

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ANIMAL TRADER REGULATIONS (Cap 139B)

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To:

Dear Sir/Madam,

As someone who has been a supporter of Hong Kong Dog Rescue for several years, and who has volunteered on the front lines of 'animal rescue,' I fully urge you to pass the proposed amendments to animal trader regulations in hopes it will represent yet one more crucial step towards preventing abuse of a system that has animals suffering needlessly and endlessly.

I am certain you have read many letters, all offering salient points and that specifically address the ways in which the proposed amendments would improve on the existing laws and provide the government with a way to better regulate the animal trade. But I would also like to appeal to you from a different perspective.

Gandhi once said that "the greatness of a nation and it's moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." For a city as modern and civilised and Hong Kong, not enough is done to protect animals, which leads to the surplus of rescues we have seen over the years. People have no moral issues with neglecting with animals, starving them, abusing them, and dumping them on the streets. The government needs to set an example, and show that such behaviour is not condoned and should not go unpunished. There needs to be deterrents in place to prevent this from happening.

I sincerely hope these proposed amendments will be passed through.

Best Regards, Kathleen