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# Aniversity

University where you learn about animals

**I**n view of the popularity of Aniversity from 2016, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), Pet Lovers Centre (PLC) and Loyal.D came together once again on 6 December 2017 to conduct the programme to educate more children on animal welfare and responsible pet ownership.

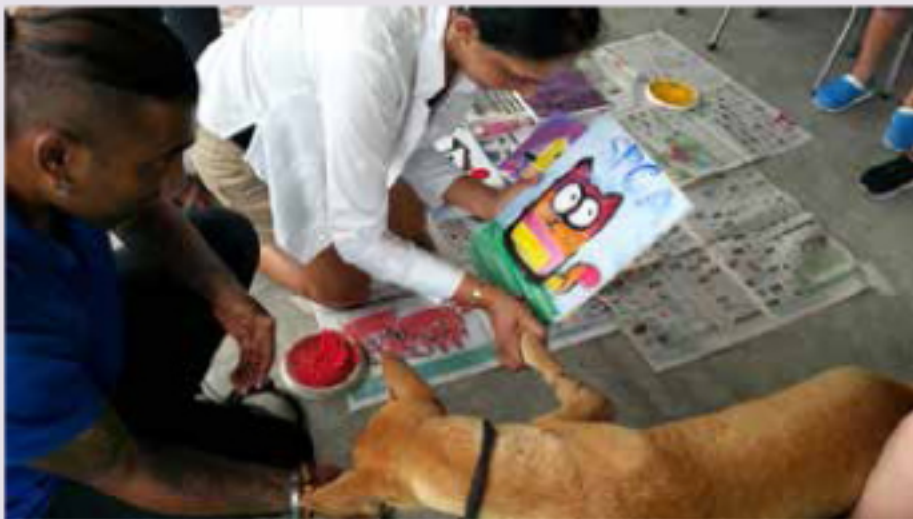


The proud attendees ready to bring their masterpieces home

A total of 13 children registered for Aniversity last year and they had a wonderful time learning about animals, including how to care for pets and community animals. Since the attendees were between 7 and 12, it was an opportune moment to enlighten them on the responsibilities of being a pet owner and reiterate the fact that pets are for life. During the sharing session, it was clear that the attendees all had immense love for animals and a number of attendees came to the conclusion that the world will see a decline in pet abandonment rates and animal abuse cases only when pet owners consider their pets as family

members. Their heartening answers offer hope for the next generation of pet owners and are in line with the goals of our educational programmes to instil in the minds of all that responsible pet ownership entails caring for the pet not only in good times, but also in bad times, when they are sick.

After the fruitful sharing session, the attendees learnt how to approach and interact with animals through the animal interaction session at the SPCA shelter. Since a number of attendees did not have pets at home, the animal interaction session was no doubt interesting, but it was also an eye-opener as it provided them with knowledge on animal behaviour and animal body language. This is helpful because only when we understand an animal's body language, will we then be able to communicate effectively with them.



Following the animal interaction session, the attendees got a chance to get their hands dirty in the last segment of the programme. In Painting with Pooches (PWP), the attendees were encouraged to paint their thoughts and feelings for animals on canvas. The activity provided the attendees with an opportunity to think deeply about the many issues faced by pets and community animals and what they envision for these lovely creatures. After the attendees had completed their paintings, they got to meet Criss Cross, a beautiful Singapura Special shelter dog, to imprint her paw of approval onto the attendees' paintings, which the attendees took home after the session. It is with hope that the paw print will remind the attendees of the wonderful time they had at Aniversity each time they look at their masterpiece at home. At the end of the programme, the attendees all received goodie bags housed in a drawstring bag, which included a pencil case and a notebook. 2017 marks the second edition of Aniversity and we are certain that given the popularity of the programme, we will be having many more editions of Aniversity in years to come.



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After putting the final touches to their artwork, Criss Cross, a beautiful Singapura Special shelter dog came to give the attendees her stamp of approval by imprinting her paw onto the masterpieces.

All smiles after a fun colouring and sharing session with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA).

The attendees were all given canvas pieces and brushes to express their emotions and thoughts towards the pets and community animals in Painting with Pooches (PWP).

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