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Attention: **Clerk to the Subcommittee on Waste Disposal Ordinance (Amendment of Fourth Schedule) Notice 2006 and Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Licensing of Livestock Keeping) (Amendment) Regulation 2006**

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The SPCA would like to register its concern about the enactment of an amendment to the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Licensing of Livestock Keeping) Regulation.

We have been approached by members of the public who are affected by this legislation as unfortunately consideration does not seem to have been afforded to the owners of the types of birds covered by this amendment but which are kept as pets not livestock.

Many of these pet birds are solo animals or housed in extremely low density situations and have little or no contact with wild birds, similar to other species of pet birds which are kept caged or in aviaries.

It is our understanding that when the number of birds is less than 20 they cannot apply for a license and thus will be forced to give up their pets to which they have a strong emotional attachment.

We would hope that you would be able to acknowledge these owners concerns and their pets and accommodate them by allowing them to continue to live with their avian companions through modification of the amendment.

The welfare of these birds is of great concern now the amendment has come into force as owners will be even more reluctant to surrender their birds, as they fear large penalties, and may release these domesticated pet birds that are unable to survive in the wild.

Yours sincerely,

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