

## The Hong Kong Veterinary Association Ltd

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Dear Sirs,

Re: Amendments to additional conditions attached to license under CAP 139b relating to dog and cat traders who are not breeders.

I write on behalf of the members of the Hong Kong Veterinary Association to express support for the proposed additional conditions to CAP 139b.

We believe that the introduction of these conditions will have a positive effect on animal health and welfare, will protect public health and will also give an increased measure of consumer protection.

We are encouraged by the steps taken towards improving the welfare of animals in Hong Kong; as veterinary surgeons one of our primary concerns is ensuring animal welfare. We would welcome the chance to participate still further in the review of legislation and are pleased to continue to work with various stakeholders and concerned parties to effect improvements in companion animal welfare in Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Veronica Leong President, HKVA