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SPCA's Longest Staying Resident Gets Adopted!

Singapore, 10 May 2016 – Staff and volunteers celebrated Ida's departure from our kennels on 6 February. After having lived almost 10 years of her life with us, SPCA's longest resident was finally going to her forever home to begin life anew.

The 11-year old cross-breed dog arrived at the SPCA eight years ago, in 2008, when she was discovered as a neglected and abandoned puppy tied to a fence along Lorong Ah Soo. Since then, Ida has gained a substantial fan following (both from SPCA staff and volunteers), for her exceptionally personable, sweet character, and smiling face.

With around two decades of experience as a dog-owner, Ida's new owner, Ruxin is no stranger to the SPCA, having adopted a golden retriever in May 2011. The animal lover took notice of Ida in January, when she saw a photograph of Ida in SPCA's press release with Acting Executive Director, Dr. Jaipal Singh Gill. Ruxin fell in love with Ida and sensed that she would bring Ida home when she came across Ida's story. The process kicked off with a pre-adoption interview followed by an application for authorisation from the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) to own a fourth dog.

Today, Ida shares her new home with her three other canine siblings. Said Ruxin: "She is well-manned, very affectionate and lovable, and beyond my expectations. I am delighted to have her as part of our family."

"Older dogs can get overlooked as people often want young dogs or puppies," said Dr Jaipal Singh Gill, SPCA's Acting Executive Director. "Seeing Ida find a home after years gives us a sense of renewed hope for all senior and long-term shelter residing pets. Just knowing that Ida is now loved and cared for makes all the hard work worthwhile."

The longest staying resident canine and feline up for adoption at the SPCA now are Dino and Lucius respectively. For those who would prefer adopting an older pet, Dino, a seven-year-old cross-breed dog and Lucius, a ten and a half year old feline would love to meet you. Dino was previously adopted from the SPCA, but returned when his owner had to leave Singapore, while Lucius' new owners had a change of heart when their new baby arrived.

Note to Editor(s): Photos, with the following captions, are available for use in the Annex.

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Ida, known for her exceptionally personable, sweet character,
and smiling face. [SPCA/ DeDamselfly Photography]

Awaiting their forever homes are Dino (left) and Lucius (right).
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