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ABOUT THE CAT WELFARE SOCIETY

The Cat Welfare Society was registered under the Societies Act on 23rd October 1999. It was set up by a group of people concerned about the welfare of a growing number of cats living on the streets of Singapore.

The Cat Welfare Society believes that animals are sentient beings whose lives deserve our protection and consideration. Our mission is to:

- promote tolerance, kindness and respect towards cats and other living creatures
- raise awareness about the plight of Singapore's stray cats in order to stop abuse, abandonment and neglect of cats
- provide for the well-being of cats who are sick, injured or otherwise in need
- advocate sterilization as opposed to eradication as a means of controlling the stray cat population
- promote responsible pet ownership and responsible management of stray cats
- cultivate better understanding and appreciation of cats, and
- foster better cooperation between caregivers, management councils and government authorities

The Society works closely with other organisations and individuals who care for the many stray cats on our streets. Through our education, adoption, rescue and stray cat management programmes, we hope to enhance the lives of these cats so that there will eventually be no more abuse, killing and suffering associated with life on the streets. We also organise and participate in exhibitions and events to raise awareness of the plight of our stray cats.

The Society has one full time employee, but is still run almost entirely by volunteers and does not have an office or other premises due to a lack of resources. The Society does not receive any regular funding. All the money needed for our work comes from members' subscriptions and donations, sale of Society merchandise, as well as contributions received from friends, supporters and the public. As our overheads and administrative costs are still kept at a minimum, most funds we raise go towards helping the cats.

More information about the Society and our work can be found at www.catwelfare.org. Many of the items mentioned in this report – such as newspaper and magazine articles, interviews, speeches and information on exhibitions can be viewed on our website.

The Society can be contacted by email at info@catwelfare.org or by post at Orchard PO Box 65, Singapore 912303. Our sterilisation mailbox number is 7000-CATSNIP.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2005/2006

President	Wee Liang Tong
Vice-President	Christina Eng
Treasurer	Josephine Teo
Secretary	Lillian Tan
Committee Member	Jolanda Hengst
Committee Member	Dawn Kua
Committee Member	Marcus Lee
Committee Member	Michelle Lee
Committee Member	Judith Lindley
Committee Member	Tay Sia Ping

The committee meets every month.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

In 2005, the Society decided to consolidate our efforts on promoting the one means in which we know will most benefit the community cat population – and that is through focusing on Sterilisation and Management.

We have focused on helping to set up and train groups to carry out the Singaporean version of Trap-Neuter-Return - Trap-Neuter-Return-Manage (TNRM), with a strong emphasis on Management of the community cats after Sterilisation.

While we continue our work with rehoming, and continue to look into cases of abuse, we have decided that the only way to ensure that cats have a better quality of life is through TNRM. Simply put, the fewer cats born, the fewer cats to be rehomed, and the fewer cats abused or killed.

To this end, the Society has worked with caregivers throughout Singapore to set up proper management programmes – this means the cats are fed responsibly, sterilised, returned to their communities and then managed. If complaints are received about the cats, the caregivers in the area will help to resolve these complaints so the cats do not need to be removed.

To this end, we have met with several groups of caregivers, liaised with town councils, management committees and others to work with caregivers to ensure that their cats are as safe as possible. We have also been continually carrying out Mediations to help resolve concerns about cats.

We carried out workshops for caregivers throughout the year. The workshops have been very beneficial, hopefully for the participants, and certainly for us, as they have allowed the Society to get a feel for the situation on the ground and we will use this information to formulate better policies to reflect to the authorities when the Society meets with them.

We tried our best to set up a clinic this year but due to problems with cost and manpower, and especially with the news that our volunteer Clinic Manager and Head of Sterilisations, Jolanda Hengst is leaving, our plans have been somewhat disrupted. We did carry out a number of Spay Days, which were a learning experience. We are however working on subsidies to try and alleviate the financial cost of sterilisation on caregivers, subject to certain conditions.

We will continue to work on promoting TNRM as the best means of effectively and humanely controlling the Community Cat population. We will be holding workshops throughout 2006, and are happy to hold workshops for anyone who would like to learn how to set up a TNRM programme in their estate. We will also continue to make presentations to town councils and management committees

about the benefits of a TNRM programme for the residents in their community. If you would like the Society to come to your estate to carry out a workshop, or speak with your management, please contact the Society at info@catwelfare.org.

We look forward to a better 2006 for the cats and the caregivers who look after them. We thank you for all your support and hope you will continue to work with us for the cats.

Thank you.



Huang Long
Josephine Lee
Huangst-Vervoort
Dawidka
Gwetha Lindley
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AGENDA FOR 7TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Minutes of Annual General Meetings

To confirm and adopt minutes of the 6th Annual General Meeting held on 30th March 2005.

2. Annual Report of the Committee

To receive and adopt the Annual Report for the year 2005.

3. Audited Account

To receive and adopt the audited accounts for the year ending 31st December 2005.

4. Election of 4th Management Committee.

To elect the following office bearers and ordinary committee members for the year 2006 & 2007.

- a. A President
- b. A Vice-president
- c. A Secretary
- d. A Treasurer
- e. Six Ordinary Committee Members

5. To consider, and if deemed appropriate, approve the proposed amendments to the Constitution to secure charity status for Cat Welfare Society by passing the resolution attached.

6. Any Other Business

To consider any other business as may be transacted at an Annual General Meeting of which notice has been given in writing to the Secretary.

MINUTES OF 6th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON : 30th March 2005

AT : 7:30 pm

VENUE : Purple Studio, National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre,
7 Maxwell Road, #05-01 MND Complex
Singapore 069111

As there was no quorum, the meeting began at 8 pm.

1. **Agenda**

1.1. To confirm and adopt the Minutes of the 5th Annual General Meeting.

Proposer : Lynn Yeo

Secunder : Christina Eng

1.2. To receive and adopt the annual report of the Committee

Summary of CWS' AGM Report by President Wee Liang Tong

- The President highlighted several point in the Annual Report, including the status of the Stray Cat Rehabilitation Scheme and the launch of the Society's sterilisation voice message system.
- An announcement was made about the upcoming Spay Day Clinics.
- They would run twice a week at a new hospital being set up by Dr Jean Paul Ly at Balestier Road, the Animal Referral Centre.
- There would also be a clinic at All Pets and Aqualife one Sunday a month.
- The Society was considering making it free for responsible cat feeders under certain circumstances.

The President asked if there were any clarifications required before confirming and adopting the Report.

Proposer : Josephine Teo

Secunder : Lillian Tan

1.3. To receive and adopt the audited accounts for the year ending 31st December 2003.

The Audited accounts were presented by Wee Liang Tong and were adopted.

Proposer : Marcus Lee
Secunder : Aminah Bee Razak

2.0 Any Other Business

- The President introduced the three new committee members, Lillian Tan, Marcus Lee and Michelle Lee.
- He thanked Lynn Yeo, Evelyn Toh and Serina Rahman for their service.
- He explained that Serina had to step down as she had moved abroad, and that Lynn Yeo and Evelyn Toh were stepping down after five years of service.
- He highlighted the work especially that Lynn Yeo and Evelyn Toh did as two of the original founding members of the Society.
- He also mentioned that Lillian Tan was taking over as the Society's Secretary from Serina Rahman.
- The President also mentioned that there was a need to pass a resolution to open a bank account with the OCBC Bank in order to facilitate GIRO transactions.
- The President asked the members to put this to a vote, and it was anonymously passed that the Cat Welfare Society open an account with OCBC Bank.
- Mr Tan Hwee Lye (#T0234) asked if the Society had to pay for auditors to audit the accounts.
- Director of Operations Dawn Kua explained that as the auditors were honorary auditors there was no need to do so, but that, the Society did pay \$800 to have the accounts prepared properly.
- The President also announced that the Society would be increasing Dawn's pay from \$500 to \$1000 a month.
- Aminah Bee Razak (#R0319) wanted to ask whether the Society would be putting out greeting cards which were blank on the inside.
- Committee member Josephine Teo mentioned that the Society had been offered some designs of blank cards by volunteers and that the merchandising volunteers were looking into this at the moment.
- Aminah Bee Razak also wanted to know why the website was not done.
- Director of Operations Dawn Kua explained that they were in the process of looking for a different webmaster as the last volunteer was unable to carry on and that the Society was sourcing for prices now,

as the prices they had been quoted were high at the moment.

- Committee Member Josephine Teo also showed examples of the new t-shirts to the meeting.
- Tan Hwee Lye asked that the t-shirts be produced in different sizes and was assured that there would be.
- Suggestions were made as to designs by Chen Jun Wei (C0363) and different colours by Betty Kwa (K0211).
- Committee member Josephine Teo explained.
- Janice Ong (O0065) mentioned the situation in Jalan Rumah Tinggi.
- Director of Operations Dawn Kua reminded Janice that they had spoken about this, and that the Society was prepared to help.
- Chen Jun Wei asked about whether cats adopted out were sterilised.
- Dawn explained that they were and that if they were not old enough, if they were adopted through the Society arrangements would be made to sterilise them later.
- However the Society did not have the power to stop members of the public who wished to adopt cats out.
- Vice-President Christina Eng told the members about the cat book “The Real Singapore Cat” which the Society was publishing.
- Betty Kwa wanted to remind members to cage cats up at night to prevent them from causing inconvenience to other neighbours especially on landed property.
- Dawn explained that the Society encouraged everyone to keep their cats indoors for this reason.
- Aminah Bee asked about getting discounts at The Animal Referral Centre.
- Christina Eng clarified that the Society was not affiliated with the clinic and could not get discounts there, but that the Society was being given free space to carry out their Spay Days as with All Pets and Aqualife.
- Dawn Kua also mentioned that the Society did work with several veterinary clinics and could arrange for discounts at any of the clinics the Society worked with for stray cats.

2.0 Closing of Meeting

There being no further business, the President thanked the floor for their attendance, feedback, contribution and comments.
The meeting ended at 9.05pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wee Liang Tong', with a small mark at the end.

Wee Liang Tong, President, 3rd Executive Committee

COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2005

January 18 th	:	Meeting with Namly Clinic
January 25 th	:	Mediation at Ang Mo Kio
January 26 th	:	Meeting with All Pets and Aqualife Vets Pte Ltd
January 29 th	:	Volunteer Workshop
February 21 st	:	Meeting with AVA
February 22 nd	:	Photo shoot for "The Real Singapore Cat"
February 23 rd	:	Presentation to Purina
March 4 th	:	Meeting with AVA Mediation at Upper Bukit Timah
March 10 th	:	Meeting with Animal Recovery Centre
March 24 th	:	Mediation/flyering at Sembawang Close Mediation/flyering at Ang Mo Kio Mediation/flyering at Toa Payoh
March 30 th	:	Annual General Meeting
March 31 st	:	School Talk at Anglo-Chinese Primary School
April 3 rd	:	Exhibition at the Cat Show
April 4 th	:	Meet vets to discuss Spay Day
April 5 th	:	Mediation at Condominium
April 11 th	:	Meeting with Singapore Management University's Community Service Department
April 18 th	:	Meeting with vet to discuss Spay Day
April 25 th	:	Mediation at Ang Mo Kio
May 10 th	:	Meeting with Condominium Meeting with Heartware
May 11 th	:	Mediation in Ang Mo Kio
May 13 th	:	Meeting with All Pets and Aqualife Vets Pte Ltd
May 16 th	:	School Talk at Greenview Primary School
May 18 th	:	Mediation in Ang Mo Kio
May 19 th	:	Taxis start carrying our "Save Lives, Sterilise" message
May 25 th	:	Meeting vets
May 29 th	:	Spay Day Clinic
June 2 nd	:	Mediation at Killiney Road
June 5 th	:	Conducted Trap-Neuter-Return-Manage (TNRM) workshop for East Coast Town Council volunteers
June 6 th	:	Photo shoot for "The Real Singapore Cat"
June 8 th	:	Meeting with Production house to help film children's Programme

June 9 th	:	Meeting Jurong Town Council
June 10 th	:	Photo shoot for "The Real Singapore Cat"
June 16 th	:	Meeting with East Coast Town Council
June 20 th	:	Meeting with the people from Animal People
June 21 st	:	Interview with 93.8 Live
June 22 nd – 24 th	:	Attended Asia for Animals
June 28 th	:	Meeting Habbo Hotel team
June 29 th	:	Conducted TNRM workshop at a temple
June 30 th	:	SMU Exhibition
July 1 st	:	SMU Exhibition
July 3 rd	:	Spay Day Clinic
July 5 th	:	Filmed Neil Gaiman on short clip on Sterilisation
July 7 th	:	Committee members Marcus & Michelle Lee in Straits' Times Urban section
July 11 th	:	Meeting of fund-raising sub-committee
July 13 th	:	Conducted Habbo Hotel session
July 17 th	:	Exhibition and Adoption drive at Feline Fancier's Cat Show
July 20 th	:	Mediation at Toa Payoh Mediation at Ang Mo Kio
July 21 st	:	Conducted Habbo Hotel session
July 22 nd	:	"The Real Singapore Cat" released
July 24 th	:	Exhibition at Woodlands CC Mediation in Woodlands
July 25 th	:	Meeting fundraising sub-committee
July 26 th	:	Conducted TNRM workshop at a condominium
July 28 th	:	Meeting with condominium to set up TNRM programme
July 29 th	:	Mediation at Upper Bukit Timah
August 5 th	:	Mediation at Upper Bukit Timah
August 8 th	:	Meeting with condominium to set up TNRM programme
August 12 th	:	Talk at St Theresa's Convent
August 15 th	:	Meeting with vet
August 16 th	:	Interview with Youth.sg
August 19 th	:	Talk at Republic Polytechnic Mediation at Holland Avenue
August 30 th	:	Mediation at Holland Avenue Photo shoot for Millionaire Magazine
September	:	Committee member Jolanda Hengst featured in Dare Magazine
September 1 st	:	Adopted as Tomorrow.sg's Charity Filming of Trap-Neuter-Return video

September 2 nd	:	Mediation at Tampines
September 6 th	:	Visit to Alley Cat Allies, Maryland, USA
September 8 th –10 th	:	Attended Conference for Homeless Animal Management Policy, Anaheim, California, USA
September 12 th	:	Filming for Children’s documentary
September 19 th	:	Visit to Shenandoah Valley Spay/Neuter Clinic, Virginia, USA
September 23 rd	:	Visit to Alley Cat Allies, Maryland, USA
October 6 th	:	Meeting with condominium about TNRM programme
October 8 th	:	Talk at the Zoo
October 11 th	:	Mediation at Ang Mo Kio
October 21 st	:	Meeting with Ang Mo Kio Town Council
October 24 th	:	Meeting with school about setting up TNRM programme
October 25 th	:	Meeting with Purina
October 26 th	:	Meeting with Fundraising and IT volunteers
October 30 th	:	Spay Day Clinic Took part in World Animal Day celebrations at Bishan Park
November 8 th	:	Mediation at Clementi
November 10 th	:	Mediation at Condominium
November 14 th	:	Mediation at apartment complex
November 15 th	:	Meeting with website volunteers
November 16 th	:	Mediation in Tampines
November 17 th	:	Meeting with website volunteers
November 18 th	:	Mediation in Ang Mo Kio
November 19 th	:	Interview with RSI
November 20 th	:	CWS Get together and party
November 23 rd	:	Flying in Whampoa in response to attack on community cat Mediation at Bukit Batok
November 26 th –27 th	:	Exhibited at AVA Responsible Pet Ownershop Road Show and took part in Adoption drive
November 28 th	:	Joint letter from CWS and Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) in response to Tampines Town Councils posters against feeding of cats
November 28 th	:	Meeting with SPCA
November 29 th	:	Meeting with vet clinic
December 5 th –6 th	:	Attended Seminar on Re-angling your Press Release for Different Media
December 5 th	:	Meeting with Ang Mo Kio Town Council
December 14 th –19 th	:	Christmas Auction on Ebay
December 15 th	:	Meeting with Jurong Town Council

December 22nd : Conducted TNRM Workshop in Woodlands
December 23rd : Interviewed for Channel News Asia segment on
Kidney transplants in cats

OUR ACTIVITIES

Trap-Neuter-Return-Manage Programmes

We met with the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) twice in 2005, but without any concrete plans to bring back the Stray Cat Rehabilitation Scheme. We have since met with the Ministry of National Development in 2006 and talks are currently on-going.

The Society decided that in the meantime, it would be a good idea to start Trap-Neuter-Return-Manage (TNRM) programmes across the island to support caregivers who are able to sterilise and manage their cats properly. To this end, we ran a number of TNRM workshops to teach caregivers how to feed the cats responsibly, how to sterilise and then manage the cat population so that complaints are dealt with and the cats can remain where they are.

The Society also filmed a short video teaching people how to trap, which is currently waiting to be edited. The Society also managed to ask visiting writer Neil Gaiman to film a short message on the importance of sterilisation.

1. Meeting with AVA, March 4th 2005

Committee Member Jolanda Hengst and Director of Operations, Dawn Kua, met with the AVA to discuss working together to manage the community cat population through sterilization.

2. Conducted TNRM workshop for volunteers in East Coast Town Council, June 5th 2005

Jolanda and Dawn met with volunteers from East Coast Town Council to teach them how to start a TNRM programme in their estate. The session was well attended by around twenty volunteers who had many questions to ask about TNRM. It was also a good opportunity for the caregivers to get to meet other volunteers in their own estates and to see how they might be able to help each other.

3. Conducted TNRM workshop at a temple, June 29th 2005

Jolanda and Dawn met with the volunteers to set up the TNRM programme at a temple. The volunteers are now managing the colony with the auspices of the temple management. Thank you to Yap Ching Wi and Tan Chek Wee for making the workshop possible.

4. Conducted TNRM workshop at a Condominium, July 28th 2005

Jolanda and Dawn met with residents at a condominium to show them the basics of a TNRM programme.

Adoption and Fostering

The Society's website, where members of the public can post their cats for adoption found homes for an average of 30 cats a month. Volunteer Sophia Tan is handling all the postings of cats on the adoption board. Thank you to Sophia and Dell Chan who work on the adoption board on the website. The volunteers have noted that the number of fosters and adopters using the adoption board have increased, with adoptions rising.

Due to the lack of response for adoption drives, and the fact that some kittens were abandoned at our drives, we decided to suspend our regular adoption drives. We were however invited to a few adoption drives which we took part in. Information on the number of cats adopted at the adoption drives was not submitted in time to be included in this report.

Conferences

The Society took part in two conferences in 2005, one in Singapore and one abroad.

1. *Asia for Animals, June 22nd – 24th 2005*

The Society took part in Asia for Animals, which brought together animal welfare groups and organizations from all over the world, but specifically from Asia. The conference, organized by Animal Concerns Research and Education Society (ACRES) involved three days of talks and the chance to meet and interact with other organizations from around the world. There were talks on different aspects including fundraising and legislation in different countries.

President Wee Liang Tong gave a Presentation, and Dawn was the chairperson of the panel on Stray Cat Management. Jolanda and Committee Member Judith Lindley also attended the conference.

Liang Tong and Dawn also met the people from Animal People newsletter who flew into town for the conference and showed them a colony of cats being managed by a responsible caregiver.

2. *Conference for Homeless Animal Management Policy (CHAMP), California, USA, September 8th – 10th 2005*

Committee Member Michelle Lee and Dawn Kua attended the conference for the second year running. Michelle and Dawn met several of the people who attended Asia for Animals, and it was good to see familiar faces.

Topics that were of interest this year included sessions on early age spay-neutering, whereby animals are done at two to three months old. This prevents them from having litters because they cannot be caught in time. Two very experienced veterinarians in Early Age Spay Neuter surgery, Dr Marvin Mackie and Dr Jeff Young, described their techniques at the conference. There were also sessions on finding lost cats. Michelle and Dawn were also able to view the Neuter-Scooter Mobile van that was driven down for the conference. Michelle also attended sessions on fundraising.

Michelle and Dawn paid for their own travel expenses and the conference organizer sponsored their accommodation and conference fees.

The Society would like to thank Pet Savers Foundation, Spay Virginia, Kim Bartlett, Merritt Clifton and Teresa Dockery for all their support and help in enabling Michelle and Dawn to attend the Conference.

Education and Public Awareness

The Society changed the focus of the education talks during the course of the year to creating awareness of Sterilisation and the importance of cat management. For that reason, the Society will no longer be giving talks to Primary Schools and will focus on the older students.

There are other Societies giving talks about being kind to animals and the Society does not wish to replicate their fine efforts. We would like to encourage students to learn about the importance of proper cat management – too many healthy cats are being killed every day not due to accidents or abuse, but due to the birth of unwanted cats.

Older students are in a better position to get their pets sterilized, and may be able to volunteer in TNRM programmes in their own estate.

We also took part in different activities to reach out to young people, including the use of Internet portals such as the Habbo Hotel.

We also published our first book, The Real Singapore Cat.

1. Exhibitions

Exhibition at Singapore Management University, June 30th – July 1st 2005

The Society took part in the Community Service Fair along with different welfare organizations and other groups.

Exhibition and Adoption Drive at AVA's Responsible Pet Ownership Road Show, November 26th – 27th 2005

The Society and several other animal welfare organizations were invited to the Pet Ownership Road Show. The theme of the show was Sterilisation and to encourage people to sterilise their pets.

2. *In the Media*

Urban Magazine, July 7th 2005

Committee members, Marcus & Michelle Lee were featured in the Straits Times Urban Lifestyle section and talked about the Society and their cat.

Dare Magazine, September 2005

Committee Member, Jolanda Hengst was featured as one of four women who have causes that they work for. Jolanda spoke of her work with the Society, and focused on TNRM.

Interview with RSI, November 19th 2005

Dawn was interviewed about the Society's work on Radio Singapore International which broadcasts throughout the region.

Joint letter with SPCA to Forum Page, November 28th 2005

The Society and the SPCA sent in a joint letter to protest posters that had been put up saying that feeding cats was illegal and that Tampines Town Council wanted a stray free estate.

3. *Talks*

Habbo Hotel Talks, July 13th and 21st 2005

The Society took our talks onto the Internet this year. An online portal known as Habbo Hotel invited the Society to give talks on their Habbo bus on two occasions.

Dawn conducted several sessions on two days and “spoke” to more than 100 people in all, most of whom were young people about Community Cats and the importance of Sterilisation.

Thank you to the Habbo Hotel team for allowing us an opportunity to reach out to your participants in a unique way!

Talk at St Theresa’s Convent, August 12th 2005

Dawn and Marcus went to St Theresa’s Convent to talk about the importance of Sterilisation to their pupils.

Talk at Singapore Polytechnic, August 19th 2005

Marcus, Michelle and Dawn went down to Singapore Polytechnic where Marcus spoke to the students about working with community cats.

4. Presentations and Meetings

The Society continued to meet several condominium managements and other management bodies to ask them to implement TNRM programmes. We noticed that more condominiums approached the Society for more information on setting up programmes in 2005 and started their own cat cafes.

The Society also accompanied volunteers who wanted us to meet with their town councils with them.

We also conducted workshops for volunteers who wanted to set up programmes in their estates.

We also met with several veterinarians to speak with them about starting Spay Day Clinics and to enlist their support for the clinics (more about Spay Day Clinics below).

5. Save Lives, Sterilise!

One hundred Comfort taxis carrying the Society’s message to “Save Lives, Sterilise” were driving across the island from May to December 2005. The distinctive signboard with a tipped ear orange cat attracted attention and had people e-

mailing us about the taxis. Thank you to Moove Media for sponsoring the space and contributing the design!

6. *The Real Singapore Cat*

The Society also printed our first photograph book about the life of Singapore community cats, entitled the Real Singapore Cat. Our intention is to show the entire life of our street cats, both the good and bad. The printing of the books was kindly sponsored by some of our volunteers and the photographs were also the hard work of volunteer photographers.

We would like to thank the following for all their help, Bernie Leow, Yeo Hong Ming, Alvin Wong and Lin Junjie of Photonx, Patrick Wong, Jeremy Ko, Ng Choong Leng, Jane Lim, Teng Ngiak Lian, Jacqueline Khoo, Yvonne Goh and Christina Eng, who edited the book.

The book is available for sale via our website at www.catwelfare.org.

Fundraising

Committee Member took over as head of fundraising in 2005 and is looking for members to join the sub-committee. The sub-committee met several times last year, but has been hampered by the volunteers' busy schedules.

1. Adopted charity of Tomorrow.sg, September 2005

Local blog site Tomorrow.sg readers voted the Society as their first adopted charity. Thank you to tomorrow.sg, everyone who voted for us and who have put banners in support of the Society on their blogs.

2. Christmas Auction on Ebay.com.sg, December 14th – 19th, 2005

The Society raised almost \$400 for items auctioned off to benefit the Society. These included two t-shirts specially autographed by the Society by writer Neil Gaiman, autographed items from Electrico, Stefanie Sun, Budak Pantai and Desiree Siahaan.

Thank you to Daniel Sassoon and Marcia Tan for procuring the items for the Society and for all the hard work and effort they put into making the auction a success!

Mediation and Liaison

The Society took an active role in continuing to help with Mediation cases all over Singapore. The Society mediated in cases in HDB estates, private estates and anywhere we were asked to help out at.

We continue to refuse to entertain anonymous complaints as we feel that this prevents effective management of the problem. We have often found that more details are needed in order to solve a problem and if we cannot ask the complainant for more feedback, this is very difficult.

The Society also came up with Mediation Flyers for distribution in estates with problems. We find that the majority of complaints actually stem from pet cats wandering and community cats being lured upstairs to be fed. As such, our flyers which are in English and Mandarin, encourage people to sterilise, and ask people to keep their pets indoors and to refrain from feeding community cats upstairs.

The Society also came up with a Mediation FAQ for people, which is available on our website. Alley Cat Allies have included the FAQ on their website, the first time that our information has been distributed by an animal welfare group outside of Singapore.

The Society also looked into bringing in cat repellents to humanely keep cats out of areas where they were not wanted and will continue to look into this in 2006.

1. *Mediation and flyering in Sembawang Close, March 24th 2005*

Vice-President Christina Eng and Dawn went to flyer a block of flats where there were complaints of cat defecation outside one of the units. Christina and Dawn distributed flyers to every unit in the block, and Christina also found evidence of cat food on one of the top floors of the block. The complainant e-mailed to say that the problem stopped after the flyering.

Rescue

The Society spent \$8,350.10 on rescue bills. The Society also launched a Special Appeals page on the website for people who might need help.

The Society also fostered a number of rescued cats that were then adopted out into good homes.

Stray Cat Management Programmes

The Society has spent much of its time over 2005 trying to set up Cat Management Programmes in different estates. We conducted four Trap-Neuter-

Return-Manage workshops across the island and intend to continue carrying out more in 2006.

The Society spent \$5621.55 on sterilizations. In addition, we ordered 100 cat traps for loan to members of the public carrying out trapping for sterilisation. We also sell the traps at cost for anyone who uses the traps for sterilisation.

The number of subsidised bookings that we help to secure for volunteers continued to rise and by end of 2005, we booked 1696 slots for volunteers. We were booking an average of 140 slots a month, with the largest numbers being booked in the last quarter of the year. We also worked with three more clinics this year.

We also worked on a Sterilisation brochure which we hope to publish in 2006. We also shot a short video on Sterilisation, but are looking for someone to edit it cheaply so that we can distribute it to volunteers.

We continued to pay for microchips for volunteers who wished to claim their trapped sterilised cats back.

Under Jolanda's guidance, we also carried out three Spay Day Clinics. However, despite the fact that it was a good experience, the cost of conducting a Spay Day was more expensive than sending the cats to be sterilized at the clinic. As such, we have stopped our Spay Days for the moment.

Thank you to all the vets and volunteers who helped out – Dr Frederic Chua, Dr Winnie Teo, Dr Cathy Chan, Dr Chionh Su Lin, Rebecca Teo, Eileen Tan, Neal McCall, Kirsten Conrad, Rebecca Ho and all at All Pets and Aqualife Clinic and Holland Village Veterinary Clinic.

Dawn also took the opportunity to visit the Spay Virginia clinic to see how they carried out quick spay-neuter surgeries when she was in the United States and dropped by Alley Cat Allies as well.

1. Spay Day Clinic, July 3rd 2006

Jolanda and volunteers Dr Cathy Chan, Dr Chionh Su-Lin and Neil McCall helped to get 7 community cats sterilized. It was a long day starting at 9 am and did not end till past 2 pm.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out.

2. Visit to the Shenandoah Valley Spay/Neuter Clinic, Virginia, USA, September 19th 2005

Dawn visited the low-cost clinic where they carry out both quick spay-neuter sterilisations (which are just essentially surgeries that are done efficiently so that more cats can be sterilised) and early age sterilisation. The clinic was started up in early 2005 and along with another clinic in the area, they sterilised 10,000 cats in 2005.

Dawn would like to thank Teresa Dockery, Spay Virginia and Cate and all at the Shenandoah Valley Spay Neuter Clinic for their help.

Staff

The Society has one full time staff, Dawn Kua, our Director of Operations. Dawn continues to work from home to keep costs low.

Dawn's salary has been partially donated by one of our members, who wishes to remain anonymous. However, the member indicated that she needed to cut the quantum of her monthly donation from June 2005 and hence the Society has made up the difference.

Volunteers

The Society is run almost entirely by volunteers except for Dawn. The Society is always in need of volunteers, especially to set up Trap-Neuter-Return-Manage groups, for fostering, transport and adoption follow up.

1. *Volunteer Workshop, 29th January 2005*

The Society carried out a volunteer workshop to show the different aspects of work that the Society did. Different groups were taught about TNRM, adoptions, Education and the work the Society does.

Website

The Society had some volunteers working on our website in 2005 and we are hoping to have a new website by 2006.

We also launched our Lost and Found page – and have had a number of requests to put up notices on the website.

Working with other Organisations

Animal Welfare and Environmental Organisations

The Society would like to thank all the animal and environmental organizations for their friendship, support and help throughout the year.

Private Vet Clinics

The Society is grateful to all the private vet clinics who have provided subsidised rates for community cats brought in for medical treatment and sterilisation. We would like to thank All Pets and Aqualife Vets Pte Ltd, Animal Clinic and its branches, Animal Recovery Centre, Clinic for Pets, Four Paws Clinic, Holland Village Veterinary Clinic, Mount Pleasant and all its branches, Joyous Vet, Pet Resource Centre, SJL Veterinary Consultancy, Vet Practice.

Other Matters

The Society is grateful for the sponsorship received from companies and individuals who can be found at the back of this report.

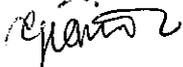
**AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF CAT WELFARE SOCIETY**

We have audited the financial statements of the Cat Welfare Society for the year ended 31st December 2005. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's executive committee. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Singapore Standards on Auditing. These Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the Societies Act and Statements of Accounting Standard and so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society as of 31st December 2005 and of the cash flows of the Society for the period ended on that date.

Gilian Kwa
Honourary Auditor


27th March 2006

Julie Lee
Honourary Auditor



**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005**

	\$
Income	
Membership Subscriptions	16,620.00
Donations	60,306.54
Society Merchandise Sale	10,447.30
Interest Income	0.31
Miscellaneous Income	14.50
Gross Income	87,388.65
Cost of Sale (Purchases)	11,056.75
Net Income	76,331.90
Operating Expenses	
Education	9,898.65
Rescue	8,350.10
Cat Adoption	283.60
Sterilisation	5,621.55
Cat Food	11,390.38
Cat Litter	5,086.05
Transport	835.00
Cat Equipment	7,681.25
Administrative Expenses	
Accounting	1,000.00
Bank Charges	187.41
Postage	1,446.24
Printing & Stationery	942.13
Registrations, Licences	578.47
Staff – Salaries	9,000.00
Staff – CPF	968.00
Staff Benefits	1,218.00
Telecom Expenses	147.00
Internet Related Expenses	836.40
General Expenses	688.00
Refreshment	247.65
Penalty/Late Charges	200.00
Income Tax	7.47
Total Expenses	66,613.35
Surplus/(Deficit)	9,718.55
Add : Fund Balance from Year 2004	35,660.90
Fund Balance at End 2005	45,379.45

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2005

	\$
Current Assets	
Cash at Bank	45,892.95
Deposits Paid	322.00
Total Assets	46,214.95
Current Liabilities	
Accruals	250.00
Staff CPF	585.50
Total Liabilities	835.50
Fund Balance	45,379.45



Wee Liang Tong, President



Josephine Teo, Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Income

The Society's programmes and activities for 2005 were funded from the following:-

	\$	%
Membership Subscriptions	16,620.00	19
Donations	60,306.54	69
Society Merchandise Sale	10,447.30	12

Expenditure

	\$	%
Operating Expenses		
Cat Adoption	283.60	1
Cat Equipment	7,681.25	16
Cat Food	11,390.38	23
Cat Litter	5,086.05	10
Education	9,898.65	20
Rescue	8,350.10	17
Sterilisation	5,621.55	11
Transport	835.00	2
Total Operating Expenses	49,146.58	*74
Administrative Expenses		
Accounting	1,000.00	6
Bank Charges	187.41	1
General Expenses	688.00	4
Income Tax	7.47	0
Internet Related Expenses	836.40	4.5
Penalty/Late Charges	200.00	1
Printing and Stationery	942.13	5
Postage	1,446.24	8.5
Refreshments	247.65	1.5
Registrations, Licences	578.47	3
Staff Benefits	1,218.00	7
Staff-CPF	968.00	5.5
Staff Salaries	9,000.00	52
Telecom Expenses	147.00	1
Total Administrative Expenses	17,466.77	*26
Total Expenses	66,613.35	100

*As a percentage of Total Expenses

Expenditure

In 2005, we cut back on Sterilisation costs in an effort to consolidate the some funds to try and start our own low cost sterilisation cost. However, at the moment, the costs of the clinic as well as manpower resources have both proven to be obstacles, especially as Jolanda, who was going to be our volunteer clinic manager, is leaving Singapore. We are still trying to work out the feasibility of this.

Expenditure on food and litter was still fairly high due to the number of cats that were fostered post SARS by volunteers. However, this number has dropped dramatically since last year and claims from these fosters had stopped coming in by mid 2005.

Postage costs also went up as our newsletter is now being sent to all members when it comes out every other month. This also accounted for the rise in Printing as we spent more on printing newsletters, all of which led to an increase in Administrative Expenses.

The Society also spent more on salaries this year as part of our Director of Operation's salary has been donated by a member for the past four years. The member however has needed to cut down the amount she donated since June 2005, and the Society has had to make up the extra amount as a result. Part of this amount has hence been reflected in a new expenditure, known as Staff Benefits. The Society does not pay for any additional benefits for our Director of Operations, other than her salary, which in total quantum has not increased since she joined the Society.

We also had to provide lunch for volunteers at Spay Day Clinics and drinks for those who volunteered long hours at exhibitions. This has led to the creation of a new expenditure item, Refreshments.

The Society successfully launched 2 new t-shirts (Some Kind of Wonderful and Jungle Cat), a pictorial cum educational book called The Real Singapore Cat, and a set of bookmarks. The book as was mentioned earlier, was sponsored by well-wishers. The merchandise proved to be popular as sale increased 100% to \$10,447.30. We also increased distribution points of our merchandise through the help of three petshops in Singapore, two of which carry our book and one which carries our t-shirts and the books.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Society would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to the following individuals, organizations and companies who have helped us in many ways during the year.

Action for Singapore Dogs Alley Cat Allies Dr Daphne Ang Animal Clinic and its branches Animal Concerns Research and Education Society (ACRES) Animal People Animal Recovery Centre and branches All Breeds Pets All Pets and Aqualife Alley Cat Allies Ang Mo Kio Town Council Kim Bartlett Business Times Centre for Animal Welfare and Control, AVA Channel News Asia Dr Chiong Su Lin Dr Fred Chua Classified Pets Merritt Clifton Clinic for Pets Club Pets East Coast Town Council Electrico Feline Fanciers' Association of Singapore Four Paws Clinic Yvonne Goh Gabriel Ho Holland Village Veterinary Clinic	Hoover Park neighbourhood Residents' Committee House Rabbits Society of Singapore IS Magazine Joyous Vet Jurong Town Council Jeremy Ko Paul Koh Jacqueline Khoo Lee Foundation Barnie Leow Helence Lim Jane Lim Lin Junjie Lo Pia Yong Dr Lou Ek Hee Dr Jean Paul Ly Mandarin Art Printing Pte Ltd Vanessa Martin Mediacorp News Metta Cats Moove Media Mount Pleasant Animal Hospital and branches Nanyang Technological University Office of Estate and Amenities Dr Geetha Nathan National Volunteers and Philanthropy Centre NewsRadio 93.8 Ng Choong Leng Adele Ong Shenandoah Valley Spay/Neuter Clinic	Singapore Cat Club Singapore Management University Office of Facilities Management Society for the Pet Savers Foundation Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Daniel Sassoon SJL Veterinary Consultancy Spay Virginia Leonard Soosay SOS Animals Marcia Tan Tan Yang Hai Teng Ngiak Lian Dr Winnie Teo Straits Times Tomorrow.sg Danilla Tham Today Vegetarian Society of Singapore Vet Practice Wizwerx Alvin Wong Patrick Wong World Society for the Protection of Animals Yap Ching Wi Yeo Hong Ming
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We would also like to extend a big thank you to all our volunteers who have worked so tirelessly and without whom, our work would not be possible. Our volunteers help with exhibitions, sterilization, fostering, mediation, feeding and a range of activities.

In particular, we would especially like to thank the following people who were unstinting in helping the Society so much over the last year :- Christabel Chai, Dell Chan, Jan Hengst, Alex Bristow, Phyllis Aw, Foo Wei Fong, Rebecca Ho, Jacin Chan, Sophia Tan, Jacquelyn Seetoh, Nan Nan Tint, Soon Soo Moi, Dr Lynn Yeo, Dr Tan Chek Wee, Patricia Kelly, Peh Pey Shyuan, Shireen Chan, Sabrina Chan and Tanya Fink.

We would also like to thank all the volunteers in TNRM groups across the island – without you, none of this would be possible.