



Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene - Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR)

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To: Subcommittee on Dangerous Dogs Regulation (Exemption) (Amendment) Notice 2014 and Rabies (TNR Programme) (Exemption) Notice, LEGCO
From: Animal Earth
Subject: Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) Programme

Dear Members,

Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) Programme

We urge the Government to adopt comprehensive Trap-Neuter-Release (including vaccination against rabies) (TNR) approach to manage stray or free-living land animals throughout Hong Kong as soon as possible.

The urgency and importance of TNR is two-fold. First, closer relationship between the Mainland and the HKSAR and the increasing activities across the border has increased the possibility of bringing in rabies cases into Hong Kong. The adoption of a comprehensive TNR programme in Hong Kong will alleviate the need for drastic measures (e.g. massive culling) to cope with cases of rabies within the territory, which will cause immeasurable impact to Hong Kong as a world city. Second, TNR has been adopted in increasing number of cities elsewhere as a more effective, longer-term, and more humane approach to control the population of stray and free-living animals.

We understand that it takes time for the community to understand the rationale of the TNR

approach. Therefore, we also request the Government to implement associated education and publicity programmes for the general public, so that the TNR approach can be widely implemented as soon as possible, especially to guard against the possibility of rabies occurrence in Hong Kong.

We therefore urge the HKSAR Government to give priority and implement programmes to make TNR a part of Hong Kong's strategy for public health and welfare, both for human and animals.

Yours sincerely,

Animal Earth

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