



# CWS ANNUAL REPORT

**YEAR ENDING 2016**

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# *ABOUT THE SOCIETY*

*The Cat Welfare Society is a registered charity established in 1999 with IPC status. We believe every cat has the right to live a life free from fear and hunger. We are dedicated in saving lives everyday through humane stray management by education and ultimately, sterilisation not destruction.*

# *MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT*

As Cat Welfare Society turns 18, it is turning its sights on providing more support for the cat fostering and rescue community.

Sterilisation and mediation remains our core functions. Since 2012, we have sterilised more than 21,000 community cats in Singapore and our islandwide Stray Cat Sterilisation Programme co-funded by AVA continues to be our flagship programme. We have also formalised another sterilisation programme, specifically for pet cats in low income families since 2016.

These sterilisation programmes go hand in hand with our mediation programme where we continue to work closely with Town Councils, AVA, HDB and NParks to resolve cat issues humanely in all estates in Singapore. We are very happy to see the impact our mediators Laura, Michelle and volunteers have made. AVA's cat impoundment rate hit another new low and has dipped under 800. With our consistent drive to reach out to the community, more cat homes and touch more lives, I am confident we can one day put a stop to the culling of cats.

We are kicking off our new rescue initiative by launching a fostering and rescue registry and training programme with cat care kits for 50 fosterers on 17 June. We will also be launching a fundraiser in June to kickstart a humane first responder programme to give support to the selfless people who dive head first into saving a cat in need.

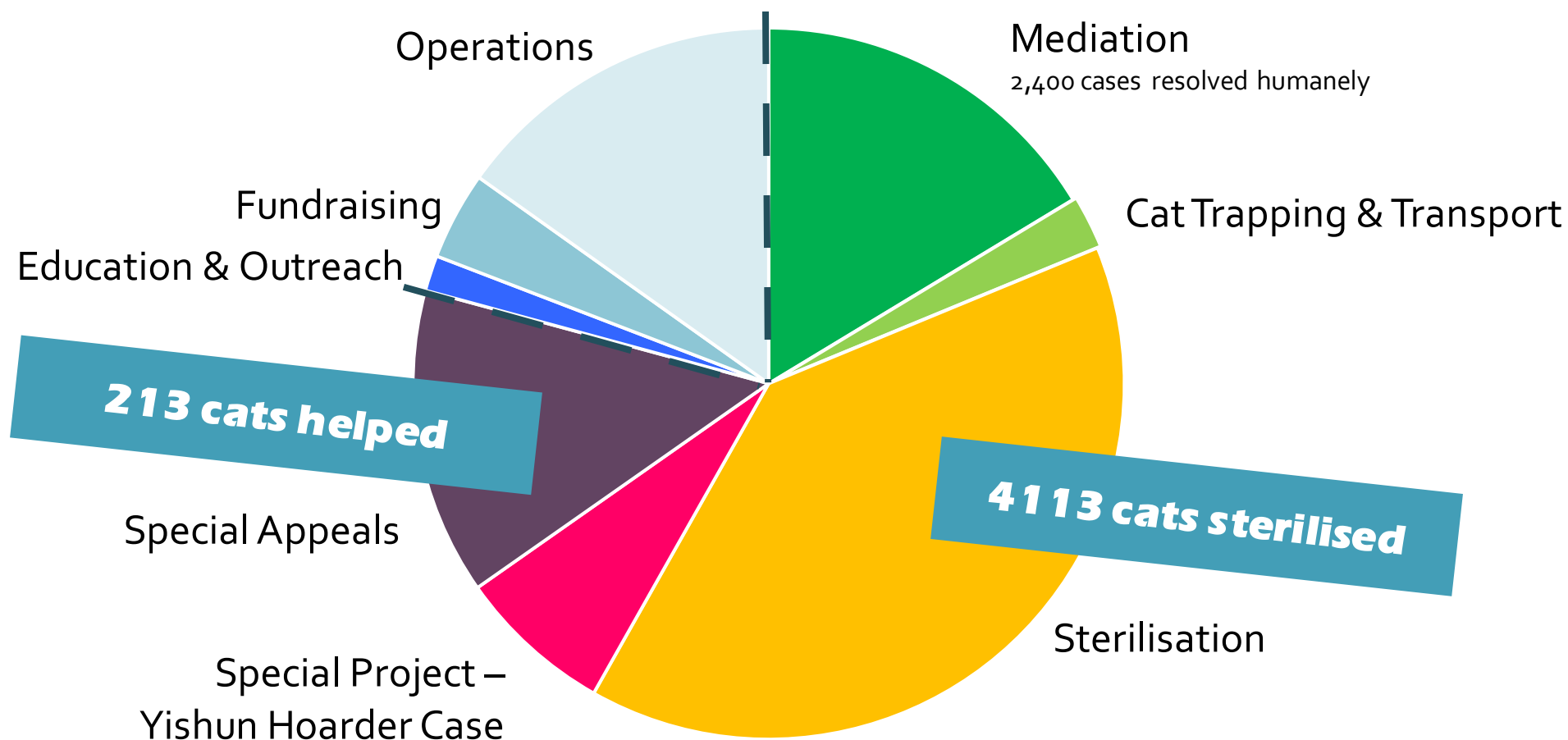
We need your support more than ever to make this happen for a community who have already given so much of themselves to ensure that cats in need get the care they deserve. Together, we can continue to save these vulnerable lives everyday.



**Thenuga Vijakumar**  
**President**

# WHAT DO WE DO?

SAVING LIVES EVERYDAY



# WHY DO WE DO IT?

ALL CATS DESERVE TO BE LOVED AND CARED FOR



AVA Cat Impoundment Rate drops to under 800 in 2015/6.

Sustaining a humane community: S\$622,011

Seeing this little guy with no cares in the world: Priceless

# *2016 BOARD MEMBERS*

President	: Thenuga Vijakumar
Vice-President	: Katherine Reichalt
Secretary	: Emi Matsumoto
Treasurer	: Fareena Omar
Committee Member	: Corinne Fong
Committee Member	: Eunice Leow
Committee Member	: Moi Sok Ling
Committee Member	: Vanessa Vanderstraaten
Committee Member	: Veron Lau
Committee Member	: Wilson Ong

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# ***2016 CWS STAFF***

## **Laura Ann Meranda**

Senior Mediator in 2016, she has since been promoted to the position of Executive Director since Feb 2017.



## **Michelle Siau**

Our part-time Senior Mediator welcomed her second child in 2016 but continues to handle around 100 cases a month.

***WE THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR SERVICE***

**Pauline Leow** who served as CEO until Dec 2016

**Shiyva Indrajit** who covered for Michelle on her maternity leave

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# ***AGENDA FOR 18<sup>TH</sup> AGM***

## **1.00 Registration**

## **1.30 Minutes of Annual General Meeting**

To confirm and adopt minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 25th JUNE 2016.

## **Annual Report of the Committee**

To receive and adopt the Annual Report for the year 2016.

## **Audited Accounts**

To receive and adopt the audited accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

## **Election of Committee Members**

To elect the office bearers and ordinary committee members for the year 2017.

## **Any Other Business**

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

## **3.00 Fosterers Recognition and Launch of Fostering and Rescue Registry and Training**

## **4.00 Volunteer Meet-Up**

# *MINUTES FROM 17<sup>th</sup> AGM 2016*

Date: 25 June 2016

Time: 1:00pm

Venue: Singapore Management University , Administration Building Room 4.1 , 81 Victoria St , Singapore 188065

As there was a quorum, the meeting commenced at 1:35pm

## **1. Agenda Of The 17th Annual General Meeting**

Miss Thenuga Vijakumar, president of the executive board of the Cat Welfare Society (CWS), briefed the members on the planned agenda for the annual general meeting (AGM).

## **2. To Confirm And Adopt The Minutes Of The 16th Annual General Meeting**

The President presented the Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting held on 20 June 2015.

Mr Tan Hwee Lye brought up that in "7. Other Matters" of the minutes of the 16th AGM, it was stated that "[Mr Tan] also wanted to obtain the post-mortem reports of the abuse cases but has not been able to do so from the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA), and wanted CWS' to assist in this matter." He said that the phrasing of the minutes implied that it was of his personal issue that he wanted the report to be released, and that this was inaccurate as in his email to CWS, he had stated that the release of the post mortem report was for the general public knowledge.

In reply to Mr Tan, Miss Vijakumar noted that when CWS was previously contacted by Mr Tan, they had linked him to AVA on at least two separate occasions, and have followed up with AVA formally and informally. The society assured him that CWS had tried their very best to assist in obtaining the post mortem report. To address the phrasing of the minutes, Miss Vijakumar suggested for the sentence to be amended to "he also wanted to obtain the post mortem reports of the abuse cases for release to the public for knowledge and wanted CWS to assist in this matter." Mr Tan was agreeable to the amendment.

The adoption of the minutes of the 16th AGM was proposed by Miss Fareena Omar (F1507) and seconded by Miss Nuratika Bte Md Yassin (Y2127).

## **3. Adoption Of The Annual Report Of The Executive Board For The Year 2015**

The President presented the annual report of the executive board for the year 2015 to the Society's members.

A question was raised by Miss Shelby Doshi with regards to the low income sterilisation scheme. She mentioned that although it was good for low income households to sterilise their cats, but they may proceed to abandon their cats when they fall sick as they are not able to afford treatment for them and whether there were any plans to deal with this issue.

In reply, Miss Vijakumar stated that sterilisation was key to controlling the number of pet cats in these households. The Society follows up by advising the households on how to save funds for vet bills for the cats while ensuring their basic welfare. In some cases when the need arose, the Society assisted in putting the cats up for adoption. She emphasized that the Society's funds should primarily be used for community cats and advises households with pet cats to rely on their own network of family and friends first.

With regard to the topic of cat abuse and the 4 arrests that occurred in Singapore during the year 2015, Miss Doshi raised that even with the arrests, the abusers were let go so it appeared pointless to her to have laws and punishments that were not enforced and were just an appeasement to people who were concerned.

To address what was raised by Miss Shelby, Miss Vijakumar stated that CWS had engaged AVA on making it widely known to the public the type and level of evidence they needed to advance a case rather than to leave it in a state of ambiguity. She added that the sentencing from the arrest left much to be desired and agreed with Miss Shelby that having a threat of punishment meant little if there was no enforcement. To tackle this issue, Miss Vijakumar stated that the Society was pushing to become *amicus curiae*, to weigh in on the sentencing that such abusers deserve. Additionally, she stated that the reason Singapore did not see any pushing of the envelop for animal abuse cases was because there were no prior cases of reference or jurisprudence to conclude with an appropriate sentencing for this sort of crime. Miss Vijakumar suggested that the court could have used cases overseas as an example on the sentencing, even if we lacked any locally.

Miss Doshi further highlighted that with the abuser from the recent case being given a light sentence, it would not be a deterrent to other people so inclined to hurt animals. In response, Miss Vijakumar was more hopeful as the awareness around these abuse cases has led noticeably to more vigilance. More people are now willing to go an extra step. Miss Corinne Fong added that the AVA has hived off the investigations to an ex-police officer, who is now in charge of criminal investigations, which is a reflection of how they were taking such allegations more seriously. She added that all actions have to go hand-in-hand and it takes time for the movement to evolve.

Miss Vijakumar added on that with AVA hiring ex-police officers, one can already see the effects of an enhanced protocol where AVA had been swift in finding pivotal CCTV evidence to an abuse case in 2016. She believed that the responses and better investigations would come to fruition in end 2016, sentencing wise in end 2016 and 2017.

Mr Tan inquired on whether the Society is able to make an appeal to the attorney general's chambers in the form of petitions when it finds a sentencing of a cat abuse case too lenient. In reply, Miss Vijakumar mentioned that there should be an appeal process, however, as this was dependant on prosecutorial discretion, they are unable to make their decisions on emotion, so they are unlikely to base their decision on such appeals unless there are new evidence to be presented.

Miss Doshi took some time to share her experience with the Yishun community cats patrol team that was created in response to the spate of abuses cases in the area. She felt that it was amazing that 30 individuals came together to look out for the community cats, and that if every estate had such a group, it would be fantastic. She believed that the efforts of the patrol team was one of the reasons to why the killings stopped for some time. Through CWS, the team got in touch with Ministers Louis Ng and K. Shanmugam to have a meeting alongside CWS personnel. The team were very disappointed with the outcome of the arrest of Mr Lee Wai Leong, as they knew that he was the abuser, but was not able to proceed without evidence. She added that there was one more perpetrator at large that they were 99% sure of, and hoped that he can be caught red handed. Miss Vijakumar commended the group on its efforts but noted that such groups often grow organically around a need and getting such a group together in other areas may be challenging.

On the update to the Chong Pang Love Cats Ownership Pilot, Ms Veron Lau further clarified that the reason why the pilot was stalled was not because the pilot had failed, but because government agencies wanted to expand the pilot with the Society's resources instead of providing funding, when its funds are more crucially spent on its core programmes such as sterilisation. The society is still in discussion with the authorities.

#### **4. Adoption Of The Audited Accounts For The Year Ended 31st December 2015**

Miss Vijakumar presented the audited accounts for the year ended 31st December 2015. The adoption of the audited accounts for the year ended 31st December 2015 was proposed by Miss Emi Matsumoto (M2005) and seconded by Miss Corinne Goh (G2018).

## 5. Election Of Office Bearers And Ordinary Board Members For The Year 2015

The President announced the following proposed changes to the executive board:

President : Thenuga Vijakumar

Proposer: Veron Lau

Second: Corinne Fong

Vice-President : Katherine Reichalt

Proposer: Joanne Ng

Second: Vanessa Vanderstraaten

Secretary : Emi Matsumoto

Proposer: Prima Venga

Second: Moi Sok Ling

Treasurer : Fareena Omar

Proposer: Veron Lau

Second: Wilson Ong

Committee Member : Corinne Fong

Proposer: Nuratika Bte Md Yassin

Second: Katherine Reichalt

Committee Member : Eunice Leow

Proposer: Vanessa Vanderstraaten

Second: Emi Matsumoto

Committee Member : Moi Sok Ling

Proposer: Thenuga Vijakumar

Second: Fareena Omar

Committee Member : Vanessa Vanderstraaten

Proposer: Moi Sok ling

Second: Katherine Reichalt

Committee Member : Veron Lau

Proposer: Corinne Fong

Second: Evelyn Liew

Committee Member : Wilson Ong

Proposer: Joanne Ng

Second: Wolfgang Post

## 6. Other Matters

Miss Jenny Low asked to address the roaming cats issue at Blk155 of Queenstown. Miss Vijakumar replied that the society was already in talks with AVA and there had been several inspections. The issue in this case was that there was a dedicated caregiver but a recalcitrant home owner who was unwilling to neuter their cats. The Society planned to work with authorities to provide a final warning to the owner.

Miss Vanessa Vanderstraaten presented on the status of CWS' social media platforms (twitter, Instagram and Facebook) and the online engagement strategy for 2016. The Society had started to lighten the serious tone of its postings that was previously adopted with more light hearted and educational posts in 2015 and plans to continue to do so. All platforms have had a steady increase in followers and engagement rates.

Mr Tan brought up the issue of a low income cat feeder having been referred to care for 2 cats by CWS volunteers and also of the feeder not having received food donations from CWS recently. He elaborated that the feeder had many cats to care for at home and also feeds a large number of community cats. She does this beyond her means and relied on donations for her work. While one of the cases was publicised online for fundraising for vet fees, the other was not. He noted that the feeder was not educated, not English speaking, and thus had difficulty in carrying on her role. He hoped that CWS can help her.

Miss Vijakumar replied that CWS volunteers, Susan and Francesca, were stepping in to assist with the sick cats, adding that the feeder has to communicate the assistance she needs to volunteers so that others can address her needs. Food donations are made to feeders whenever a distributor comes forward with a donation approaches the Society to conduct a donation drive. Therefore food distribution only happens on an adhoc basis.

Miss Lau added that all the medical, relocation, and boarding expenses were individual expenses of volunteers, and were not paid for by CWS. When volunteers referred the cases to the feeder, it was not CWS that did so. CWS currently serves the community with its free sterilisation slots and the special appeals platform. The Society in its current capacity is unable to cover all the food and vet bills for low income caregivers.

## **7. Introduction Of New Team At Cat Welfare Society**

The president introduced the new staff team for the society and core volunteers for 2015 and 2016.

## **8. Volunteer Appreciation Award**

To give recognition to the volunteers who have given extraordinarily and selflessly of their time and resources to mediation and rescue cases over the years to ensure that cats in Singapore are safe and free from suffering, the Society presented awards to the following:

Extraordinary Volunteer Award:

- Angela Ling
- Corrinne Goh
- Fareena Mehr Omar
- Francy Goh
- Jaime Kong
- Law Mui Eng
- Randy Wong
- Soon Sooi Mooi
- Susan Lee
- Thenuga Vijakumar
- Veron Lau

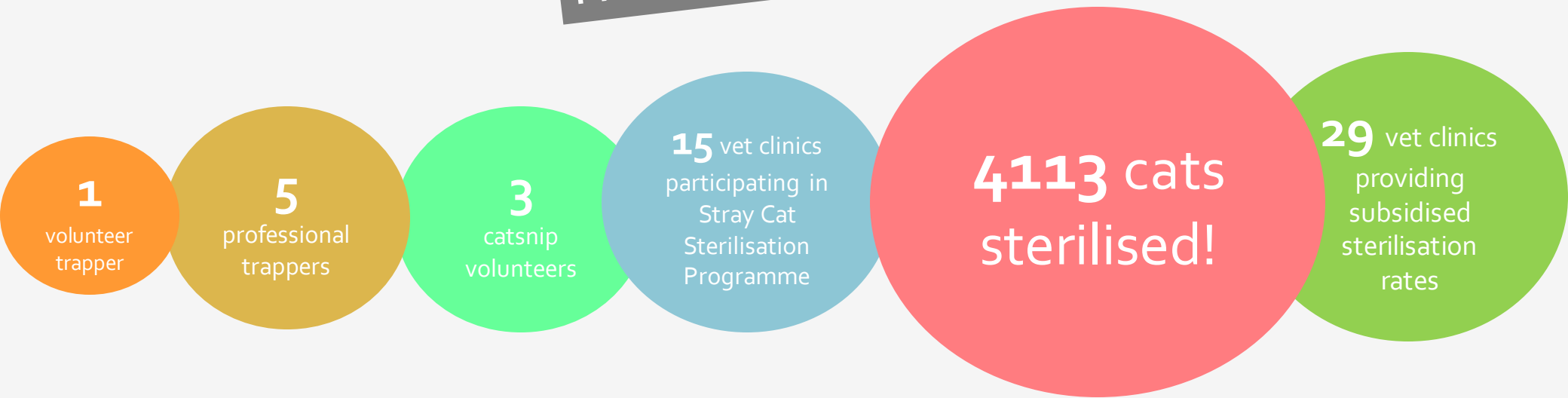
Special Volunteer Award:

- Amrys Wang
- Charmaine Foo
- Felicia Peck
- Janet Sum
- Joanne Ng
- Mok Sau Hiong
- Nuratika Bte Md Yassin
- Shirley Goh
- Susan Ong

The meeting came to a close at 3:16pm.

# ***STERILISATIONS***

Promoting humane solutions



We continued to promote and advocate sterilisation to be the most effective humane means of community cat population control. We sterilised 4113 cats and for the 9<sup>th</sup> year in a row, AVA impoundment rates have continued to drop indicating the success of humane solutions.

**It remains our core function as we seek to meet the challenges of rising costs and limited vet capacity with new partnerships.**

# LOW INCOME PET CAT STERILISATION PROGRAMME

Promoting humane solutions

SOMETIMES THEY JUST NEED  
A LITTLE HELP

When she started volunteering with Cat Welfare Society, it was a lamping hoarding case in 2010 that truly shocked her. The fifth, the extreme conditions of the case and the level of emotional dysfunction in the humans took her aback and made things worse if there were not more families in Singapore like this quietly impacting in our congenial neighbourhoods.



With a little help, we felt it was necessary to move in a far more structured manner into helping more low income families."

1

volunteer

391  
pet cats  
sterilised!

1

transporter

In the course of its work over the years, the Society has provided sterilisation assistance to low income and other at-risk families to prevent the risk of overpopulation, neglect or abandonment. We have since consolidated this into a published scheme where at-risk families need only pay \$15 per cat for the transportation and sterilisation of their pet cats.

In 2016, we handled 133 low income cases, sterilizing 391 cats under this scheme. **We ramped up our capacity in 2017 and has since sterilized 522 cats from 197 at-risk families.**

# STERILISATIONS

Promoting humane solutions

AAVC

Acacia Veterinary Clinic

Amber Veterinary Practice

Animal Medical Centre (Vet@RV)

Animal World Veterinary Clinic

Care Veterinary Clinic

Clinic for Pets

Defu Veterinary Clinic

Frankel Veterinary Centre

Island Veterinary Clinic

Island Veterinary Clinic

James Tan Veterinary Clinic

Monster Pet Vet

Mount Pleasant Bedok

Mount Pleasant Changi

Mount Pleasant Clementi

Mount Pleasant East

Mount Pleasant Farrer

Mount Pleasant Mandai

Mount Pleasant North

PAW Veterinary Centre

Pet Clinic

Point Veterinary Surgery (Jurong)

Point Veterinary Surgery (TB)

Spring Veterinary Care

The Joyous Vet

Vets for Life

Vet for Pets

West Coast Vetcare

We thank all the vet clinics who have supported this important pillar of cat welfare by providing subsidised slots for community cat sterilisations.

We also thank Vincent Ng, Belle Foo, Regine Foo, Hui Eng, Damy Ho, Richard Ng and Felicia Peck for their support of TNRM with their trapping services and dedication to the humane trapping of cats.

Last but not least, we thank all the volunteers who have tirelessly dedicated themselves to ensuring that cats in their estates are sterilised and cared for.

[www.catwelfare.org/catsnip](http://www.catwelfare.org/catsnip)  
[www.catwelfare.org/vets](http://www.catwelfare.org/vets)



# MEDIATION

Promoting humane solutions

3  
mediators

Over 2400  
cases  
handled!

30  
volunteer  
mediators



Mediation has been pivotal to the continued success of the humane management and welfare of our community cats. It is the work of mediators and volunteer mediators that has raised government confidence in cat welfare, leading to the opening of doors to critical partnerships with government agencies for the cat ownership pilot, stray cat sterilisation programme etc.

**After 5 years of taking on islandwide mediation for government agencies, we have consolidated our mediation process into a Handbook that is set to be launched to all Town Councils and agency partners with the support of AVA. We presented our proposal to MND in February 2017 for a fully deployed mediation model that will benefit all agency partners and the community they serve.**

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**We await their response.**

# ***YISHUN HOARDER CASE***



Seeking real change

**Nearly 40 caged cats, caked in filth removed from Yishun flat**

The cats found in the Yishun flat were housed in cages, many of which were caked with faeces.



The Society is no stranger to hoarding cases over the years. It has sought to work alongside AVA, Town Councils, grassroots and social welfare agencies to assist and rehabilitate the hoarders that are uncovered in the course of its mediation work.

The Yishun Hoarder case that was uncovered in Feb 2016 was one of the most dire in its neglect and abuse of 39 caged cats.

The Society took over the care of 34 cats from AVA in Apr 2016. 5 had passed away from their conditions in the AVA pound. Out of the 34 cats, a large number had underlying medical conditions that made them unsuitable for rehoming.

Since then, 8 had passed on from their conditions despite the care that was given. We are grateful to fosterers and adopters Pele, Raynor, Luwyn and Sandy for giving 10 of the cats a fighting chance. 16 cats remain under the care of CWS.

This case put animal hoarding in the spotlight and marked a turning point in how animal hoarding is being dealt with in Singapore. It made agencies more aware of the benefits of offering sterilization assistance to at-risk families early and solidified a more meaningful approach to cat issues in at-risk families through a combination of mediation, education and assistance.

# CAT ABUSE

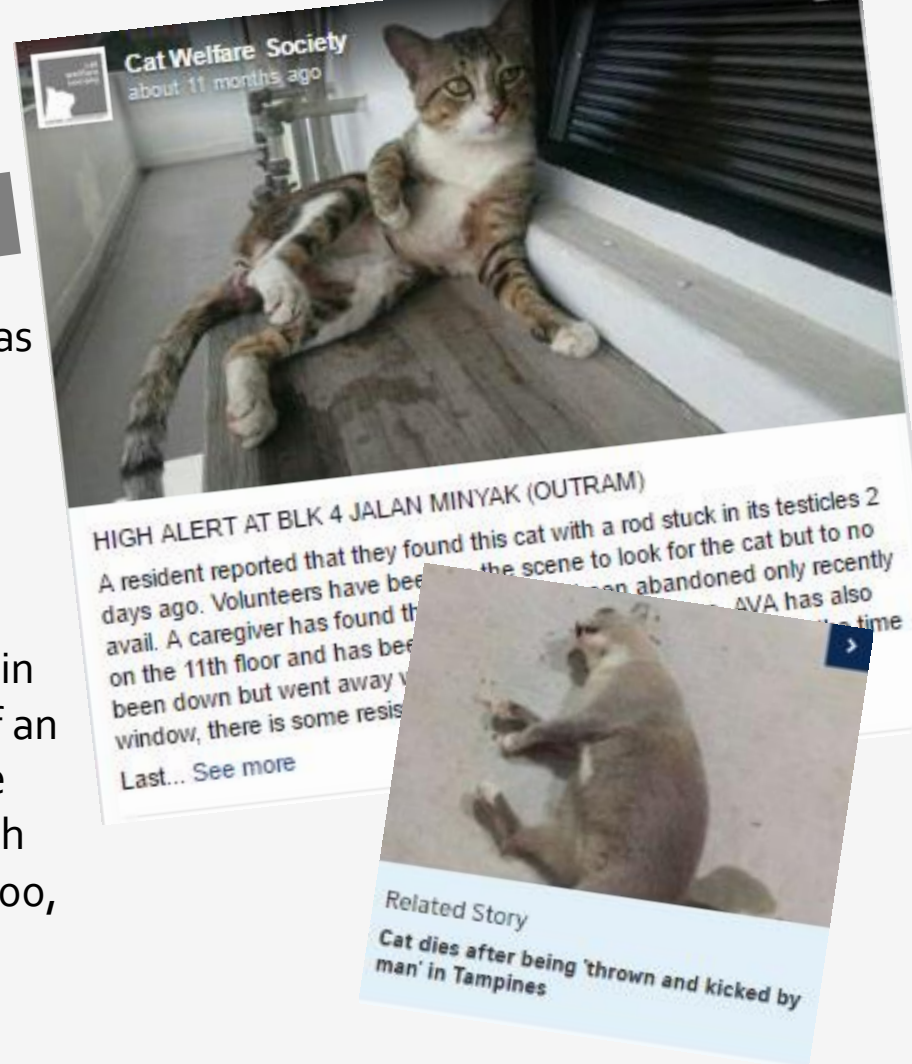
Seeking real change

Last year, the Society assisted in the investigations as well as to raise awareness of alleged abuse cases, notably for

- Tampines (Thrown Down & Burnt)
- Pasir Ris (Locked in Riser)
- Jalan Minyak (Cable Tie on Testicle)

The Tampines abuser was subsequently jailed for 18 weeks in Mar 2017. At the same time, the Society released a video of an interview with the abuser's ex-girlfriend who recounted the physical abuse that she suffered during her relationship with the abuser. The video, which had a viral reach of over 100,000, reinforced the link between animal and human abuse is intricately tied and must be treated seriously by society.

**The Society continues to be a member of MND's Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration Committee for the Animal Welfare Legislative Review which saw the enhancement of animal cruelty laws in 2014, the launch of the Code of Animal Welfare for the Pet Industry in Aug 2016 and the Code for Pet Owners in Jun 2017.**





# CAT OWNERSHIP PILOT

Seeking real change

Responsible HDB owners do not have to be afraid.

The LOVE CATS Pilot was initially launched in 2012 and the Society received a grant of \$70,000 for 2 years. It was deemed a success with over 100 households registered for the pilot.

Findings from the Pilot confirmed that over 90% of cat owners are already responsible in sterilising their cats and keeping them indoors.

We continue to appeal to MND for the expansion of the Love Cats pilot to bring its benefits to more communities, with adequate funding to ensure the programme's success and operational sustainability.

In the meantime, the Society continues to fight for fairness to cat owners and bringing media attention to cases when the HDB rule was used in an unjust manner on responsible cat owners.

We anticipate that the launch of the Code of Animal Welfare for Pet Owners in Jun 2017 will pave the way for progress in this area in the near future and continue to be its biggest advocate.



Cat ownership has been banned since the HDB's inception in 1960, but those who live in public housing can own dogs of approved breeds. Some cat lovers cry foul over what they perceive as a double standard, and hope that the rules will be relaxed. Residents in certain Chong Pang blocks can already keep cats under a pilot programme called Love Cats. ST PHOTO: JIAH CHAI, 2016

## Is it time for HDB to allow... Cats in flats?

After the success of Chong Pang pilot scheme, animal-loving MIP hopes ban will be eased

Abigail Ng and Tay Hong Yi

In Singapore, a pet can legally be only in limited areas like the Flowering Road (but only if its owner lives in certain blocks in Chong Pang).

Since October 2012, those residents have been allowed to keep cats under a pilot scheme called Love Cats. Elsewhere, cat ownership has been banned since the HDB's inception in February 1960.

The reasons given by the HDB to oppose the potential for cats to be a public nuisance, due to their tendency to wander, interfere with and defecate in public areas, but the dwellers can own one dog of an HDB-approved breed.

This apparent discrimination against cats has been a source of controversy for animal lovers for years. The issue has cropped up again, sometimes both for and against the ban – last month, in The Straits Times' Petland page.

But are bigger changes afoot? Yes – MNP for Non-Dogs (MNP) has been set up.

Mr Ng, founder of the Animal Concerns Research and Advocacy Society (ACRAS), told The Sunday Times that the pilot in Chong Pang was not



Ms Josephine Tan, seen here with her one-year-old cat Ginko, says responsible owners make sure their cats are not a bother to others. ST PHOTO: MIP, 2016



Ms Josephine Tan (left), 31, and Victoria Chen, 31, with their two-year-old cat Ginko. Their former driver suggests that dog ownership rules could be adapted for cats. ST PHOTO: JIAH CHAI, 2016

successful and that he intends to bring the issue up in Parliament soon. He said, "We are hoping to expand, if not rationalise, the regulations."

Dr Jialong Goh, executive director of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said the ban was "not based on scientific arguments."

"I have looked at the measures for the ban put forward by HDB, all of them are as a result of irresponsible

and works in marketing, said, "The regulations for dogs are quite reasonable. Perhaps a similar system could be established for cats to hold their owners accountable."

When asked why cats do not have a restriction programme as dogs do, the Agriculture and Veterinary Authority said that it requires licensing of dogs for availability during the outbreak of diseases such as rabies. Thus, its requirements are targeted at dogs rather than cats.

Todd driver Aaron Liu, 34, dislikes cats but he, too, finds the ban illogical. "While many cats can be very loud when they fight, pet cats should not be a nuisance," he said.

Advocates of the small breed owner, Mr Josephine Tan, 42, who has cats under the Love Cats programme, said, "Even my next-door neighbour's cat cannot scratch my cat."

She said that responsible owners should be encouraged to keep their cats indoors and sterilise their pets. But Mr Victor Zhou is less optimistic about the effectiveness of rules on cat ownership, compared with licensing and observation of dogs in Singapore, (but I am not sure if pet owners with really well-trained cats have any issues.)

Some families in "loving" areas have cause for concern. They have been living with their cats and a bad smell for nearly two years, after a neighbour with more than 20 cats moved into the block.

"It is like living above a sewage plant," said retired teacher Dominic Lee, 52. HDB has taken a "very" interest, but the problem persists.

"If there is a rule against keeping cats in HDB flats, how many people would agree with that?" he asked. "In Singapore, there are many cats in our homes, and it is not a problem. Though both dogs and cats can spread rabies and worms, Singapore is rabies-free."

"Vaccination can also prevent the spread of diseases," he said. "To place blame on the cat is not fair and dangerous to humans, it is also rarely seen here."

Dr Christopher Chang, an ophthalmologist and generalist at Gleneagles Hospital, said, "Domesticated cats are healthy and they are less likely to have the infection that can be passed on to humans."

SAN SHIPERS HAVE SHOWN CONCERN

If we look at the reasons for the ban put forward by HDB, all of them occur as a result of irresponsible pet ownership.



DR JIAH CHAI, executive director of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said the ban was "not based on scientific arguments."

He said, "I have looked at the measures for the ban put forward by HDB, all of them are as a result of irresponsible

# ***SPECIAL APPEALS***

Supporting a caring community

\$85,362  
raised

213 appeals  
closed

3 SA  
volunteers

The Special Appeals page on Cat Welfare Society's website is a platform designed to help caregivers obtain financial support to defray costs for the care of community cats. Since 2012, we have disbursed over \$480,000 to caregivers for the care of their cats.

**We are in the midst of disbursing another \$60,000 to close all remaining appeals.**

**Our new fostering and rescue initiative will replace Special Appeals as a platform to help the caregiving community.**

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# ***FOOD DONATION DRIVES***

Supporting a caring community

**2000** cats  
benefited!

**60**  
caregivers,  
shelters,  
groups  
benefited!



We thank Pet Lovers Foundation, Polypet and Addictions for partnering us for food donation drives in 2016. Over 2000 community cats and 60 responsible caregivers, shelters and rescue groups benefitted from the generosity of donors through these drives.



# CATOPIA

A voice for the voiceless

The Society launched CATOPIA as a new experience to the public that consolidated a retail, activity-based event with their ever popular adoption drive. It held its first CATOPIA at United Square in August and another at OneKM in October with the appearance of our national athletes Theresa Goh, Shayna Ng and Amanda Lim.

Pet Lovers Foundation continued to support us on our monthly adoption drives held at Pet Safari and Pet Lovers Centre stores.



Other notable events in 2016 include our fundraising collaboration with Garfield Run, a charity movie screening of A Street Cat Named Bob with AVA and the very first Cat Bus with HomeTeamNS Sembawang.



# MEWS MAGAZINE

A voice for the voiceless

7000  
distribution

Mews is now a quarterly insert  
in Pet Lovers Centre's Pet  
Lovers Magazine.

Special thanks to Veronica Ng,  
Darby Media, Pet Lovers  
Foundation and sponsors for  
making it possible for us put  
out this special magazine to  
further our outreach to pet  
lovers in Singapore.





# SHOP FOR CATS

**Raising Funds to Save Lives Everyday**



**Raising Funds**

We raised more than 10% of our total funds through merchandise sales in 2016.

Significant contributions came from support for the Society of Cats Books, Pet Lovers Foundation's Common Cause Calendars, CATOPIA tee-shirts, Wattson Rat and CWS Cat Caves.

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**We thank Tiramisu Hero for contributions of their popular in-house designs to our merchandise range.**

**In 2017, the Cat Welfare Society will launch a new online shopfront to further expand the potential in this area to raise more funds to sustain our programmes and operations.**



**THIS CAT CAVE BEATS YOUR CAT CAVE**



# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Statement of Financial Activities for the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2016

	2016	2015	2014			
	S\$	S\$	S\$			
<b>INCOME</b>						
Donation	584,976	724,957	628,904			
Grants			37,636			
Membership	5,410	9,840	12,370			
Merchandise	79,447	55,939	24,657			
Calendar Sponsorship			9,120			
SCSP - AVA	29,555	13,407	25,304	<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>310,323</b>	<b>355,567</b>
Reimbursement						
Special Appeal	16,331	76,628	67,016	<b>Governance &amp; Administration Costs</b>		
Misc Income	23,872	39,900	250	Accounting Fees	21,850	5,941
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>739,591</b>	<b>920,671</b>	<b>805,257</b>	Audit Fees	4,754	5,232
				Admin & General Expenses	623	10,926
				AVA	300	
				Bank Charges	274	703
<b>LESS: EXPENDITURE</b>				Postage & Courier Charges	515	
<b>Cost of Generating Funds</b>				Depreciation Expense	147	172
Purchases	15,527	37,033	40,347	Staff Costs	140,303	163,001
Transactional Fees	8,983	17,422	18,106	Entertainment/Refreshment	174	
	<b>24,510</b>	<b>54,455</b>	<b>58,453</b>	Late Payment Interest	89	
				Meeting/Seminar	947	
<b>Cost of Charitable Activities</b>				Maintenance Fee	128	
Mediator Expenses	5,814	23,166	19,672	Office Rental	19,260	17,655
Cat Trapping & Transport	14,831	74,818	43,788	P.O.Box Rental	161	214
Cat Ownership Programme Expenses			25,728	Printing & Stationery	533	
Chip & Spay Day		223	4,083	Processing Fees	54	
Education & Outreach	14,243	16,867	3,856	Transport Expenses	295	589
Low Income Sterilisation	2,755	1,905	30	Telecommunication Expenses	2,335	1,637
Mediator Sterilisation	140,610	134,301	96,171	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>192,743</b>	<b>206,070</b>
Others			64,671			
SCSP	95,211	83,705	39,703	<b>NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>117,580</b>	<b>149,497</b>
Sterilisation	2,604	3,390	8,556			
Reimbursement				Other Income	12,661	
Special Projects	43,327	58,736	75,309			
Special Appeals	85,363	113,538	95,141			
	<b>404,758</b>	<b>510,649</b>	<b>476,708</b>			

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Statement of Financial Activities for the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2016

	2016	2015	2014
	S\$	S\$	S\$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	731,090	647,191	547,548
Other receivables	85,554	30,686	39,265
	816,644	677,877	586,813
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Fixed Assets	177	323	71
Other Assets	22,841		
	23,017	323	71
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>839,661</b>	<b>678,200</b>	<b>586,884</b>
<b>LIABILITY</b>			
<b>Current Liability</b>			
Other payables	83,997	49,353	107,534
<b>Total Liability</b>	<b>83,997</b>	<b>49,353</b>	<b>107,534</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>755,664</b>	<b>628,847</b>	<b>479,350</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained Earnings	550,943	558,366	479,350
Mdm Khoo's Estate	74,481	70,481	
Current Year Earnings	130,240		
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>755,664</b>	<b>628,847</b>	<b>479,350</b>

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