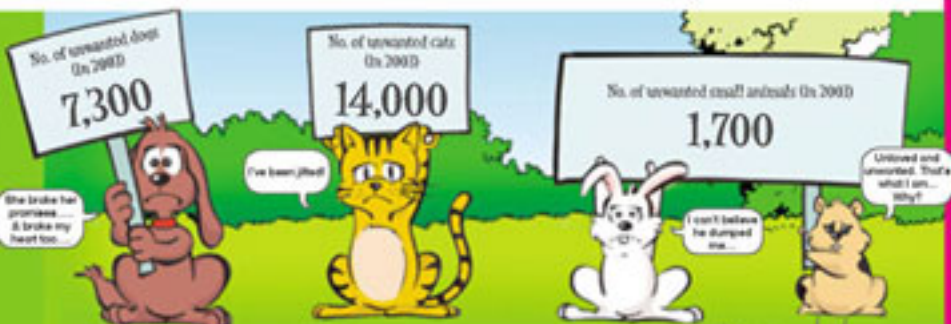




Do Not Abandon Your Pets!

Some Startling Facts.

Thousands of pets are abandoned by their owners each year. The abandonment of unwanted pets contributes to the problem of strays. A common misconception is that it is more humane to abandon unwanted pets than to put them to sleep. However, what people do not realise is that pet abandonment brings misery to the animals and causes problems to the community.



What Happens To Abandoned Pets?

What becomes of these once loved animals now deprived of food and shelter? Defenseless and unable to fend for themselves, these domesticated animals are often unable to survive on their own.



A Pet Is For Life, Never Abandon Your Pet!

Pets are a huge responsibility as they need constant care, attention and love. Keeping pets is a lifelong commitment. It is cruel and irresponsible to abandon pets. Abandoning your pet should never be an option.



Why Do People Abandon Their Pets?

Owners' lack of knowledge about their pets is one of the key reasons behind pet abandonment. The lack of a sense of responsible pet ownership gives rise to various excuses for abandoning pets.



Are You Guilty Of Pet Abandonment?

WHO IS AVA? The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority, AVA, was established to ensure a resilient supply of safe food, safeguard the health of animals and plants and facilitate agri-trade for Singapore.

AVA CHAMPIONS ANIMAL WELFARE

One of AVA's key goals is to safeguard and promote animal welfare. AVA does this by enforcing strict regulations to protect animals against cruel treatment and educating the public on responsible pet ownership.

Through public education efforts such as talks, roadshows, exhibitions and publications, AVA equips potential and existing owners with knowledge on the care and responsibility that comes with owning a pet. AVA also works closely with animal welfare organisations.

These efforts are critical to attaining high standards of pet care and minimising pet abandonment. AVA is committed to ensuring the continued harmonious co-existence of people and animals in Singapore.

AVA'S ANIMAL WELFARE RESOURCES AVA's Centre for Animal Welfare and Control (CAWC), is a one stop centre for matters pertaining to animal welfare and control. The public can visit this facility for information on pets and pet care. Talks on responsible pet ownership and publications on animal welfare are available upon request.

AVA's Centre for Animal Welfare and Control is located at:
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