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Saving Lives Through Sterilisation

Cat Welfare Society Annual General Meeting (AGM) Held at NLB Level 5, Imagination Room Wednesday 28 March 2007, 6.30pm – 8.15pm

Cat Welfare Society (CWS) held its **8th AGM** to a meeting of 18 members present.

Minutes of the previous AGM held on 30 March 2006 and the Audited Accounts were received and adopted by the members of the meeting.

The Committee proposed to **increase the rate of CWS Life membership** so that it would be on par with the other animal welfare societies. However, the intended amendment to Article 6.4 of the Constitution was again unchanged as there was insufficient quorum whereby 30 members were required to vote in favor of the change.

"To amend Article 6.4 of the Constitution "A one-time payment of **\$250.00** shall be payable by the Ordinary Life Members" so that it reads "A one-time payment of **\$300** shall be payable by the Ordinary Life Members."

The Committee updated that CWS's intended focus theme for 2007 would be **Abandonment & Responsible Ownership**, while remaining committed to the emphasis on Sterilization. CWS proposed a two-pronged approach to reach out to a wider audience and spread of our messages. CWS would touch base with the various religious organizations to understand their views on sterilization and responsible ownership. The Society would also embark on learning workshops and campaigns to draw the public's attention to being responsible pet owners.

Besides **Dawn Kua** (Director of Operations) working full-time for CWS, the Society is glad to have **Rebecca Ho** with us part-time to help out with the mountainous work load on matters of Caregivers, Sterilization, Mediation and Workshops.

Committee Member **ST Soh** has stepped down. We welcome **Corbie Kiernan** as our newest addition to the CWS Committee.

An Excerpt from Message From The Committee (Annual Report for year ended December 2006) :

2006 was a year that saw Cat Welfare Society focus on promoting Trap-Neuter-Return-Manage (TNRM) programmes. The Society met with the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) and the Ministry of National Development (MND) to discuss on issues towards supporting sterilization. The Society was very pleased to hear the Ministry and the AVA say that they supported sterilization as one of the means to controlling the community cat population.

The Society also met with caregivers and their town councils to help liaise or share our experience with the town councils. We are glad to see the different groups working together to try and tackle the community cat situation.

The Society carried out workshops to train caregivers in the basics of TNRM. This included public workshops that were open to anyone and neighborhood specific ones which were organized and requested for by residents with an interest in learning how to run TNRM programmes in their own estates.

