

**Subcommittee on Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) (Amendment) Regulation 2016
and Specification of Public Offices (Amendment) Notice 2016**

Summary of views expressed/suggestions made by deputations/individuals at the meeting on 14 June 2016

	Major views expressed/suggestions made	Administration's response
(1)	The Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) (Amendment) Regulation 2016 would produce an unintended effect of legalizing private breeding of dogs. If regulatory control over dog breeding activities was considered necessary, the Administration should introduce a single-tier licensing regime for dog breeders and subject all licensees to the more stringent Dog Breeder Licence Category B for more effective enforcement of the amended Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) Regulations (Cap. 139B) and better protection of animal welfare.	
(2)	The Administration should raise the threshold for the granting and renewal of dog breeder licences and put a cap on each type of licence to be issued under the new licensing regime.	
(3)	The Administration should set out more stringent requirements in the Codes of Practice for licensed animal traders and dog breeders as part of the licence conditions, so as to safeguard animal welfare.	
(4)	The Administration should require dog breeders to attend compulsory training to equip themselves with the necessary knowledge and skills for dog breeding. Licensees and their staff (if any) should pass the relevant examination after completion of the training programmes.	

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(5)	The Administration should allocate adequate resources and manpower for enforcing the enhanced regulatory regime, in particular conducting inspections on licensed animal traders/dog breeders from time to time for compliance check.	
(6)	The Administration should take into account the terms and conditions in land leases and deeds of mutual covenant of a building in determining whether or not to grant/renew a dog breeder licence. To avoid nuisance caused to neighbouring residents and to protect dogs from a poor breeding environment, the Administration should consider prohibiting breeding activities at residential buildings.	
(7)	The Administration should exercise due care in considering exemption for animal welfare organizations from the requirement to obtain an Animal Trader Licence, so as to prevent illegal pet trading activities conducted by commercial breeders who operate under the disguise of animal welfare organizations.	
(8)	The Administration should consider extending the licensing system to cats and other pet animals.	
(9)	The Administration should make reference to animal protection legislation in developed countries/places and provide a timetable for reviewing the new licensing regime after its implementation.	
(10)	The Administration should work towards the objective of achieving "zero pet trading" and consider imposing a total ban on animal trading and breeding in future. The Administration should also promote	

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	adoption of animals to reduce the number of animal trading.	
(11)	The Administration should set up a dedicated bureau/department to formulate policies on animal welfare and oversee the regulation of animal trading and related business.	

Deputations/individuals making oral representation to the Subcommittee

Deputations/Individuals	LC Paper No.
On Turtle Eagle Workshop	-
Animals Asia Foundation Limited	LC Paper No. CB(2)1757/15-16(01)
Passion Times	LC Paper No. CB(2)1707/15-16(03)
Civic Passion	LC Paper No. CB(2)1707/15-16(04)
Feline Passion	-
Society for Abandoned Animals Limited	LC Paper No. CB(2)1707/15-16(05)
Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, Sha Tin District Council Member	-
Youngspiration	-
Hong Kong Scottish Fold Sickness Concern Group	LC Paper No. CB(2)1733/15-16(03)
Labour Party	LC Paper No. CB(2)1786/15-16(01)
Cheung Chau Animal Care	-
Hong Kong Rescue Puppies	LC Paper No. CB(2)1707/15-16(06)
STOP! Save HK's Cats and Dogs	LC Paper No. CB(2)1707/15-16(07)
Ms Amanda Sarah Whitfort, Associate Professor, Department of Professional Legal Education, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong	LC Paper No. CB(2)1707/15-16(08)
Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Sha Tin District Council Member	LC Paper No. CB(2)1786/15-16(02)

Deputations/Individuals	LC Paper No.
The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Hong Kong)	LC Paper No. CB(2)1707/15-16(09)
Land Justice League	-
Happy 99	-
Civic Party Animal Rights Concern Group	LC Paper No. CB(2)1757/15-16(03)
動物公民	LC Paper No. CB(2)1733/15-16(04)
Dolphin Family	LC Paper No. CB(2)1707/15-16(11)
Treasure Life, Be Kind To Animals Association	-
Animal Earth	-
Animal Life Guard Action Group	-
Non-Profit Making Veterinary Services Society Limited	LC Paper No. CB(2)1733/15-16(05)
Hong Kong Wild Boar Concern Group	-
動物北斗	-
Give Dogs a Home	LC Paper No. CB(2)1757/15-16(04)
Guardian	-
18 Districts Animal Protection Commissioners	LC Paper No. CB(2)1733/15-16(06)
The Democratic Party	-
ITV Media 動物頻道 - 動人之間	-
ITV Media 動物頻道 - 動物·緣	-
Animal Behaviour Veterinary Practice	LC Paper No. CB(2)1707/15-16(12)
Animal Power	-
Animal Friends	-
The Hong Kong Veterinary Association	LC Paper No. CB(2)1707/15-16(13)
	LC Paper No. CB(2)1757/15-16(05)
The Localists' Regiment of Animals Protection	LC Paper No. CB(2)1707/15-16(14)

Deputations/Individuals	LC Paper No.
Mr LEE Yik-yeung	-
Miss YUEN Chi-yan	-
Protection of Animals Lantau South	LC Paper No. CB(2)1707/15-16(15)
Mr Clarence Ronald LEUNG Kam-shing	-

Written submissions received from deputations/individuals not attending the Subcommittee meeting

Deputations/Individuals	LC Paper No.
Bring Love Home	LC Paper No. CB(2)1707/15-16(10)
China Hong Kong Veterinary Association	LC Paper No. CB(2)1707/15-16(13) LC Paper No. CB(2)1757/15-16(05)
Mongrel Club	LC Paper No. CB(2)1707/15-16(16)
Dr Howard WONG, Director, Centre for Animal Welfare, School of Veterinary Medicine, City University of Hong Kong	LC Paper No. CB(2)1707/15-16(17)
Dr Kenneth LAM	LC Paper No. CB(2)1707/15-16(18)
Miss Heliana LEE Hiu-lam	LC Paper No. CB(2)1757/15-16(02)
Hong Kong Kennel Club Limited	LC Paper No. CB(2)1847/15-16(01)