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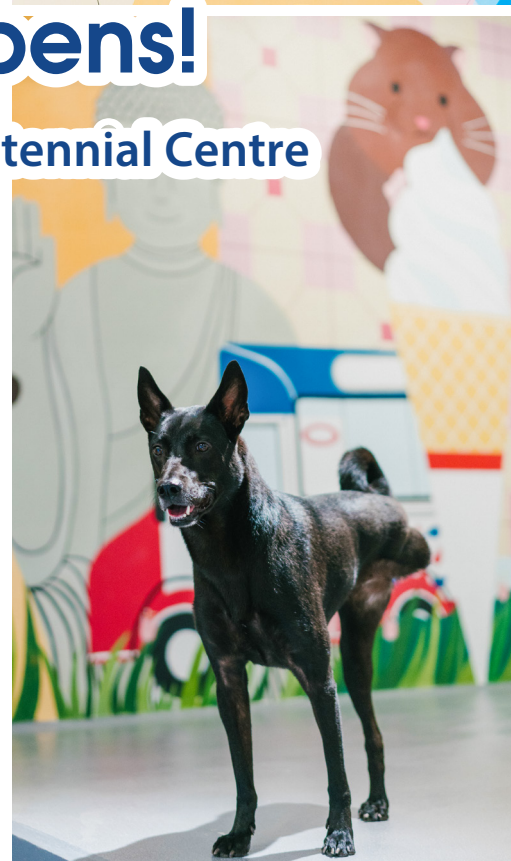
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## The Largest Animal Welfare Centre Opens!

Sneak peek of the SPCA Jockey Club Centennial Centre





# Remembering Miss Pamela D. Barton MBE

5 September 1925 - 20 January 2024

Pamela was one of the SPCA's longest-standing supporters and has been an integral part of the Society for over 50 years. Her passion for animals was evident from her very first interactions with us, from feeding strays along Canton Road as a volunteer in 1960, and through her time as Executive Committee Member (1986-1991), President (1991-1997) and Trustee (1996-2011 and 2015-2022).



Pamela with former Executive Director, Tom Creighton



1992: The opening of Wan Chai Headquarters with then-Governor of Hong Kong, Chris Patten



1992: Pamela facilitated the Topping-Out Ceremony as President for the Wan Chai Headquarters

Pamela was a forward-thinker and incredibly invested in the future of the SPCA. She understood that staff are the Society's backbone supporting all our efforts for animals in need, and to ensure their continuous development, she established The Pamela Barton Education Fund which covered the cost of further studies for staff so that we could build up a pipeline of animal care professionals to maintain sustainable operations.

Additionally, her contributions to setting up the framework for the SPCA's animal protection law advocacy is still shaping our efforts today.

We will always remember Pamela's passion, kindness and contributions to the SPCA and for animals in need. We will miss her dearly. We extend our deepest condolences to her family. In honour of her legacy, here are some cherished memories from her long-term SPCA friends:

"It was an honour to have known Pamela. She was an energetic live-wire always on the go but always able to make time for the SPCA and other worthy causes she supported both in Hong Kong and around Asia. She was engaged with the SPCA at all levels giving her time generously over many decades. She had many stories to tell. But what made Pamela truly special was her support of the SPCA team members and volunteers over the years. She was a special member of the SPCA family and will be truly missed."

*Dr. Fiona Woodhouse, Deputy Director (Welfare)*



"I have been lucky enough to know Pamela for over 30 years, and it is really hard to describe in a few words the impact she had on the Society at all levels. She was an incredibly special member of the SPCA family, to be honest we all thought she would live forever. We will miss her enthusiasm, energy and kindness but we will do our best to ensure her legacies continue long into the future."

*Dr. Jane Gray, Chief Veterinary Surgeon*

"Pamela loves SPCA, SPCA loves PAMELA. xxx"

*Shirley Pou, Admin Manager*

"When I joined the SPCA in 2001 as an inspector, Pamela was already in her 70s and in good shape. Although she wasn't as mobile, she always made the effort to attend celebratory events just to show how much she cared about us and our work. She always had an eye for detail and made sure the centre was in good condition. The Inspectorate is very grateful for The Fund which sponsored us to study veterinary nursing for free in 2016. This has enabled us to be more effective in rescuing more animals."

*Anthony Leung, Head of Inspectorate*

"I remember the birthday card we made for her 80th birthday. On the card was everyone's well wishes and caricatures, and she had it framed and hung in her living room as a treasured keepsake. For her, the small things do matter. I'm immensely grateful for the Education Fund she set up, and have personally benefited from it when I took an animal care course. She'll always be remembered for her genuine nature, grace and generosity."

*Kitty Lau, Senior Graphic Designer*

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Fiona’s Note

We are very excited to share the opening of our new SPCA Jockey Club Centennial Centre in Tsing Yi, which represents a major milestone in our century-long involvement with Hong Kong’s advancement in animal welfare.

The new Centre will allow us to better serve even more animals in Hong Kong - from our increased capacity to rescue and rehome more animals in need to veterinary services, education, boarding and grooming.

We hope you will join us in this exciting next chapter for the SPCA Hong Kong, and I look forward to welcoming you and your pets to our new centre very soon!

Executive Director

Ms Fiona Cumming

Pawprint Team



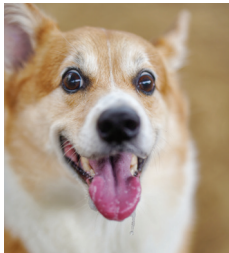
Jenmon Jenkins  
Community Director

SPCA Tsing Yi is designed with the modern pet-inclusive culture in mind, offering a new lifestyle experience to all pawrents. We can’t wait to pawty with you all there.



Stephanie Lown  
English Editor

This issue is special to me as I have had the pleasure of hiking with our cover model, Dan Dan, a few times now. This, plus the opening of the new Centre, is very exciting as it would increase our ability to help more animals like Dan Dan, and foster a pet-loving community.



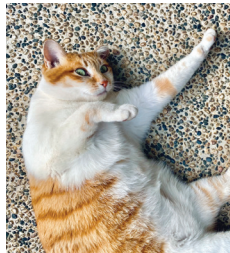
Kelly Chan  
Chinese Editor

Super hyped for the opening of our new centre but also touched to see so many animal-loving brands and organisations go above and beyond to run different social *pawjects* (p.31) and leave a lasting impact for the future of our animals. We’re all in this together!



Kitty Lau  
Designer

Animals teach us unconditional love. If you can have that in your life, things can’t be too bad, which is why I am so excited for the new Tsing Yi Centre to open so we can get more animals adopted and share the love.



Snowy Tse  
Illustrator

The new Centre is spacious and features a lot of beautiful artwork of animals and Hong Kong by local artists, which I love. My favourite spot is the Grand Ramp where you can view our giant mural - the more you look at it, the more you discover.

Front Cover  
Shot by IG: @thevisuallabo

The visual labo is a renowned local photography studio, one of the most sought-after by pet product brands and animal organisations.

Don is the founder and principal photographer of the visual labo. He is also a pawrent to his three adopted cats. He opened the studio to capture the precious moments of owners and pets via his clean and modern photography style.

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Mural by Annie Long, captured by IG: @thevisuallabo

Dan Dan posing at one of the most IG-able spots at the Tsing Yi Centre - the Grand Ramp

The opening of the new SPCA Jockey Club Centennial Centre in Tsing Yi represents the next milestone in the SPCA’s century-long involvement with Hong Kong’s advancement in animal welfare and pet inclusivity.

The new Centre will serve as one of the largest animal welfare and education centres in the region.





Total space  
93,861 sq ft

Adoption Space  
>8,000 sq ft

Animal Welfare  
>14,000 sq ft

Education  
5,200 sq ft



## The new facilities will give us the capacity to...



Increase the number of animals treated and rehabilitated by 50% each year



Shorten the response time of rescue calls to New Territories



Desex an additional 8,000 animals per year



Rehome an additional 1,200 animals per year

## Come take a sneak peek at our new Centre!

### Ground Floor

- Reception
- Cat Adoption
- Grooming (Hair Force Three)
- Exotic Animal Adoption
- Retail
- Mural and Paws for New Hope



Cat Adoption Area



Retail

### First Floor

- Dog Adoption
- Behaviour & Training
- Exhibition Space



There are three dog training rooms of different sizes in the Centre, significantly increasing the current training capacity.



Dog Adoption Area

### Second Floor – Education

- Animal Boarding
- Conference Room
- Library
- 2 Spacious Terraces
- 4 Education rooms, including an immersive and interactive classroom



Hong Kong's first animal welfare immersive classroom



Conference Room

With 5,200 sq ft of extra floor space dedicated to education, the SPCA can accommodate four times more people than any of our classrooms at our existing centres. Additionally, a new immersive classroom – the first of its kind promoting animal welfare education in Hong Kong – will integrate technology with the educational experience which will leave a lasting impact on the younger generation.

With increased boarding facilities and its convenient location close to the airport, it's never been easier to drop off your cat or dog at our Tsing Yi Centre for boarding before heading off for your travels. Rest assured that your cat or dog will benefit from the care of our devoted animal care teams and medical support during their stay. Our one-stop service can also arrange for a grooming session so that your pet is fresh and clean for their trip home.



Bespoke pet mosaics and murals, such as the one seen above, comprise some of the pet-inspired art in the new Centre. (Artists' IG: @simplebao, @devil030 & @cynthiaomi\_tattoo)

### Third Floor – Inspectorate & Welfare Services

- 2 General Surgery Suites
- 1 Cat Colony Care Programme Spay/Neuter Suite
- 1 Spay / Neuter Surgery Suite



### Fourth Floor – Veterinary Services

- 5 Consulting Rooms
- 3 Surgical Suites
- 1 Dental Surgery Suite
- 1 Radiology Suite
- 2 Ultrasonography Suites
- 1 Full Diagnostic Laboratory



### Rooftop – Pet Garden

>6,400 sq ft rooftop garden



## What's in the neighbourhood

### Tsing Yi Promenade

This 2 km walk along the northeastern waterfront of Tsing Yi offers views of the Rambler Channel and the route takes roughly 30 minutes to complete. It is a popular spot for runners and walkers with pavilions, benches and fitness facilities dotted along the promenade for all to enjoy.



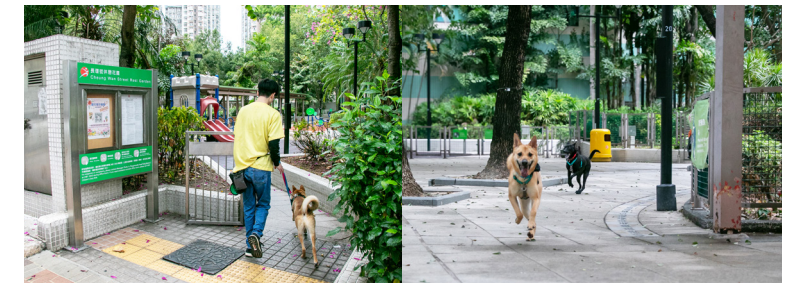
### Tsing Yi Nature Trails Hike

Also known as Kwai Tsing Reunification Health Trail, this 3.2 km walk with an elevation gain of 150 m is a relatively easy stroll for the family. It takes roughly an hour and 10 minutes to complete, offering views over the Rambler Channel and Tsing Ma Bridge.



### Cheung Wan Street Rest Garden

This 25,800 sq ft pet garden has one area for big dogs and another for small dogs. It is equipped with a pet lavatory, bin, and hand-washing facilities.



### Visitor Information

#### SPCA Jockey Club Centennial Centre

38 Cheung Fai Road, Tsing Yi, New Territories  
2232 5555

Opening hours: 8:45 am - 6:00 pm (daily\*),  
Adoption centre : 11:00 am - 5:30 pm (daily\*)

\*Please check our website or call for public holiday arrangements.

For enquiries about private or corporate events booking, tours, school visits, and volunteer opportunities, please drop us a note at

✉ [info@spca.org.hk](mailto:info@spca.org.hk)

### How to get there

#### By MTR

🚶 20-minute walk along the promenade from Tsing Yi MTR station Exit C

#### By Bus

The following bus stops are only a short 5-minute walk away from the Centre

🚌 Ching Tao House Cheung Ching Estate (42 / 43)

🚌 Cheung Ching Commercial Complex (88G / 88C)

#### By Car

🚗 Ada's Parking, Cheung Fai Road (Near Interchange) Carpark,  
99 Cheung Fai Road, Tsing Yi

Various services at the Tsing Yi Centre will launch over the course of the coming few months. Please follow us on socials for updates or call ahead to check.



# Dan Dan the Tripod - a Dog of Miracles

“Her ability is greater than her disability,” - Dan Dan's mum, Anabelle.

From three legs to hiking Hong Kong's Big Four - a specially-abled dog's journey to her happy ever after

Dan Dan enjoys a walk in the rooftop garden at the Tsing Yi Centre.

Shot by IG: @thevisualabo

Dan Dan was rescued with her family from a water catchment by the SPCA inspectors at just a few weeks old with a bad injury to her left hind leg. After her initial check by the SPCA vets, it was determined that the leg would need to be amputated. Two days after her surgery, she was placed in foster care with an experienced foster, Q Ma.

“While she was still at the SPCA, she had grown attached to her pillow, which said ‘Bo Ying Compound’.” Bo Ying Compound, also known as Bo Ying Dan, is an ancient formula marketed to treat infants and children for colds. The pillow was like Dan Dan's security blanket and Q Ma took the pillow home with them when they collected Dan Dan. The last character of the product name is “Dan”, which is where the inspiration for Dan Dan's name came from.

“It represents the magic pill that will grant her health and well-being. That's why I decided to name her Dan Dan. We hope she will have a healthy life and keep growing strong.” - Foster mum, Q Ma



Although she had just had surgery, the three-week-old puppy, weighing only 670g, was spritely and had a big appetite.

“At the beginning, I was worried about Dan Dan's mobility. As she grew older and stronger, being a three-legged pup didn't bother her at all. She can walk, run and go up and down the stairs. She is such an amazing dog.”

When Dan Dan was old enough to return to the SPCA adoption centre to find her new home, she was fortunate enough to catch the eye of her adoptive parents, Anabelle and King.

“We didn't notice at first that Dan Dan only had three legs as she was curled up sleeping in the kennel when we first saw her,” Anabelle laughs.

“We fell in love with her immediately when she was brought to us inside the playpen. She's so adorable and playful. We also felt pity as we imagined that Dan Dan might have the least chance of getting adopted among the other dogs at the SPCA because she is a black mongrel ‘with a disability’.”

Sadly, it's a harsh reality many local shelters face.

Anabelle and King immediately applied for her adoption on the very same day. At three months old, our little three-legged girl found her forever home.

When Dan Dan's newly adoptive parents were asked if they had any concerns or reservations on adopting a “disabled” dog or a dog with special needs, they replied, “we saw that she is well adapted to her situation. Having said that, we know that accidents in her condition are still very common so we still got her medical insurance and have her annual wellness check.”

Funnily enough, the greatest challenge Anabelle and King faced when they first adopted Dan Dan was that she had a lot of energy!

“She is so playful and always jumping. We have to make sure we do not get her too excited as she might hurt herself - especially when she is jumping.” After taking Dan Dan on a short hike and seeing how happy she was exploring, sniffing and playing in the dried leaves, Dan Dan's parents started to do more research on dogs hiking with a tripod and discovered the benefits not only to dogs but also to humans.

They started off with short trails to slowly build up Dan Dan's strength and stamina. Before they knew it, they had completed two of Hong Kong's four long trails and other tough hikes around the city with ease.

Anabelle and King hope that one day they will be able to create a long trail for Dan Dan, connecting some of their favorite hikes, tiny islands and country parks.

When asking Q Ma what advice she would give to someone who is caring for a disabled or dog with special needs, she replied, “dogs with special needs may look different from others and their health may require extra care. We need to be positive to support them and embrace their differences because our furry friends can feel our emotions.”

Anabelle echoed a similar sentiment and said, “dogs are very resilient and can easily adapt. At the end of the day, they are just normal dogs, liking what a normal dog would like – walks, treats and lots of love. They are an endless source of inspiration.”

You can follow Dan Dan's hiking adventures on IG

@dandan\_the\_tripawd

If you would be interested in finding a companion animal of your own or fostering for the SPCA, scan to download the new SPCA Adoption App for updates









# Trust your gut! A healthy gut, a healthy mind

Routines and schedules can help contribute to a dog's physical and mental well-being, so it's no surprise that activities that are out of the ordinary or disrupt a dog's usual routine such as going to a new home, boarding, or meeting visitors could be potentially stressful and anxiety-inducing events to a dog.









Martin / PN 542967 / 1YO / M

## Signs of anxiety may include:

-  Pacing
-  Excessive barking
-  Reluctance to accept treats
-  Panting

## This may manifest itself physiologically (in the body) as:

-  Suppression of the immune system
-  Gastrointestinal distress
-  Loose stool
-  Skin disorders
-  Decreased appetite
-  Disrupted social interactions

Thanks to the strong connection between the gut and brain, known as the gut-brain axis (GBA), the gastrointestinal tract is actually sensitive to emotion - and vice versa! So, it is possible to influence emotions via the gut - in other words, you can treat symptoms of anxiety and stress via the diet!

A healthy gut can improve anxious behaviours, and a probiotic strain containing Bifidobacterium longum (BL999) has been clinically proven to help dogs maintain positive cardiac activity during stressful events, as well as reduce anxious behaviours such as excessive vocalisation, jumping, pacing and spinning in 90% of dogs, and blunt the cortisol (stress) response to anxious events whilst generally supporting a healthy immune system!

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Pacing

Jumping

Spinning

Excessive barking



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# Here's the catch with catchwaters

Catchwaters play an important role in the maintenance of our slopes by catching surface runoff from hills. These gigantic man-made structures have a combined length of 120 km across 45 water systems in Hong Kong and fragment wildlife habitat.

## Here's the catch with rescuing trapped animals

Due to the design of the catchwater, the animals easily fall into the channel and are unable to get back to ground level.

The animals, desperate to escape, run back and forth, trying to climb back up the wall with no success. They become stressed and may get injured through numerous attempts to climb up the wall of the catchwater.



This barking deer has done some serious damage to their hooves trying to escape the catchwater.

Rescuing the animals is also challenging. The rescuers cannot perform the job on their own as the animals will run the opposite way. They cannot chase the animals as it may frighten them but then the animals will run far. The rescuers have to approach the animals from both sides so at least two persons are required for the rescue mission.

The operations are also restricted by the weather and time. If it is raining, the catchwater would be slippery and might even be flooded, putting the rescuers at risk. If it is dark, this would be too dangerous to walk along the catchwater. So the rescue can only be conducted during the daytime.

For larger animals like cows and wild boars, the rescuers might need to call a vet to the scene in order to anaesthetise the animals before lifting them out with a crane.

However, not all animals are in the clear once rescued.

**“Trapped deer often suffer from severe stress which builds up toxins in the muscles, causing Capture Myopathy - a medical condition which is almost always fatal.”**



Every year, our inspectors handle over 30 cases of animals falling into catchwaters. Victims include dogs and wild animals like barking deer, porcupines, wild boars and cows.

## So what can be done?

### Potential for more innovative solutions

According to Kadoorie Farm & Botanic Garden (KFBG), the government has made some improvements to catchwaters on Lantau Island, including the use of fencing, anti-skid material and use of ledges to help trapped animals get out. However, more could be done to improve the city's infrastructure to make it more wildlife-friendly.

### Some suggestions from KFBG include :

- Bridges covered with gravel or turf to encourage animals to move across
- Animal-friendly escape routes, so they can exit by their own means without the need for rescue
- Outfit the sides of catchments with gently-sloped ramps and/or appropriately-spaced footholds

With an ever-growing population, Hong Kong will no doubt need to expand on its infrastructure. Whenever we consider future city planning, we should consider our wildlife, with the least disturbance to their habitat. Not only can this save our animals from significant harm, but can also restore and maintain biodiversity in Hong Kong. Hopefully, this will lead to a more harmonious existence between humans and animals. 🌿

### If you discover an animal in danger...

Contact SPCA's 24-hour hotline at 2711 1000 or AFCD at 1823 for further advice and animal rescue assistance.

To support our inspector's animal rescue efforts, scan here to make a donation





# They're Both Goofballs

One's a purebred. The other, a mutt. But what's in a name?

Cause the scruffy one's Bark Twain. He doesn't pen novels.

But he does cuddle, nuzzle, and give slobbery face-licks.

He may not have pedigree good looks, but he's a 100% good boy.

A dog is a dog. Adopt, don't shop.



# They're Both Cuddle Buddies

Cats play it cool when it comes to rewarding affection.

But it's worthwhile. Warm cuddles, soft purrs, the odd satisfaction

of getting groomed. True cat lovers don't need purebreds to fall in love

and moggies shouldn't need nine lives to find one forever home.

A cat is a cat. Adopt, don't shop.



Adopt now:



Special thanks:



Adopt now:



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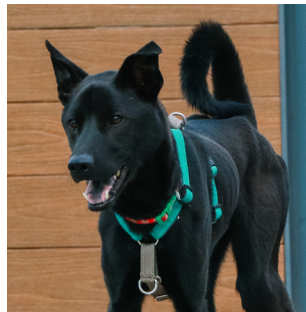
Adoption

## Black Beauties

'Black Dog Syndrome' is a very real phenomenon seen in shelters everywhere in which light-coloured dogs are favoured for adoption over their black counterparts. Simply for the colour of their coat!

Will you give these black beauties a chance? By adopting an animal, you help save two lives - your adoptive pet and the next animal in need! 🐾

If you are unable to adopt, consider fostering!  
Email us at [foster@spca.org.hk](mailto:foster@spca.org.hk) to get in touch with us.



📍 SPCA Hong Kong Centre  
PN 540818

**Casper**  
1 YO | M | Mongrel

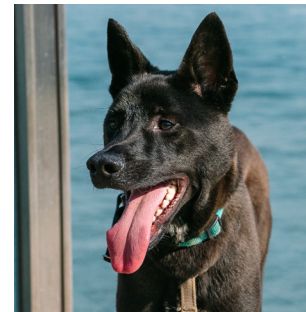
♂ Libra  
🐾 Handsome, Quiet, Timid



📍 SPCA Tsing Yi Centre  
PN 524764

**Cris**  
2 YO | M | Mongrel

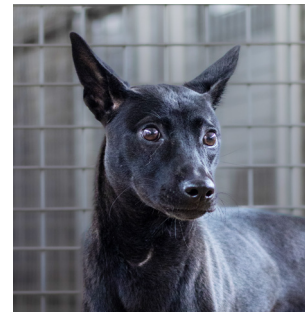
♂ Capricorn  
🐾 Smart, Playful, Strong



📍 SPCA Hong Kong Centre  
PN 542096

**Enzo**  
1 YO | M | Mongrel

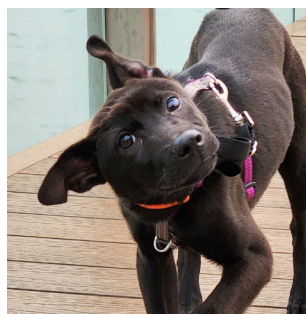
♂ Scorpio  
🐾 Friendly, Gentle, Calm, Shy, Mellow



📍 SPCA Tsing Yi Centre  
PN 543259

**Esme**  
1 YO | F | Mongrel

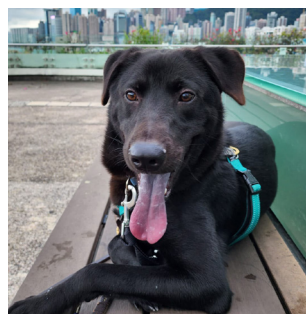
♀ Sagittarius  
🐾 Gentle, Shy, Introverted, Timid



📍 SPCA Tsing Yi Centre  
PN 542721

**Hak Dau**  
1 YO | M | Mongrel

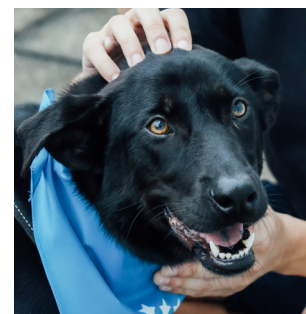
♂ Scorpio  
🐾 Active, Friendly, Kind, Laid Back  
Loves to be with other dogs



📍 SPCA Tsing Yi Centre  
PN 542620

**Joe**  
1 YO | M | Mongrel

♂ Sagittarius  
🐾 Timid, Playful, Strong



📍 SPCA Hong Kong Centre  
PN 551920

**Nancy**  
1 YO | F | Mongrel

♀ Aries  
🐾 Sophisticated, Friendly, Charming,  
Mature



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☎ 2232 5529  
✉ [homing@spca.org.hk](mailto:homing@spca.org.hk)

To see more animals available for adoption, visit our centres or download our Adoption Date app

## To Nurture Talents for Pet Healthcare and Wellness

Recognising the importance and growing demand of improving pet healthcare services in Hong Kong, the SPCA and Vocational Training Council (VTC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 8 February 2024 to establish a partnership which would provide students of VTC's Higher Diploma in Pet Care and Wellness, the invaluable opportunity to gain practical experience through job placements offered by the SPCA. The course, which commences in September 2024, aims to nurture a new generation of talent to support pet care and animal wellness. 🐾



The SPCA and the VTC have signed a MoU to underpin a close collaboration on Higher Diploma Programme in Pet Care and Wellness.



Dr. Eric Liu, Deputy Executive Director of the VTC (left) was accompanied by Fiona Cumming, Executive Director of the SPCA (right) to tour the new Centre.

## Our Welfare Work in Numbers - August 2023 - January 2024



Homing Figures

Dogs 69 Cats 337 Others 102

Total number of animals 508



Desexing Figures

Total number of animals 3,422



Cat Colony Care Programme

Number of cats handled 904



Number of animals released or referred to government or outside agencies

Number of exotic species 91

Number of native species 667



Sent to foster care

Dogs 27 Cats 245 Others 14

Total number of animals 286



Inspectorate

Animals handled 1,740

Hotline calls 9,979

Rescues 464

Complaints of cruelty investigated 399

Animal trading inspections 309

Advice given 82

Warnings given 18

Prosecutions instigated 33



# Letting the cat out of the bag on pet smuggling

Contributed by the SPCA Welfare Deputy Director Fiona Woodhouse and the Welfare Department



In May 2022, the Marine Police stopped a suspicious speedboat attempting to smuggle more than 160 pedigree dogs and cats to Hong Kong, all crammed in 17 small carriers.

**Pet smuggling - whether by water or land - is rampant these days due the increasing demand of pedigree cats in Hong Kong. What motivates these illegal traders to undertake such a big risk? And what harm will it do to the innocent animals?**

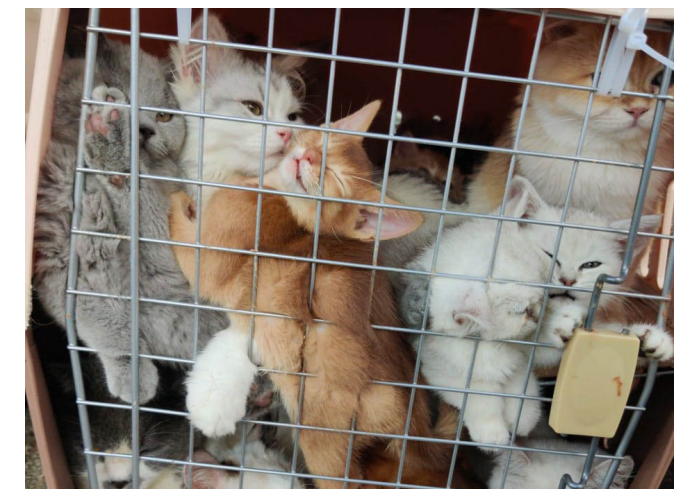
With the rise of eCommerce, people not only purchase them from 'traditional' pet shops but also increasingly turn to online platforms for cheaper pedigree pets - a significant number of them are from Mainland China. Moreover, some owners, due to relocation, choose a quicker yet illegal way to transport their pets to Hong Kong so they can reunite with them sooner.

The demand for pet transportation grew - particularly during the pandemic. Since cats are significantly smaller than dogs, the trend towards keeping cats has grown in recent years. However, the rising demand has attracted unscrupulous and illegal traders who prioritise business over the welfare of the animals.

They have developed an industry chain, utilised social media platforms for promotion, bred pedigree cats, and transported them to Hong Kong for higher profits.

Some traders dupe cat lovers and pretend they are private pet owners who are keeping happy, healthy cats in a loving home in Hong Kong. However, the reality is that they focus on making a quick buck and are either kitten-milling or buying and smuggling kittens from many sources in China regardless of the kitten's health and welfare.

Animal smugglers will pretend that each animal has its own cage and is properly placed in a light goods vehicle for transportation, when in fact, animals intercepted by customs or police are found crammed together in small cages. Not only do they not have enough space to move, but their fur is also fully stained with excrement.



Apart from kittens, cats in poor conditions or even pregnant are crammed together in a cage for transportation. This practice seriously impacts animal health and increases the risk of infectious diseases, some of which have high fatality rates. In a pet smuggling case in May 2022 involving 164 cats and dogs, 60 of them eventually did not survive. Although the person who operated the vessel in this case has been sentenced to 28 months in prison, it is hard to compensate for the loss of life and the losses incurred by those who were deceived.

The SPCA has always assisted Government departments in treating and caring for animals seized in smuggling cases, especially those with illness. Among these cases are newborn kittens and their mothers with diseases, and our staff work tirelessly day and night, awaiting the day when they can be adopted.

## Know the Law

*According to the law, cats and dogs imported from Group III countries/regions (including Mainland China) must undergo quarantine at the facilities designated by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) for a minimum of four months.*

However, recent media reports indicate that both online channels and pet shops in Mainland China offer same-day services for cats arriving in Hong Kong. This is not possible as legally in Hong Kong special permits are required from the AFCD before importing animals and, in addition, there are quarantine requirements.

Bringing cats from rabies-endemic areas such as Guangdong or Hunan for example, may increase the risk of infecting local animals and humans, and there are considerable concerns about pets evading quarantine.

Be cautious of services offering transportation from Group III countries/regions in less than four months.

## Spot the Signs







Illegal pet trade might actually be more common than expected, but due to difficulties in adducing evidence, it really relies on reports from the public.

Despite social media platforms like Facebook not allowing 'attempts to buy, sell or trade live non-endangered animals', there are various illegal and evasive ways to avoid being reported, such as conducting pet sales under the guise of 'adoption' or a tacit understanding made by posting photos of pedigree kittens without any captions.

**The best course of action is to report the post to the social media platform and refrain from interacting with it. Report suspicious illegal pet trade and transport cases to the AFCD by calling 1823 or the police.**

Current regulations on the breeding and keeping of cats are more loose than those for dogs. We urge the Government to strengthen the regulatory measures on cat breeding to further protect the welfare of the animals. 🐾

## Considerations before obtaining a cat as a companion animal:

-  **Adopt Don't Shop** - we have many adorable cats at the SPCA for adoption.
-  **Avoid animal transportation through unclear channels.**
-  **If you do purchase an animal, visit the keeper/breeder and the place where the animal and their parent resides.**
-  **Check whether the shop or organisation is a licensed pet shop or displays an exemption number for holding an Animal Trading License (ATL).**
-  **Do research and check out official websites before transporting animals to other regions.**
-  **Allocate sufficient time for the transfer procedures.**



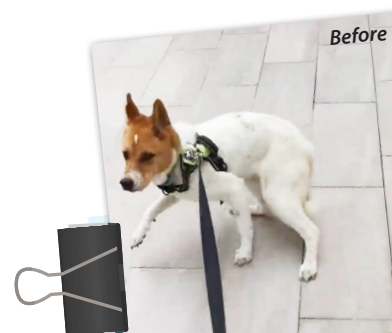


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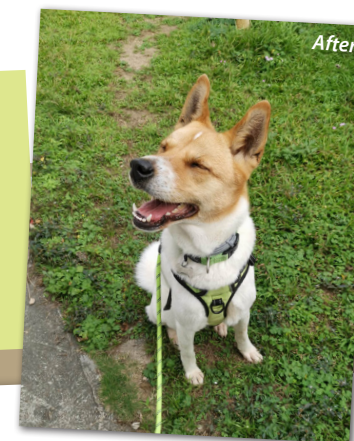
## SCIENCE DID THAT.



Before

### Marble

Breed: Mongrel  
Gender: Female  
Age: 1.5 years old  
Issue: Fearful of new people, noises and going outdoors



After

#### Case details

Ms. Wong adopted Marble as a six-month-old puppy and sought consultation six weeks into Marble's adoption. Although never aggressive, Marble was wary of her owner and newcomers. She would keep her distance or move away when approached for pets. She was also fearful of going outside for walks. Although Ms. Wong was an experienced dog owner, she had never encountered such a fearful dog and called for Lily's help.

#### Lily's Notes

**Anti-anxiety medication** - as Marble is so anxious and fearful, we prescribed some anti-anxiety medication. We must stress that anti-anxiety medication is not a long-term solution nor will it resolve issues overnight. However, it can help to lower anxiety levels for training to further enhance a behaviour modification programme. The animal can then be weaned off the medication once the behaviour has stabilised.

#### Behaviour Modification Programme

- **Confidence-building exercises** - allow Marble to observe and explore the residential garden area at her own pace until she is comfortable to extend her comfort zone to the surrounding neighbourhood. Keep the garden gate open and allow Marble to make her own decision on whether she wishes to leave the garden, and when to return. This must be done with a long leash, and kept slack so as to not pressure her. There should never be any tension in the leash, and we want to avoid forcing or pulling her to go anywhere.
- **Reduce exposure to triggering situations** - we want to set Marble up for success so limiting her exposure to situations which we know will trigger her are crucial. Simple solutions including parking close to her vet clinic when visiting the vets to reduce time walking along busy roads. Finding an understanding vet who will allow Ms. Wong to be by Marble's side before and after sedation for her desexing surgery will go a long way.
- **Mental stimulation** - activity feeding and basic obedience exercises are important enrichment activities to stimulate Marble and strengthen her bond with Ms. Wong.

#### Result

Ms. Wong is happy to report that Marble is doing much better, and enjoys exploring her neighbourhood. She has become more confident. Not only does she enjoy being around other dogs, but also Ms. Wong's visitors. She has even adjusted well to staying with Ms. Wong's friend whilst she is out of town. As a result, Marble can be weaned off her medication soon, and keep up with regular training. 🐾

**CASE SOLVED**



Lily Leung, Senior Behavioural Support Technician

#### Qualifications:

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

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step of the way!

If you have an issue with your pet which you cannot solve, our behavioural consultation services are not limited consultation hours as our Senior Behavioural Support Technician, Lily Leung, provides round the clock support and advice to help you and your pet.



## Trainers' Diaries

The trainer's job is so much more than teaching animals 'how to be obedient'. It requires a lot of patience, heart and problem-solving to nurture, rehabilitate and socialise the rescue animals that arrive at our centres to get them ready for adoption.



Duffy / PN 548826 / 1YO / M

Here's what the average day looks like for our trainers at the SPCA.

### Sunny Dog Trainer



Apollo

#### Monday

Today I worked on socialising and conditioning Apollo (PN 557872). Apollo was previously in our hospital with tick fever after he was found as a stray with 200 ticks on his body. Upon our initial meeting, he was trembling with fear, and I just stayed by his side quietly doing nothing. I let him sniff me and get used to my presence and he slowly began to trust me. Taking him down to our adoption centre from our hospital was not easy as he was too scared to leave. We had to carry him down.

#### Friday

After a few mornings working on socialisation and getting Apollo familiar with his new living space, I took him around our new Tsing Yi Centre to explore, and did some training exercises with him on the rooftop. We explored different areas of our Tsing Yi Centre, and I will work on eventually extending our radius to the car park of our Centre.

#### Saturday

Today, I took Apollo back to our office to get him familiar with different people and noises.

#### Monday

Today he finally lay down to rest and became 'calm relax', which is a great sign as it shows he has become more comfortable with his surroundings. After today, I am confident with Apollo's progress and will work on exploring further beyond our Centre next week.

#### Monday

Pei Pei (PN 550718) required physiotherapy for his hind leg after recovering from surgery for a broken femur. He suffered a significant loss in muscle mass and was not comfortable letting people put on his harness - occasionally snapping and growling. Upon his arrival at the Wan Chai Centre, he was not brave enough to leave the confines of our parking lot or walk up or down stairs, often growling and clawing the floor.

#### Wednesday

Today at physio, we are working on building up the muscle in Pei Pei's hind leg. He was too afraid to climb up to the water treadmill, so the physiotherapist and I worked together to develop some other exercises he could do to build up the strength in his back leg. We laid out Cavaletti poles and made him walk over these repeatedly until he no longer needed to use his strong leg to compensate, and then would raise the poles a little bit higher.

#### Thursday

In between physio sessions, I will use a peanut ball and guide him to step across a few short jumping fences to exercise his hind leg muscle. I will practise with him for half an hour each day.

#### Monday

It's been a few weeks now and we have completed Pei Pei's physio sessions. I have started to take him to explore the outside world. At first he was hesitant but eventually he realised he could go to the dog park and walking him became easier. Although he does not play with other dogs, he is very happy to be amongst his friends and even sat outdoors with me today, which is a good sign as it shows he is able to relax. Although we still have some work to do, I am so pleased with Pei Pei's progress, and it's very rewarding to see all this hard work pay off.

To learn more about Pei Pei's story, turn to P. 24-25

### Zeke

Behaviour &  
Training Assistant



Pei Pei

### Nicolas

Behaviour &  
Training Trainee



Sau Sau

#### Saturday

Today I assessed two new puppies Bob (PN 560951) and Sau Sau (PN 561928) who have just arrived at the SPCA. Before they can go to our adoption centre for rehoming, we use the ASPCA Safety Assessment for Evaluating Rehoming (or 'SAFER').

This test helps us to identify risks and needs for individual behavioural support before an animal is homed. It assesses the dog's comfort level ranging from 0-5 (with 5 being the best) on areas such as restraint and touch, eye contact, behaviour around food and toys, and arousal level toward other dogs.

Sometimes restraint can be difficult for young, energetic puppies who just want to play and explore, but both Bob and Sau Sau have performed well.

They also showed no signs of resource guarding when I took away their toys and treats, and passed their assessment with flying colours. They can now go up to our adoption centre to wait for their new homes.

#### Friday

Good news! Sau Sau has been adopted. Both are sweet dogs and should transition well to their new future homes. I hope someone will adopt Bob soon. 🐾

Did you know that the SPCA offers group and private behavioural and training classes? Once you have adopted a dog from us, we provide one free consultation to help you successfully transition your rescue dog to your home.

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# When Breeding Goes Bad - Corrective Surgeries

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

Our vets performed stenotic nares corrective surgery on Bao (right), a French bulldog with BOAS symptoms, so she could fly with her owner to start a new life in another country.

Selective breeding over the years for certain “looks” has resulted in an increase in the number of genetic problems seen by our veterinary surgeons. Unfortunately, it is a very sad fact that these in-bred traits have a negative impact on the quality of life of those affected. Some conditions can be managed without surgical intervention, however, all too often corrective surgeries need to be performed to prevent associated complications and/or chronic disease.

Here are some of the common conditions seen at the SPCA which can be alleviated/improved by surgery:

### Breathing Difficulties

Breathing issues are most commonly seen in brachycephalic or “flat-faced” pets. Selective breeding for “short snouts” has led to a number of anatomical problems, such as stenotic nares (narrow nostrils), an elongated soft palate (the presence of excessive tissue at the back of the throat), an enlarged tongue and narrowing and/or collapsing of the trachea (windpipe).

These abnormalities restrict airflow and manifest as laboured breathing, abnormal or increased respiratory noise, exercise intolerance, and in severe cases, cyanosis and fainting. This is the reason why many airlines have banned flat-faced breeds in recent years.

The overall term for this condition is Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome (BOAS) and is commonly seen in Pugs, Bulldogs, Pekingese and Boston Terriers. However, this syndrome is not limited to dogs, as it also affects cats with flat faces, such as Exotic Shorthairs, Himalayans and Persians. Surgical correction can involve widening stenotic nostrils, trimming down the elongated soft palate, and in severe cases correction of tracheal deformities. Though required to prevent issues further in life, these surgeries are not without danger, especially as these breeds are also known to have a higher anaesthetic risk.



Si Dan, a Shar Pei mix, underwent corrective surgery on the outer wall of her ear canals to open the ear canal for better aeration and cleaning.



Coco, a Pug who used to suffer from skin fold dermatitis (above: before surgery), had a “face-lift” surgery to remove her excessive skin folds (below: after surgery).

### Ear Problems





Due to genetically acquired stenotic ear canals, certain breeds can be more prone to ear infections and chronic pain. This is because narrowing of the ear canals results in poor air circulation and increased humidity, predisposing to inflammation and infection. This in turn leads to a build-up of discharge and a vicious circle of chronic disease and suffering unless the infection and inflammation are controlled. The ear canals can become so thickened and narrowed that even attempting a gentle clean is impossible.

This issue can be seen in a wide variety of breeds but especially the Shar Pei, and certain breeds of cat notably, Scottish Folds and American Curls.

In severe cases, the only way to prevent chronic disease and suffering is to perform surgery, the actual type depending on the severity of the condition. The extent of surgery can range from removing the outside wall of the vertical ear canal (Lateral Wall resection), to removing the whole vertical ear canal (Vertical Canal Ablation). Both procedures open up the ear canal, to allow for aeration and cleaning, with the aim to prevent further inflammation and infection.

In very severe cases, the whole ear canal (vertical and horizontal) may need to be removed (Total Ear Canal Ablation, TECA). After this surgery, there is no longer an external ear canal opening, so hopefully nothing to get infected and cause pain.

Other conditions that can be helped with corrective surgeries include:

-  **Entropion** – which refers to in-turning eyelid(s) results in eyelashes and skin rubbing against the cornea (eye surface) causing inflammation, trauma and pain.
-  **Hernias (Umbilical/Inguinal)** – develops when abdominal tissues (commonly fat) or organ(s) protrude through a weak spot in the muscle of the body wall.
-  **Luxating Patella(s)** – refers to the presence of “loose kneecaps” that dislocate from their normal location.
-  **Skin Fold Dermatitis** – irritation caused by bacterial growth that is trapped in the skin folds of pets.

We are very fortunate that corrective surgeries are available to help improve the quality of life of our affected pets, if they are unlucky enough to be born with one of these genetic issues. However, in an ideal world, these issues could be eliminated by breeding which promotes health and happiness instead of a certain look!

We hope that by educating the public regarding these welfare issues, we can together improve breeding standards by lobbying for improved breeding controls. 🐾

And of course, don’t forget to spread the message encouraging pet lovers to adopt, not shop!

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# Cinderella Vet Medical Fund

Like Cinderella, we believe that all animals, owned or stray, should be loved and cared for and have access to proper medical assistance when needed, which is why we have the Cinderella Vet Medical Fund.

Here's a tale of two animals who were rescued and benefited from the fund.

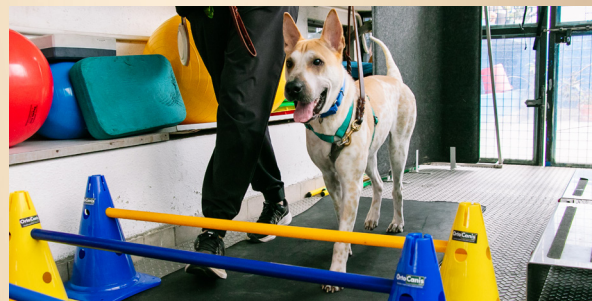
*Tale No.1:*

**Pei Pei**

1 YO Mongrel (M)

**Date of rescue:**

6 June 2023



A stray dog named Pei Pei was found staggering with a bleeding leg near Kam Sheung Road MTR station. Our inspectors took Pei Pei back to the SPCA centre for a medical examination. Our vet found that he had a severe femur fracture, likely caused by a high-impact collision, such as a car crash. Immediate surgery was required to treat Pei Pei's injury. Otherwise, amputation would be inevitable.

With the support of the Cinderella Vet Medical Fund, we covered Pei Pei's surgical expenses and provided him with the much-needed medical treatments. Although Pei Pei was on his own without the care of an owner, we believed he equally deserved the medical care all animals needed.

Pei Pei quickly recovered in just two weeks after the surgery. The Fund also covered the cost of his physiotherapy training and an orthopaedic operation to treat trichiasis in his left eye in the following months. After the operation, Pei Pei's eye is no longer watery and irritated. The quality of his life has hugely improved and he can now see clearly and comfortably.

To learn more about Pei Pei's rehabilitation, read our Trainers' Diaries on page 20 - 21.

At the time of writing, Pei Pei (PN 550718) is still waiting at our Hong Kong Centre to be adopted.

**Would you be the one to take this boy home?**

*Tale No.2 :*

**Pigeon**

1 YO Sphynx (F)

**Date of rescue:**

4 April 2023



Pigeon fell from a 20-storey terrace in Tin Shui Wai. Fortunately, she fell into the bushes with her left leg stuck between branches and survived. However, this "flying cat" suffered from fractures and had to undergo urgent surgery to regain her mobility.

The owner decided to abandon Pigeon once he found out he was responsible for her surgical cost.

Luckily, with the help of the Cinderella Vet Medical Fund, we could cover Pigeon's medical cost in full and immediately arrange for her much-needed surgery. After the operation, Pigeon returned to her energetic, happy self and found a new owner at the SPCA.

**\*Please note:** "Flying cat" is one of the most common types of accidents that our inspectors handle. We would like to remind cat owners to install cat nets to cover your windows for your pets' safety.

Funding has largely been provided by public donors.

Your donation will play a crucial role in transforming the lives of animals by giving them the urgent medical care they desperately need. 🐾

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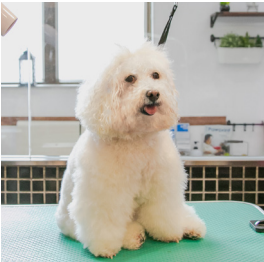


# Grooming - Paw Care

Trimming nails can sometimes be quite an anxiety-laden experience for some pets, but you should by no means put off or avoid taking care of your pet's paws as it is not just about keeping up appearances - it could be impacting the way your pet walks!



Well-manicured paws can greatly alleviate any discomfort when walking and provide more traction to prevent any mobility issues caused by long, overgrown nails. Here are some tips from our Grooming Supervisor, Kathy Lai.



1. If your pet gets anxious about nail trimming, consider placing them on a table with a non-skid layer. Owners should be vigilant not to let their pet fall.



2. Start by gripping your pet's paw gently and firmly with your thumb on the pad of a toe and your forefinger on the top of the toe on the skin above the nail.

3. For cats, to extend the nail, push your thumb slightly up and backward on the pad, while pushing your forefinger forward.



4. Clip only the clear tip of the nail, staying clear of the pink part. This is known as the "quick" and contains the blood vessels. Clipping this would be painful and cause bleeding. This is also true of the dewclaws which are on the inner side of the paw. Dewclaws may require trimming more frequently than the other nails, as these don't get filed naturally by the ground when the dog walks.



\*For dogs with dark nails, trim their nail until you see a darker circle in the centre of their nail. Instead of clippers you may consider nail filing.



5. Be sure to trim the fur between your pet's paw pads too. This can greatly improve your pet's traction when walking. 🐾



### Need assistance?

Our team at Hair Force are fully certified with professional grooming qualifications from Hong Kong and Japan. Kathy Lai - Grooming Supervisor has been working with the SPCA's Hair Force grooming salon since 2007 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.

Good news! Hair Force Three is now open at our new Tsing Yi Centre. To book your pet a pamper session, call **2232 5532** and start earning Hair Miles today!

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# Why Hyatt Centric is Heads and Tails Above the Rest

How one man's understanding of "If my dog can't come, I'm not going" led to the creation of one of Hong Kong's first dog-friendly staycation packages.

General Manager, Patrick Sin first joined Hyatt Centric in 2020, at the start of the COVID pandemic - a time that saw most businesses and hotels struggle to operate.

When the hotel was operating below 10% occupancy, the long-time dog lover and owner of two dogs - 8 - year-old Golden Retriever, Gum Jai (pictured) and 1- year-old Labrador, Dor Dor - seized the opportunity to channel his love of dogs to revive the business, and was one of the first hotels to offer a dog-friendly staycation package in Hong Kong.

## Could you tell us about your background? Is this the first pet-friendly hotel that you have managed and were there any difficulties?

My first job was at the old Hyatt Regency in Tsim Sha Tsui around 20 years ago. From the start, I always wanted to see if I could transform my hotel to become pet-friendly but it didn't work.

It actually involves a lot of discussions amongst different departments. The housekeeping team was the most concerned as they were worried if they could handle it. Also, the new pet-friendly policy might affect other guests.

The first day [I started work at Hyatt Centric] the occupancy rate was less than 10%. We came up with the Dogcation (our dog staycation package) idea to attract local pet owners to stay with us amidst travel restrictions. Luckily, it was very successful and other hotels followed suit. So, we started to think of other things we could do to make it a truly dog-inclusive hotel.

## What was the inspiration to make Hyatt Centric dog-friendly?

I had dinner with my friends and they asked if I had done a staycation. I told them I couldn't because I have dogs. If there was a hotel where I could bring my dogs to stay for a night, then I would probably do a staycation. [The next day] I discussed it with the team, and the feedback was very different this time because we needed business. All the teams were so accommodating. Within one month we successfully launched the Dogcation package.

## How did your personal experience as a pet owner help you implement pet-friendly services at Hyatt Centric?

It is very easy for me to come from the perspective of a dog owner because I am one, but I also think that it is important to think of those who may not necessarily love dogs - or are even scared. For example, we have two towers in this hotel so we decided to separate the regular rooms from the dog-friendly ones.

We also have four lifts in this tower, and only two of them are dog-friendly - so guests can choose which lift they feel more comfortable to be in.

We need to be considerate of guests who may not love dogs but it doesn't mean that we have to be against each other. We just have to understand one another and make sure that when we are writing the policy, it will benefit both parties.

## What pet-friendly services do you offer at Hyatt Centric?

At the moment, The Farmhouse might be one of the few hotel restaurants where you can bring your dog to a buffet in Hong Kong. If dog owners come to The Farmhouse for a meal, we will offer their dogs Doggie Dim Sum, free of charge.

People can also book our Cruise Restaurant & Bar on the top floor of the hotel if they wish to have a private pet-friendly party.

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Currently we are looking to launch a very special service, which is a dog hotel service (or boarding) to allow dog owners to put up their dog in a real hotel room when they travel.

I think that is a truly unique service that we offer - no other hotels offer a true dog hotel for dogs!

## What makes Hyatt Centric stand out from the other pet-friendly hotel offerings out there?

We wanted a truly inclusive experience, so we allow dogs in all the public areas. Of course, there are certain areas we really can't (allow dogs) like the swimming pool or gym but for a majority of the areas at Hyatt Centric, we allow dogs.

Since travel restrictions in Hong Kong have been lifted, a lot of hotels have cancelled their dog-friendly packages. But we still want to remain a dog-friendly hotel to meet the needs of dog owners in Hong Kong.

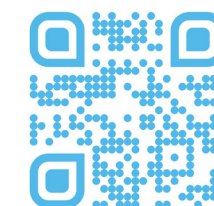
I think the price point also sets us apart - when we first launched our Dogcation package, other hotels were charging more than HK\$2,000. We wanted to make ours affordable so to start we charged HK\$999 which means "triple dogs" in Cantonese. By the way, we are also a dog-friendly office!

## What is on top of your wish list to make HK more pet-friendly/ inclusive?

In recent years, there has been a lot of improvement already. A lot of restaurants are welcoming dogs, and a lot of shopping malls as well. If you ask me what is on the top of my wish list then it would be public transport - like the MTR, the buses... again, I understand the concern that some people may not necessarily love dogs, but on one train, you could just make one of the compartments dog-friendly, and those who are afraid of dogs can avoid them. 🐾



Scan here to book your stay at Hyatt Centric Victoria Harbour Hong Kong







# pet Inclusivity Around the Globe

As pet owners, you might dream of having your dog accompany you to different social events, and Hong Kong has become more pet-inclusive in recent years - from increasing the number of Inclusive Parks for Pets to launching dog-friendly staycations - but how does Asia's world city compare to the rest of the world? Let's take a look!



## Accommodation

**Overseas:** In the UK, private landlords cannot unreasonably withhold the request from tenants to keep a pet.

**Hong Kong:** Public housing tenants under the Hong Kong Housing Authority are prohibited from keeping dogs at their premises. They may be allowed to keep small household pets such as birds and desexed cats - and only under special circumstances may dogs be allowed in public housing, subject to approval by the Housing Authority. We hope there can be new pilot schemes that allow dog owners to reside in public housing in the future so that we can continue to see dog ownership increase in Hong Kong, similar to the significant increase in cat adoption when the new policy was introduced in 2005.



## Essential Services

**Overseas:** Some countries permit pets to accompany their owners as they visit banks, hospitals and other essential services.

**Hong Kong:** Currently our own pets are not able to visit us in hospital but Animals Asia recognises the benefits of an animal-assisted therapy programme and their registered therapy "Dr Dogs" visit hospitals, elderly homes, centres for people with special needs, orphanages and schools. In May 2023, a leading domestic bank in Hong Kong opened its first dog-friendly branch in Hysan Avenue, which offers a designated pet-friendly waiting area in both the banking hall and the lobby of its prestige banking centre. Amenities such as pet waste bins, air purifiers and pet wipes are also available to keep customers and pets comfortable while they wait. We hope more banks and essential services will follow suit.



## Commercial Premises

**Overseas:** Dogs have long been allowed to accompany their owners to restaurants, shopping malls and selected hotels in countries such as the UK, United States and Europe.

**Hong Kong:** Only recently have dogs been allowed into certain "dog-friendly" shopping malls and hotels. Albeit, some may have strict rules such as requiring dogs to be in carriers or strollers when entering the premises, though this is still a step in the right direction.

Presently, Hong Kong's Cap 132 is a barrier to letting dogs enter a restaurant, regardless of whether outdoor seating is available. However, it was announced on 21 February 2024 that the Environment and Ecology Bureau, along with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, are considering the feasibility of relaxing restrictions on dogs from entering food premises. The review process is estimated to take approximately one year.



## Public Transportation

**Overseas:** Dogs in South Korea, Japan and the United States are permitted to travel the train system so long as they are kept in a crate or carrier, with dogs in the UK being allowed on both the National Rail and Underground so long as they are kept on a leash or in a carrier, and not a nuisance to other passengers.

**Hong Kong:** The MTR Corporation welcomed Animals Asia's Dr Dogs to ride the MTR for the first time ever on International Dog Day (26 August 2023). Although dogs were required to be carried in a carrier, we hope that this shows Hong Kong is on the right track to more pet-friendly transportation options in the near future. 🐾

## Buddy Bites

Homegrown doggie kibble company, Buddy Bites, was launched in 2020 by two dog-loving friends, Chris and Ryan. The subscription-based brand gives back to the community by donating 1kg of their kibbles to local animal shelters for every 2kg purchased and has already donated over two million meals across nine different animal shelters. The kibble brand has also recently expanded their scope to Singapore to help more dogs in need.

📍 [buddybites.dog](https://buddybites.dog)



## The Furry Project

This Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks' project is solving a huge pain point of pet owners and turning it into something pawisitive by collecting your pet's fur and turning it into an animal-friendly and 100% biodegradable fibre. There are over 300 fur drop-off points available including the SPCA, Whiskers N Paws, designated 7-elevens, Woofmagic and Pricerite.

📍 [furry.io](https://furry.io)



## Furry Green

Furry Green upcycles food resources and turns them into nutritious pet meals - 'rescuing food for rescued animals' is how they like to put it. This homegrown social enterprise promotes sustainability and helps reduce food waste by sourcing local human grade food that would have otherwise gone to waste.

📍 [furrygreenhk](https://furrygreenhk.com)



## Invisible Company

This sustainable packaging company (invisible-company.com), founded by husband and wife Flavien and Devana, aims to preserve our beautiful countryside by creating a truly biodegradable, compostable and dissolvable packaging to tackle the growing waste problem. Their water-soluble dog poop bags are a pawsonal favourite, dissolving at 65°C, environmentally safe and flushable!

📍 [invisiblecompany\\_](https://invisiblecompany.com)



## Hidden Gems

Hong Kong's first zero-waste pet store first popped up at The Mills in Tsuen Wan, and recently opened a store in Sai Ying Pun, offering a refillery of freeze-dried and dehydrated snacks all made in-house. Simply bring along your own container and top up on all of your dog's favourite treats, and pay by the gram. Hidden Gems are also committed to giving back to the community and buyers can choose to add HK\$5 to their purchase to donate to a local shelter.

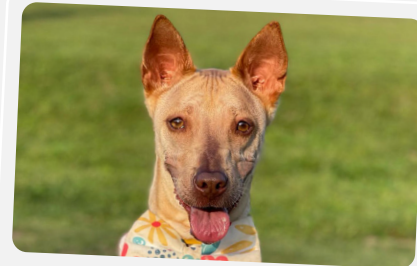
📍 [hiddengemshk](https://hiddengemshk.com)

Have you got a cool 'Social Pawject'? Share it with the community by emailing [community@spca.org.hk](mailto:community@spca.org.hk)



## Meet the Pet-ployees

at **鴻福堂**  
**HUNG FOOK TONG**



Age: 5 years old  
Gotcha date: 2020  
Title: Counsellor

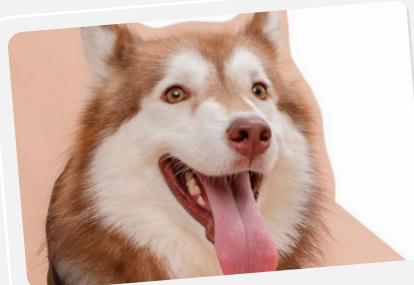
**Job responsibilities:** I provide free therapy sessions to my colleagues if they face challenges at work

**Paid in:**  
Hiking trips and lots of running on the grass on my days off

*"I CAN'T WAIT TO PLAY WITH MY TWO LITTLE BROTHERS AT HOME AFTER WORK"*

Cashew

When the SPCA launched "Bring Your Dog to Work" last October, Hung Fook Tong got in touch as they were one of the pioneers to promote pet-friendly policies in the workplace.



Age: 4.5 years old  
Gotcha date: 2022  
Title: Intern at Human Resources

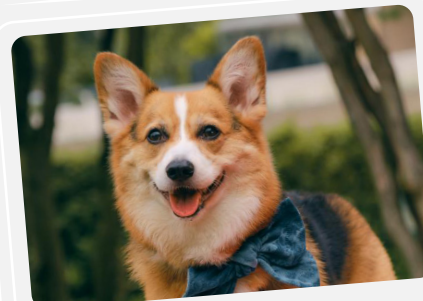
**Job responsibilities:** I keep my mum company in meetings and play with other pet-employees to keep them entertained

**Paid in:**  
Playtime with mum

*"PLAYING IN THE OFFICE IS THE BEST, BUT I WILL BE THERE FOR MUM DURING HR MEETINGS."*

Choco

Their journey started in August 2022 when they had their first "PAWsome Pet-friendly Day" and encouraged staff to bring their children and pets to work. Not only did it help create a family-friendly environment, but it also helped boost employee morale and engagement. Hung Fook Tong pet-employees even have their own staff cards!



Age: 6 years old  
Gotcha date: 2017  
Title: Food taster

**Job responsibilities:** Taste all the treatos (with mum's permission) and make my humans buy them all

**Paid in:**  
Endless supply of treatos

*"ASK MY MUM BEFORE YOU BRIBE ME WITH TREATOS."*

Ted



Age: 12 years old  
Gotcha date: 2011  
Title: The Fun Maker

**Job responsibilities:** Play with kids, spread joy and pawstive vibes

**Paid in:**  
Pets - and lots of them!

*"I LOVE KIDS, COME PET ME!"*

FiFi

This April, the company will take the event to the next level by collaborating with the SPCA, and we hope more corporates will join the movement to make pet inclusivity a reality in our workplace. Drop us a note at [community@spca.org.hk](mailto:community@spca.org.hk) to find out more. 🐾

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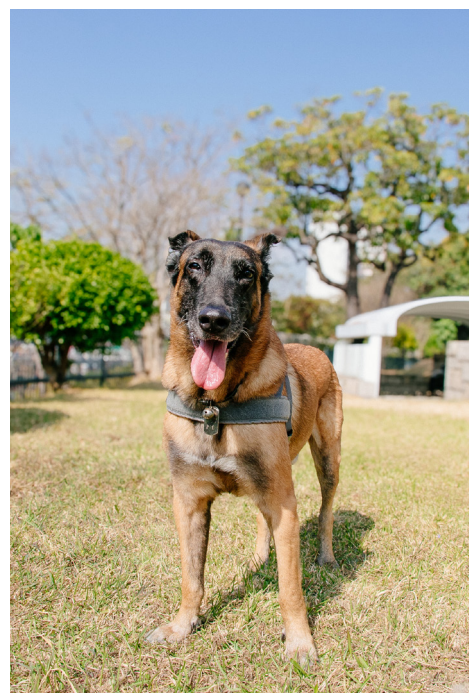
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## Happy Ever After – A Big Boy with a Gentle Soul



(Dog: Left to right) Nine-year-old Ma Bak, 12-year-old Lup Lup and 17-year-old Dai Lo are enjoying their twilight years at Jacky and Boey's loving home.



Underneath the powerful exterior, Ma Bak is a child at heart.

"Which dog has stayed at the adoption centre the longest? We will visit that one first." A simple question from Boey and her husband Jacky transformed the life of then eight-year-old Malinois, Fire, who had been awaiting adoption at the SPCA for two years.

"Fire was abandoned in an empty apartment without water and food. When rescued by the inspectors, he was emaciated and his fur was covered in faeces. It broke our hearts," Boey said.

Unfortunately, people think Malinois are too big and hard to control. Therefore, Fire was never on top of the list. "Puppies are lovely and popular. So, let us give a home to those less wanted," said Boey.

In 2022, Fire was finally adopted by Boey and Jacky who renamed him as Ma Bak (a name of a character from a famous Cantonese movie). Ma Bak also became a new sibling to poodle Dai Lo (meaning 'big brother' in Cantonese), and Dolly, a mongrel who made headlines for seeking shelter from the pouring rain inside a West Rail train. She was rescued by the inspectors and adopted by Boey and Jacky.

People think Malinois are aggressive but it's only a misconception. "Ma Bak loves belly rubs and rarely barks," said Jacky.

"His sneeze is the loudest," Boey said with a laugh. "He also loves to be hugged by children but we always watch closely."



Fire and another Malinois, Wu Tsui (PN 492137), were rescued together. Wu Tsui is still waiting for a home at the Wan Chai Centre.

After Dolly passed away, grandmother's 12-year-old poodle Lup Lup, moved to live with Ma Bak. Boey and Jacky often joke about how their three pets have turned their home into a care home for senior dogs.

As for animals still waiting for a home at the SPCA, Boey and Jacky renew their membership yearly to support them. "Although life membership is a real bargain as you only need to pay once in your life, we still choose to renew our membership each year to support the daily and medical expenses of animals," Boey said.



Ma Bak joined the Holiday Pet Macaron Workshop held by the Membership Department last year to help support rescue animals at the SPCA.

"Ma Bak was well taken care of and treated by the vets at the SPCA when he was still at the adoption centre. By becoming members, Ma Bak can continue to be treated by the same veterinarian team. Last year, we booked the boarding service at the Wan Chai Centre for Ma Bak before we went to Australia. We had a worry-free trip knowing Ma Bak loved the SPCA environment and medical support would be provided to Ma Bak if anything urgent came up," Jacky said.

"It's really meaningful to be a member of the SPCA because every dollar we spend on the services can help rescue animals like Ma Bak," Jacky added. 🐾

Have you adopted from the SPCA and want to share your experience?  
Email us at [happyeverafter@spca.org.hk](mailto:happyeverafter@spca.org.hk)

Join us now



## Connecting with our Members

To celebrate the efforts of all animal lovers and express our deepest gratitude, our Membership Department introduced Appreciation Weeks in October last year to celebrate different groups of animal heroes each week. We also offered a range of fun-filled activities for everyone and their furry friends to join!

### Photography Session and Pet Photography Master Class 15 Oct 2023

Participants captured their pets on camera under the tutelage of renowned photographer and director Terence Pang - Hong Kong Photojournalist & Cinematographer.



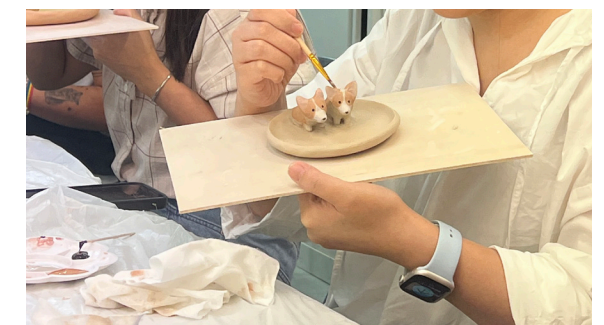
### Holiday Pet Macaron Workshop 4-5, 11 & 18 Nov 2023

Ahead of Christmas, PET MEALER hosted workshops to teach pet owners how to make pet-friendly macarons with edible Christmas decorations on top for a festive touch.



### Animal Ceramic Plate Workshop 4-5 Nov 2023

GOOD EVENING CERAMICS led this workshop to teach pet owners how to capture the likeness of their pets in 3D or 2D form.







## Pet Appreciation Photo Contest 9 Oct - 30 Nov 2023 Winners Announced

Here are the long-awaited results :



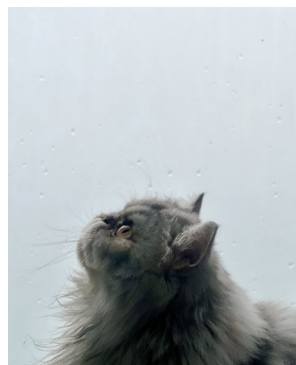
**Champion**  
**Brotherly Love**  
- Carrie Cheung



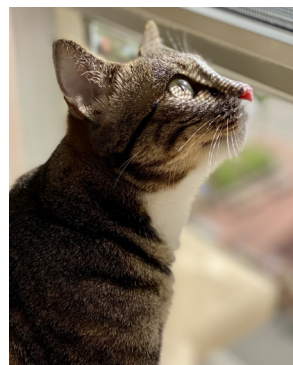
**1st Runner-up**  
**Love and Goodbyes**  
- Jon Jon De Guzman Binalay



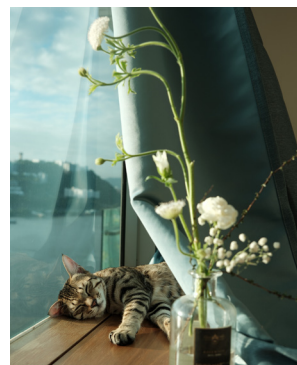
**2nd Runner-up**  
**I supaw u**  
- Liang Jingwen



**4th Place**  
**Approaching Rain**  
- Tse Yat Chi

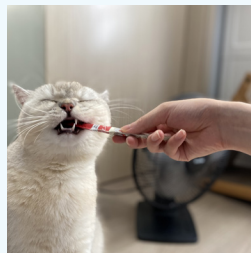


**5th Place**  
**Charming...**  
- Cheung Miu Chun Edith



**6th Place**  
**Accompanied by Flowers and the Sea**  
- Lau Hiu Wun

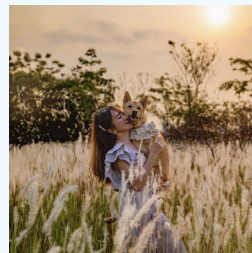
### Commendation Award



**Eating Tom Cat**  
- Hui Suet Wing



**Simple & Blissful**  
- Cheung Lok Yee



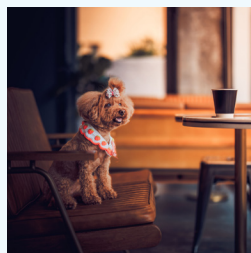
**Embrace Blissfulness**  
- Au Hin Ting



**Fascination**  
- Yeung Chun Yin



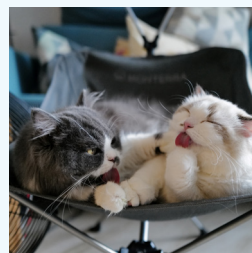
**Love Multiplies**  
- Li Charlie



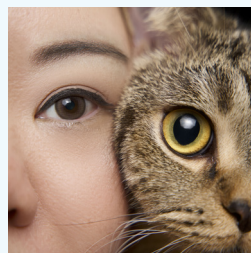
**Cafe. Waiting. For Someone.**  
- Tsiu Siu Man



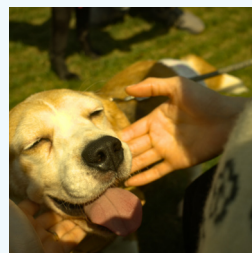
**My Boss "MoMo"**  
- Lau Ka Yan



**Inseparable Pads And Fur**  
- Lee Chi Wai



**Unconditional Love!**  
- Ho Tsz Ching



**You were my good day :)**  
- Leung Wun Ki

Special thanks to our judging panel including President of the SPCA, Gigi Fu, world's top 10 wedding photographer, CM Leung, photojournalist and cinematographer, Terence Pang, and pet and family photographer, Cass Shing-Biegala. 🐾

## Exclusive Privileges for All SPCA Members

The SPCA membership grants you access to our veterinary services, boarding, grooming and other pet-related services at our centres. On top of that, you are also eligible for exclusive discounts on selected merchants - below are just a few!

Scan this code or visit our website to become a member. 🐾

Member benefits



Join us now



### Origami Kids Cafe

Enjoy 10% off and free babyccino for kids when making a reservation online by mentioning "SPCA 10% off offer" under "Notes and requests" when booking.

Applicable from Monday to Friday (except public holidays).

The restaurant has specific opening hours and requires reservation in advance.

📍 Shop N305, 3/F, Zone N, Kai Tak Cruise Terminal, 33 Shing Fung Road, Kowloon Bay

☎ 6063 7470

Scan to book:



### CAFÉ AU LAIT

Just present your valid SPCA membership card before ordering to enjoy the exclusive 10% discount.

📍 Shop G27, Regency Bay, 23 Hoi Wong Road, Tuen Mun

☎ 3480 9886



### La Patisserie Bazi

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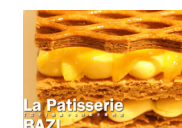
#### 📍 Kwun Tong Store:

Room 511, 5/F, Block B, Hoi Luen Industrial Centre, 55 Hoi Yuen Road, Kwun Tong  
Business Hour: 12:00 - 19:00 (Monday to Sunday)

#### 📍 Wan Chai Store:

87, Hennessey Road A1&A2, Wan Chai  
Business Hours: 11:00 - 20:00 (Monday to Sunday)

The above offers are valid until 30 June 2024.

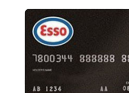
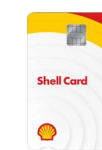


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### Uincandle/ The Breeze Studio

Bring a friend to join the same workshop at Uincandle to enjoy 5% off. Booking can be made via direct messaging on the website with a photo of your valid membership card.

What's more? Get 10% off on purchases of HK\$200 or above at The breeze studio e-Shop on the Uincandle website.

Enter promo code "spca10" and upload a photocopy of your membership card before checking out.

The above offers are valid until 30 June 2024.



### YHA Bradbury Jockey Club Tai Mei Tuk Youth Hostel

Enjoy 15% off on YHA Bradbury Jockey Club Tai Mei Tuk Youth Hostel's Dog Friendly Package 2.0. Each dormitory can accommodate up to one dog weighing 30 kg or up to three dogs with a combined weight of 30kg (no breed restrictions).

📍 66 Tai Mei Tuk Road, Taipo, New Territories

✉ info@yha.org.hk

☎ 2788 1638



The above offer is valid until 31 December 2024.



### Apple Storage

Enjoy an extra 5% discount on top of Apple Storage's special offers. Learn More:

🌐 www.applestorage.com.hk

☎ 8208 9822

The above offer is valid until 31 December 2024.





### "Furrever Missed" Healing Art Workshop 29 October & 17 December

Sponsored by **Never Too Old to Love, Mr. Lee**

The session started with a small group sharing facilitated by Ms. Tang, counsellor from Comfort Care Concern Group, where our participants worked through their grief in a supportive atmosphere. This was followed by the art jamming portion of the workshop, led by art instructor CC Wong. The completed paintings, when put side by side, formed a colourful and meaningful rainbow!

We would like to thank all participants again for joining us, as well as Ms. Tang from Comfort Care Concern Group and art instructor CC Wong. We would also like to express our gratitude to Mr. Lee for sponsoring the "Never Too Old To Love" programme, allowing the SPCA to provide support to those going through pet loss. Learn more about "Never Too Old To Love": <https://petloss.sPCA.org.hk>



### Bring Your Dog to Work Launched October

Since the launch of Bring Your Dog to Work last October, we have been busy providing educational information for this furry debate. Thank you to the American Chamber of Commerce for providing the venue for our first info session, and to our sponsors Whiskers N Paws, WALKY and PET-A-HOOD. It has been a great pleasure to see different types of corporations enjoying the company of dogs at the workplace, including Ergon Global and the Executive Centre, to name a few.



### KnitterKnutter Pet's Bed workshop 3, 23, 30 December

We invited KnitterKnutter to teach us the art of crafting handmade knitted pet beds. Using soft and cosy materials, the bed was a perfect gift for our furry friends to always stay warm and comfortable. It's a good way for owners to show appreciation to their furry friends.



### Seaside Pet Chill Christmas Carnival 16 - 26 December

We celebrated the winter festivities with one of the largest pet-friendly Christmas carnivals in Hong Kong, with over 40 stalls of exquisite International cuisines and lifestyle products. We also saw live music performances by Zeno Koo, Manson Cheung, boy group Match, as well as girl groups XiX and EOS.

Through the sales of FOR THE LOVE OF DOG's limited edition Christmas cards and thanks to the fund matching by the Bubble Lee Fund, we were able to raise nearly HK\$100,000 for SPCA's Cinderella Vet Medical Fund.



### Adoption Date Christmas Street Pawty at One Woof Club 16 December

Thank you to all who joined us at our Adoption Date Christmas Street Party! We had fun teaching the community to make upcycled dog tug toys and exploring the pet-friendly Sheung Wan neighbourhood. Special thanks to One Woof Club for hosting us, and the wonderful hospitality at Kahu Cafe. 🐾



To keep up to date with our upcoming events, scan

\*All proceeds from our events go towards the medical and daily expenses of our rescue animals at the SPCA.



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**SPCA's Top Picks: Home Sweet Home**

**There's no place like home, so why not make it the cosiest abode in town?  
Here are a few of our top picks to help your pet feel settled.**

\*Please check with your veterinary surgeon for the right preventives tailored for your pet's lifestyle



**Smart Pet Food Feeder (Big Eye) (HK\$1,100)**

The 3.6L storage smart pet feeder is easy to set up and can be linked to an app to control the feeding regularity and quantity. The device is also equipped with a 1080p HD night vision and 165 degree ultra-wide angle camera, so you can watch the delivery of the food and your pets as they tuck in.

**Infrared Wireless Water Fountain (HK\$575)**

This 2.2L infrared wireless water fountain provides fresh and oxygen-enriched water with a sensor mode that will activate when your pet comes within one metre of the fountain. To ensure freshness, the fountain operates every two hours and has three layers of microfibre-activated carbon filters to remove harmful substances such as heavy metals, chlorine, and impurities.

**Busy Buddy Barnacle / Squeak n Treat Troog (HK\$100 - \$180\*)**

The Busy Buddy toys are a great enrichment activity designed to level up snack time, fight boredom and (like the name suggests) keep your buddy busy! Both toys have three compartments that can hold your choice of filler such as kibble, treats or even peanut butter!

The best part is that the toys are made of heavy duty rubber to withstand the toughest chewers, and is also dishwasher safe.  
\*Price varies according to size.



**Calmer Canine (HK\$1,880)**

If your pup suffers from severe anxiety and struggles to settle at home, you may want to book a consultation with our Senior Behavioural Support Technician, Lily Leung (2232 5531)! If deemed suitable, your dog could benefit from Assisi Animal Health's latest technology, Calmer Canine, along with a behavioural modification programme as prescribed by our consultant. The device delivers targeted pulsed electromagnetic field (tPEMF) signals to the area of the brain responsible for causing the symptoms of anxiety, returning the brain to a more balanced emotional state.



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# FUNdraiser! Support our animal welfare work for the SPCA!

The SPCA relies heavily on the generous donations of the public to operate and sustain our ongoing animal welfare work as we only get 1% of funding from the Government. Luckily, we have some very creative supporters who have found a way to put the fun back into fundraising.

### Reframing Fundraising

Four highschool seniors from Hong Kong International School (HKIS) co-founded artist collective, Renato HK, with the purpose of raising funds for charities. The students create unique prints and digital collectibles under the theme of the beneficiary charities and auction them off at galas - the first of which sold 99 copies of their artworks. A total of HK\$334,200 was raised and split across four charities, of which HK\$70,000 was donated to the SPCA.



### Pawty at Thirsty Shaker

Following a rather successful fundraiser at the pet-friendly cocktail bar, Thirsty Shaker, last May, where Sandeep Hathiramani and his adopted corgi, Archie, donated 50 percent of drink sales to the SPCA for our rescue animals, Sandeep and Archie invited four guest bartenders - Minnie Wong, Jerry C, Birdie Tang and Nicole Ng - to create their own unique cocktail. A total of HK\$14,000 was raised for the SPCA.



### St. Margaret's World Animal Day

600 students from St. Margaret's celebrated World Animal Day (4 October) with a day of educational talks, games, workshops and fundraising activities to learn about animal welfare. Overall, the event managed to raise HK\$30,153 for the SPCA animals and welfare initiatives.



### An Ultra Fundraiser

Our previous Executive Committee member and long-time supporter, Derek Kwik, ran an impressive 220 km ultra-marathon through the jungles of Cambodia from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap on 3 to 8 December, raising HK\$7,000 (and still counting)! What's more impressive is that this was his 16th multi-day ultra-marathon on behalf of the SPCA. That's 4,000 km of running to highlight animal welfare!



### Christmas Pet Enrichment Toy Workshop

This educational workshop taught parents and kids how to create a snuffle mat or cardboard toy for dogs and cats. By the end of the workshop, not only did our rescue animals receive some new toys for Christmas, but a total of HK\$11,900 was raised for their daily and medical expenses!



### Tuen Mun IVE Christmas Carnival

On 6 December, a total of 80 students attended the Tuen Mun IVE Christmas Carnival. The SPCA had a game booth on animal rescue with seven volunteer students who helped sell special Christmas keychains on the day, and educate passers-by on the importance of animal safety and pet care. A total of HK\$1,043 was raised from the event.



### HKJC CNY Market

The SPCA was invited by the Hong Kong Jockey Club to participate in their annual Chinese New Year charity market. We were joined by six other animal welfare NGOs for an afternoon of charity sales, featuring sustainable lifestyle brand RURI, Bespoke Pet Pods, amongst other SPCA merchandise. In one lovely afternoon, we raised over HK\$3,400.



### Royal Tug Toy Workshop

25 people and over 10 dogs joined a community workshop hosted at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club to learn how to turn their old shirts into tug toys for dogs. The event raised HK\$1,840 and participants were able to sail away with a cool new skill and tug toys for their pets.



### Best-in-Class Pet Photography with CM Leung

Renowned wedding photographer turned pet photographer, CM Leung, hosted a series of photography sessions and workshops to help owners capture portraits of their pets. 17 people and their pets were captured by the photographer and a further 29 people joined the masterclass to learn photography tips from the master himself. A total of over HK\$43,687 was raised for the SPCA.



If your school or organisation has a fundraising idea, please contact our Community Team, we are all ears  
[community@spca.org.hk](mailto:community@spca.org.hk)





We've seen Dan Dan the three-legged dog overcome her disability and even tackle some of the toughest hikes in Hong Kong. But did you know that the animal kingdom is packed with animals that have superpowers to help them survive in the wild?

### SOUND HEARING

Bats and dolphins can use sound waves to locate objects with an ability known as echolocation. It helps them detect prey and navigate their surroundings, and can help them determine the size, shape and texture of objects.

### MASTER OF DISGUISE

Some animals have the ability to change colour and blend in with their surroundings like the cuttlefish or chameleon. The cuttlefish have the added superpower enabling them to change shape as well to make them look like coral or algae.

### REGENERATION

Did you know salamanders and starfish can regrow their limbs? If a salamander is caught by a predator, it can lose its tail or a leg to trick its predator and escape, and grow it back later. The new appendage can grow back and be fully functioning within three months.

### SUPER STRENGTH

The strongest land animal in the world is the elephant. The average Asian elephant has 100,000 muscles and tendons in its trunk alone, which helps it lift up to 800 lbs!

### DEADLY PUNCH

Mantis shrimps may only be about 3.9 inches in length, but they pack a deadly punch. They can swing their arms out at 50 mph — that's roughly the same acceleration as a .22-caliber bullet, and can break glass!

If you could have a superpower, what would it be?

If you would like to find out more about school tours at the SPCA, please contact [edu@spca.org.hk](mailto:edu@spca.org.hk)

#### GAME 1:

##### HELP US FIND THE ANIMALS!

Five animals have broken free and are hiding in the building - can you help our Inspectors find them?

#### GAME 2:

##### SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

There are five differences between these two pictures - can you help us find them?

Find the answers on page 47.



你知道嗎  
DID YOU KNOW ...

99%

of our funds come from **YOU**

Your support helps our animals in need  
and make a big difference in their lives.

愛協有99%的資金全靠**你**來支持

你的支持讓我們可以幫助有需要的動物，改變牠們的命運。

很多人以為愛協是由政府全力資助，但其實若沒有大眾的慷慨捐款，  
我們免費的動物拯救和福利工作將無法持續下去。

**Contrary to popular belief, we are not funded by the government,  
and rely heavily on your generous donations to maintain our  
ongoing animal rescue and welfare work that are free of charge!**

聚少成多 Every penny counts!

\$180



能為1隻動物  
提供1劑疫苗  
can supply 1 vaccine  
dose to a rescue animal

\$380



能為2隻幼犬或3隻幼貓  
提供1星期所需奶粉  
can provide 1 week's  
supply of milk formula  
to 2 puppies or 3 kittens

\$880



能資助1隻社區狗  
或街貓的絕育手術  
can help us desex  
1 community dog  
or stray cat

請捐款幫助更多動物！  
Please donate to help more animals!



### 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

#### Cheung Chau Centre

Tung Wan, Cheung Chau  
2981 4176

#### Mui Wo Centre

Shop 14, Mui Wo Centre, Lantau Island  
2984 0060

#### Fairview Animal Welfare Centre

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

#### SPCA Jockey Club Centennial Centre (Tsing Yi Centre)

38 Cheung Fai Road, Tsing Yi, NT  
2232 5555

#### General Enquiries

2802 0501

24-hour Animal Rescue Hotline 2711 1000



#### Veterinary Services

Hong Kong Centre (Headquarters)  
Kowloon Centre  
Sai Kung Clinic  
Hang Hau Clinic  
Mui Wo Clinic  
Cheung Chau Clinic  
Yuen Long Fairview Park Centre  
Tsing Yi Centre (Veterinary services  
to be open soon)  
2802 0501



#### China Outreach Programme

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



#### Education

Talk enquiries and arrangement  
2232 5541 / 2232 5526



#### Animal Rescue and Report of Cruelty

2711 1000



#### Membership Services

Enquiries on membership status,  
benefits and activities  
2232 5548



#### Donations

2232 5536 or scan this QR code



#### Animal Sponsorship Programme

With your donation, we can provide  
animals with the much-needed medical  
treatments, food and training as they  
are awaiting adoption.  
2232 5510



#### Other Services

Lost and Found Animals  
2232 5553  
Behaviour and Training  
Courses for Dogs  
2232 5567  
Pet Boarding 2232 5501  
Pet Grooming 2232 5532  
Pet Wellness 2802 0501



#### Volunteering

Volunteer Coordination  
2232 5508  
Foster Parent Programme  
2232 5524

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- Discover our rescue animals
- Receive foster notifications



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