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**Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene**

**Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to Animal Rights**

**Minutes of the meeting**  
**held on Friday, 16 December 2016, at 10:00 am**  
**in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

**Members present** : Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP (Chairman)  
Hon Claudia MO (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung  
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, JP  
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP  
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP  
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP  
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS  
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS  
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen  
Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP  
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP  
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP  
Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP  
Hon Alvin YEUNG  
Hon CHU Hoi-dick  
Hon HO Kai-ming  
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH  
Hon Tanya CHAN  
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP  
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH  
Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, MH, JP  
Hon KWONG Chun-yu  
Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho  
Hon Nathan LAW Kwun-chung

Dr Hon LAU Siu-lai

**Members absent** : Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP  
Hon HUI Chi-fung  
Dr Hon YIU Chung-yim

**Clerk in attendance** : Ms Alice LEUNG  
Chief Council Secretary (2) 6

**Staff in attendance** : Ms Jasmine TAM  
Senior Council Secretary (2) 8

Miss Connie AU  
Council Secretary (2) 6

Miss Meisy KWOK  
Legislative Assistant (2) 6

Miss Cally LAI  
Legislative Assistant (2) 10

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**I. Election of Chairman (and Deputy Chairman)**

Election of Chairman

Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung, the member with the highest precedence among those who were present at the meeting, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Subcommittee. He invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Subcommittee.

2. Ms Claudia MO was nominated by Mr CHAN Chi-chuen and the nomination was seconded by Dr LAU Siu-lai. Ms Claudia MO accepted the nomination.

3. Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung invited other nominations for the chairmanship. Dr CHIANG Lai-wan was nominated by Mr Michael TIEN and the nomination was seconded by Ms Alice MAK. Dr CHIANG

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Lai-wan accepted the nomination. As there was no other nomination, Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung announced that voting be conducted by secret ballot.

4. Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung announced that 9 members voted for Ms Claudia MO and 16 members voted for Dr CHIANG Lai-wan respectively. Mr LEUNG declared Dr CHIANG Lai-wan elected as the Chairman of the Subcommittee. Dr CHIANG then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

5. Members agreed to elect a Deputy Chairman. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Subcommittee. Ms Claudia MO was nominated by Dr LAU Siu-lai. The nomination was seconded by Mr Jeremy TAM. Ms Claudia MO accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, Ms Claudia MO was elected the Deputy Chairman of the Subcommittee.

**II. Meeting arrangements and items for discussion**

6. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

7. Members suggested that the Subcommittee could consider discussing the following issues:

- (a) establishment of "animal police" teams as a measure in handling and combating animal cruelty cases;
- (b) review of the definition of cruelty to animals, and the relevant penalty under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance (Cap. 169);
- (c) keeping dogs on construction sites, in particular, the Code of Practice for keeping of dogs on construction sites issued by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department;
- (d) implementation of the "Trap-Neuter-Return" trial programme;
- (e) promotion of responsible pet ownership, including the vaccination and microchipping for cats;

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- (f) measures to prevent and combat illegal hunting and trapping of animals;
- (g) import and export control of animal skin and fur products;
- (h) animal-friendly measures such as arrangement for pet animals to board public transport and to enter public venues like parks and restaurants;
- (i) welfare of captive animals in Hong Kong, including those being kept in the Ocean Park; and
- (j) progress update on the implementation of the Public Health (Animal and Birds) (Animal Traders) (Amendment) Regulation 2016 after its commencement.

8. The Deputy Chairman and Mr KWONG Chun-yu hoped that issues referred to in paragraph 7(a) above could be discussed at the next meeting.

9. The Chairman advised that she and the Clerk would work out the meeting arrangements as appropriate, taking into account members' suggestions and in consultation with the Administration. Members would be informed of the date for holding the next meeting in due course.

*(Post-meeting note: On the advice of the Chairman, the next meeting would be held on 17 January 2017 at 4:30 pm. Notice of the meeting was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)499/16-17 on 28 December 2016.)*

**III. Any other business**

10. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:24 am.

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**Proceedings of the meeting of the  
Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to Animal Rights  
on Friday, 16 December 2016, at 10:00 am  
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

Time marker	Speaker(s)	Subject(s)	Action required
<i>Agenda item I – Election of Chairman (and Deputy Chairman)</i>			
000108-001147	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Mr CHAN Chi-chuen Dr LAU Siu-lai Ms Claudia MO Mr Michael TIEN Ms Alice MAK Dr CHIANG Lai-wan	Election of Chairman	
001148-001342	Chairman Dr LAU Siu-lai Mr Jeremy TAM Ms Claudia MO	Election of Deputy Chairman	
<i>Agenda item II – Meeting arrangements and items for discussion</i>			
001343-001650	Chairman Mr CHAN Hak-kan	Mr CHAN Hak-kan suggested the following issues for discussion by the Subcommittee:  (a) issues relating to the vaccination and microchipping for cats;  (b) review of the definition of cruelty to animals, and the relevant penalty under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance (Cap. 169) ("PCAO");  (c) the implementation of the "Trap-Neuter-Return" ("TNR") trial programme and whether the TNR programme could be fully implemented across the territory;  (d) measures to prevent and combat illegal hunting and trapping of animals; and  (e) keeping dogs on construction sites, in particular, the Code of Practice for keeping of dogs on construction sites issued by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department.	
001651-001807	Chairman Deputy Chairman	Expressing concern about the establishment of "animal police" teams in 18 districts as a measure in handling and combating animal cruelty cases, the Deputy Chairman suggested that reference	

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		could be made to the current collaboration between animal welfare concern group(s) and the Police. She hoped that the subject could be discussed at the next meeting.	
001808-001916	Chairman Mr Jeremy TAM	Mr Jeremy TAM was concerned about the health and welfare of captive animals in the Ocean Park ("OP") and suggested that the subject could be discussed at future meetings.  He hoped that the Administration could update the Subcommittee on the progress of the implementation of the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) (Amendment) Regulation 2016 ("the Amendment Regulation") after its commencement.	
001917-002001	Chairman Mr CHAN Chi-chuen	Mr CHAN Chi-chuen considered that the subject of the implementation of the Amendment Regulation could be discussed at a later time, say after June 2017. He suggested that the subject of import and export control of animal skin and fur products could be discussed by the Subcommittee. He also hoped that if appropriate, products with ingredients of animals of endangered species, including ivory, could also be discussed.	
002002-002031	Chairman Ms Alice MAK	Ms Alice MAK suggested that the arrangement for allowing animals to board public transports and to enter public venues like parks and restaurants be discussed.	
002032-002233	Chairman Mr KWONG Chun-yu	Mr KWONG Chun-yu hoped that the establishment of "animal police" teams could be given priority for discussion. He considered that it was necessary to review the penalty levels of PCAO in order to increase the deterrent effect. In his view, there was a need to discuss ways to build a more animal-friendly community (e.g. allowing pet animals to board public transport on selected days).	
002234-002326	Chairman Deputy Chairman	The Deputy Chairman hoped that the policy on the keeping of pet animals in public housing estates could be reviewed. She also suggested that the Administration's initiatives in promoting responsible pet ownership be discussed at future meetings.	
002327-002512	Chairman Deputy Chairman	The Chairman drew members' attention that the policy relating to some issues suggested by members for discussion was not under the Food and Health Bureau.	

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<i>Agenda item III – Any other business</i>			
002513-002535	Chairman	Closing remarks	

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