

SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

(In association with R.S.P.C.A. England) Patroness: LADY Y.P. McNEICE



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The New Paper on Sunday

Dear Sir,

I refer to the article "It smelt like someone had died inside" (The New Paper on Sunday 11th February 2007).

One wonders how it must feel to be a cat, because very often, due to human actions (i.e. owners letting their cat stray) this animal becomes greatly misunderstood.

Cats clean and groom themselves thoroughly. Instinctively, if outside, they defecate only on natural grounds like grass patch, sand, etc. These felines use their paws to 'dig' and 'cover' before and after they are done. Thus, defecating along the corridors and window sill is highly uncharacteristic of cats.

Inside the home, a cat will instinctively use the litter tray provided by its owner.

The *Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals* (SPCA) urges cat owners in flats not to let their pets wander. This will not only help to promote good neighbourhood relations, but will also ensure against any mishap to your cats e.g. abuse, accidental falling, lost.

With about 900 animals coming into the SPCA every month and more than half of them being cats, we strongly encourage cat owners to sterilise their cats. Sterilised cats make excellent flat dwellers, for the desire to venture out to mate will cease, along with the loud mating calls.

Animal lovers who care for stray cats can also do their part by arranging for the cats to be sterilised. Please visit http://www.spca.org.sg/news_events/news.asp#27.

The remedy lies not just in education on our part, but in actual action on your part.

Yours sincerely,

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