

NEW EMPIRICAL STUDY OF TYPOLOGIES OF ANIMAL CRUELTY IN HONG KONG

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In September 2021, the findings of a study funded by the Policy Innovation and Co-ordination office of the HKSAR government were released. The study examined 335 animal cruelty cases detailed in the SPCA's investigation database from 2013 to 2019. The study found action is necessary to educate owners to voluntarily surrender animals they can no longer care for appropriately rather than place the animals' welfare at risk by abandoning them. To counter the risk to animals in unregulated shelters, there is an urgent need to introduce shelter licensing legislation in Hong Kong. Government policies prohibiting the keeping of dogs in public housing alongside historical dog population management strategies have also contributed to the problem of abandonment of dogs in Hong Kong.

At this event, two of the study's authors will discuss the findings.

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