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Subject Attn: Bills Committee on Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
(Amendment) Bill 2006

16th October 2006

Miss Odelia LEUNG
The Clerk
Bills Committee on Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Bill 2006
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central
Hong Kong

Dear Ms Leung

RE: "Any Other Business"

I have sent the attached e-mail to the authority concerned and they answered me briefly. The e-mail was about the obsolescence of both the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance (Cap. 169) and the Dogs and Cats Regulations (Cap. 167A).

The issue is totally related to the subject matter of the prevention of cruelty to animals and I would like the members of the Bills Committee to follow up and urge the administration to do something (say, to ask Mr. CHEUK, the Deputy Secretary, to draw a timetable of making relevant amendments during the next meeting on Thursday, 2 November 2006).

Could you, the Clerk of the Bills Committee on Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Bill 2006, notify this piece of information to the members of the Bills Committee? Thank you very much for your attention. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely

T. KwokA student

Cc.Hon James TIEN, Chairman of the Bills Committee

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wrote on Wed Apr 12 10:04:42 CST 2006

Dear Mr. KWOK,

Thank you for your suggestion on the Dogs & Cats Ordinance, Cap 167. We can consider this issue at a later stage.

動物管理科 Animal Management Division
漁農自然護理署 Agriculture, Fisheries & Conservation Department.

----- Forwarded by Eric HF TAI/AFCD/HKSARG on 12/04/2006 09:36 -----

"KWOK TSZ LEUNG."

Subject: Views
regarding the Proposed Amendments to the Prevention of Cruelty to
Animals Ordinance (Cap.169)

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Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food
19/F Murray Building
Garden Road, Central
Hong Kong

10th April 2006

Dear Sir

RE: Views regarding the Proposed Amendments to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance (Cap. 169) [Ref. CB(2) 1663/05-06(07)]

With reference to your bureau's intending to amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance (Cap. 169) for the purpose of raising the existing penalty on abusing animals, I would like to express my sincere appreciation.

As 'Animals are important companions to people and they should be respected', please also consider having an amendment to the penalty level of the Dogs and Cats Ordinance (Cap. 167) and the Dogs and Cats Regulations (Cap. 167A) to effectively stop the acts of human's EATING 'our companions'.

The level of fines in the Dogs and Cats Regulations (Cap. 167A) is as obsolete as that in the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance (Cap. 169) and it can no longer reflect the seriousness of cruelty to domestic pets as well. In accordance with the laws, 'slaughter of dog or cat for food is prohibited and any person who contravenes such regulations shall be liable to a fine of \$5000 and to imprisonment for 6 months' (rr. 22 - 23, Cap. 167A). This is the same as the current level of penalty under section 3 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance (Cap. 169).

The offences under the above-mentioned enactments should be treated with equal importance as the nature of these crimes is indeed the same – animals' suffering from humans' evil behaviour.

To my knowledge, from the news, a meeting is to be held by the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene of the Legislative Council on Tuesday, 11th April 2006, when the proposed amendments to the ordinance are to be discussed. Please have my suggestion seriously considered and, if possible or appropriate, discuss such a matter with those Honourable LegCo Members. Thank you very much for your attention.

Yours faithfully

Kwok Tsz-leung
A Student

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Chairman of the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

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