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Dear Dr. Wong,


“Trap-Neuter-Return” Trial in Stray Dogs

I note that the above-mentioned Panel will meet on 14th January 2014 to discuss, *inter alia*, the progress in setting-up a “Trap-Neuter-Return” (TNR) trial for control of stray dogs.

The Animal Welfare Advisory Group (AWAG), along with its subcommittee on Managing Animal Populations, has always taken a keen interest in the progress of the proposed TNR trial in Hong Kong. The Group has discussed various aspects of the TNR trial and provided related advice to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department over the past few years.

This letter is written to express the support of AWAG for a TNR trial conducted in a legal and scientific manner. It is to be hoped that the results of such a trial would form a scientific basis on which to assess the merits of TNR as a potential tool for controlling the stray dog population in Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,



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AWAG Chairman