decided to adopt a rabbit and are looking for fun, enriching ways to keep your new pet a happy bunny!

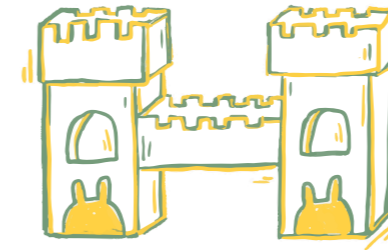
These curious characters make wonderful companions, but before you set up playtime, do check your house is rabbit-proof, and any electric wires and precious objects are properly stowed away so that they cannot be turned into toys!

Offering safe alternative things will reduce any damage that a curious rabbit can do, as rabbits love to play and explore.

Simple, fun toys and games are great to keep them amused and are also very entertaining to watch, so we have recommended 5 games you can play with your rabbit.

let's hop to it!

Contributed by
the SPCA Chief Veterinary Surgeon Dr. Jane Gray



The Box Castle

Take a simple cardboard box that will fit your rabbit (plus a little space to move around) and cut rabbit-sized holes in the sides so they can hide and play in it. A couple of boxes can be fun as you can hide a vegetable treat in one for them to find as a reward!



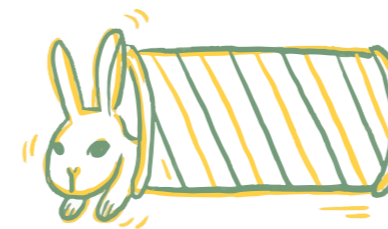
Ball Games

Believe it or not rabbits can play football...but they may not follow the rules! Find a lightweight children's ball about half the size of your rabbit and see if they like to push it around with their noses. Experiment with different sizes as some rabbits like balls more giant than they are!



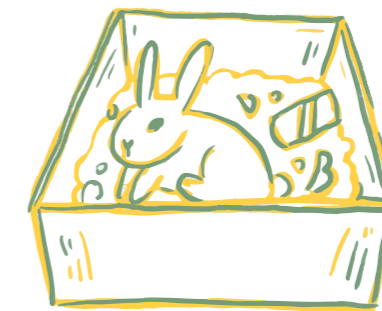
Chase

Some brave rabbits will even enjoy a game of chase. If your rabbits like to run at you try running away and then let them catch you. It's now your turn to chase your bunny a few steps, and then turn and run away. Remember this is a game for an outgoing bunny so don't keep running if they don't respond or seem scared!



The Tunnel

Some rabbits love to dash from place to place through a tunnel. Make the tunnel out of an arc or cylinder of cardboard. You can stuff some shredded newspaper in the tunnel for them to rearrange or dig in for added interest.



Digging Box

Find a box that your rabbit can jump into which is a few inches deep and fill it with strips of newspaper or "carefresh" bedding. Then just stand back and let your bunny make a mess and dig....excellent fun! 🐰

"Most of all spend time relaxing and watching your furry friend for opportunities for you to join in their games! Friendly play will strengthen your bond and give you both a rewarding and companionable relationship"



Our Centres

Hong Kong Centre (Headquarters)

📍 5 Wan Shing Street, Wan Chai
☎ 2802 0501

Kowloon Centre

📍 105 Princess Margaret Road, Ho Man Tin
☎ 2713 9104

Sai Kung Centre

📍 7 Sha Tsui Path, Sai Kung
☎ 2792 1535

Sai Kung Adopt-a-Pet Centre

📍 65 Man Nin Street, Sai Kung
☎ 2232 5599

Hang Hau Centre

📍 Flat B, 2/F, Block 5, Hang Hau Village, Tseung Kwan O
☎ 2243 0080

Mui Wo Centre

📍 Shop 14, Mui Wo Centre, Lantau Island
☎ 2984 0060

Cheung Chau Centre

📍 CX277 Tung Wan, Cheung Chau
☎ 2981 4176

Fairview Animal Welfare Centre

📍 Junction of Fairview Park Boulevard and Kam Pok Road, Yuen Long
☎ 2482 2770

SPCA Welfare Desexing Centre

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General Enquiries

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Sai Kung Clinic
Hang Hau Clinic
Mui Wo Clinic
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Yuen Long Fairview Park Centre
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China Outreach Programme

Providing assistance to animal welfare agencies and veterinary surgeons in China through education and advice
✉ china@spca.org.hk



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Talk enquiries and arrangement
2232 5541 / 2232 5526



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Animal Rescue and Report of Cruelty

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2232 5589

Mongrel Desexing Programme (MDP)
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Community Dog Programme (CDP)
2232 5511



Animal Sponsorship Programme

A monthly donation programme that supports our adoption animals
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Foster Parent Programme
2232 5524

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