

致委員會:

我們是一群養鳥及愛鳥人士，有見禽流感陰影下，政府不但不教育市民有關禽流感的正確訊息，只懂倉卒禁養和殺戮，無視生命之可貴和價值。有見及此，我們在網上收集了**約六百名人士的簽署**，對於該兩條附屬法例作出抗議，並已於二月十一日聯署去信漁護署及衛生福利及食物局，我們向香港政府作出以下要求：

- 一· 釋市民對寵物鳥的恐懼和疑慮；並教育市民正確的飼養及處理方法，包括如何防止寵物鳥接觸野鳥，以及保持環境及個人衛生等；
- 二· 加強教育市民不要隨便棄養及放生寵物禽鳥，包括雞隻及鸚鵡；
- 三· 反對政府把所有鳥類標籤為污染源，灌輸錯誤意識，引起市民對雀鳥有不必要恐慌。

信件的英文版本及六百名市民的回應可在以下網站找到：

<http://co1s12.mysinablog.com/index.php?op=ViewArticle&articleId=105826>

正確教育是預防禽流感的基本，只靠恐嚇並不能解決問題，請政府正視。

另外，就附屬條例方面，我重申**並非反對政府禁止散養家禽**，但懇請政府考慮：

- 一· 尊重生命，減少無謂殺戮。請政府考慮**只對200多隻寵物禽鳥**發出飼養牌及安全飼養衛生指引，讓現有的寵物禽鳥可安享天年。
- 二· 對被沒收家禽的散養戶**作出合理賠償**。家禽仍市民財產，不賠償實在並不合理。官員所提出的理由理據不足，而且指市民會故意走私禽鳥索取賠償更是對全港市民的人格和智慧的侮辱，賠償需時處理亦是藉口。作為一個負責任及法治的政府，隨便沒收市民財產，於情於理皆不合，懇請負責人三思而後行。

上述兩點為個人意見。如有任何問題，歡迎電郵至cantong2001@yahoo.com。

此外，由於公務在身，本人並不會出席將於2006年2月24日(星期五)下午3時在立法會會議廳舉行的會議。

多謝。

此致

立法會秘書處

《2006年廢物處置條例(修訂附表4)公告》 及

《2006年公眾衛生(動物及禽鳥)(禽畜飼養的發牌)(修訂)規例》小組委員會

一群養鳥及愛鳥人士 謹啓

To all public media and organizations

Dear Sirs,

We are a group of bird owners and bird lovers. Under the potential threat of H5N1, we are very disappointed that our Government did not do anything to educate the public about the safety of pet birds. All they know are to kill and prohibit. They do not show any respect on the value of lives.

In view of this, we have collected **over 600 signature** from the public on the internet and we have already sent the letter to the Agricultural and Fishery Department as well as the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau on 11 Feb 2006, requesting the following to be done:

- 1) To ease the anxiety and fear of the public on pet birds, educate the public on the correct way of preventing bird flu in pet birds, including to isolate pet birds from wild birds, and to keep good hygiene;
- 2) Do not encourage the public to release their pet birds to the wild;
- 3) Do not label all birds as pollutant.

You can have the full version of the letter and replies from the public in the following web site:

<http://co1s12.mysinablog.com/index.php?op=ViewArticle&articleId=105826>

Education is basic for the prevention of avian flu and reduce public panic. In addition to the above, we would like to stress that we are **NOT stand against**

the law of prohibit the keeping of poultry at backyard, but to urge the Government to consider the following:

1) Respect the lives of pet poultry and avoid killing. We request the Government to issue licence **ONLY to these existing 200+ pet poultry** and let them die naturally; and issue safety and hygiene guidelines for pet owners to follow; and

2) To compensate poultry owners as the poultry are personal properties of the public. It is unfair and unjust for the Government to confiscate without compensation. Accusing the public of the possibility of smuggling is ridiculous and can be considered as an insult to the wisdom and dignity of the public. The second reason that it takes time for compensation is clearly an excuse. As an responsible Government ruled by the law, the confiscation is unlawful and unjust, please consider the consequences before taking action.

Please note that the above two points are my personal opinion. For enquiries, please feel free to email to cantong2001@yahoo.com

Thank you for your attention.

Regards,

A Group of Bird Owners and Bird Lovers