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# **Visit to the Ipoh Society for the Prevention Of Cruelty to Animals (ISPCA) Project Report**

By

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### **Project Details**

**Date : 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2010**

**Time : 0900- 1300 hours**

**Venue : ISPCA, Jalan Gopeng, Ipoh.**

### **Part A – Executive Summary**

The ISPCA is a non-profit organization that concerns the cruelty to animals and they provide care and shelter for animals that have been abused or neglected until they are adopted. This organization is dependent on volunteers namely Mrs. Doreen Laidlaw, Mrs. Yeoh Seng Choon and some dedicated volunteer vets. At the ISPCA, they do not believe in practicing euthanasia on healthy animals and so, they have over two hundred dogs and cats to care for. Despite the huge number, they try and give these less-fortunate animals their very best and it is clear to see the great amount of effort they put in to ensure that.

Therefore, as a concerned club towards our fellow earth-mates, we managed to arrange a visit to this centre. This visit was made successful by a total of nine of us from UTP. There at the centre, we helped around by doing some cleaning as well as painting.

### **Part B (1) - Objectives**

1. To inculcate an attitude of kindness and caring towards animals
2. To spread the word as to what Rotaract is all about.
3. Fellowship with the members.
4. Provide a better living and environment for the pets.
5. To ease the pain and sufferings of these animals and together we can share the responsibility that the ISPCA bear on their shoulders.

### **Part B (2): Organizing Committee**

Project Chairperson : Rotaractor Nurkunasegri Devi Nurkunasegran

Project Advisor : Rotaractor Michelle Lee Huong Tiing

Treasurer : Rotaractor Chan Ning Jian



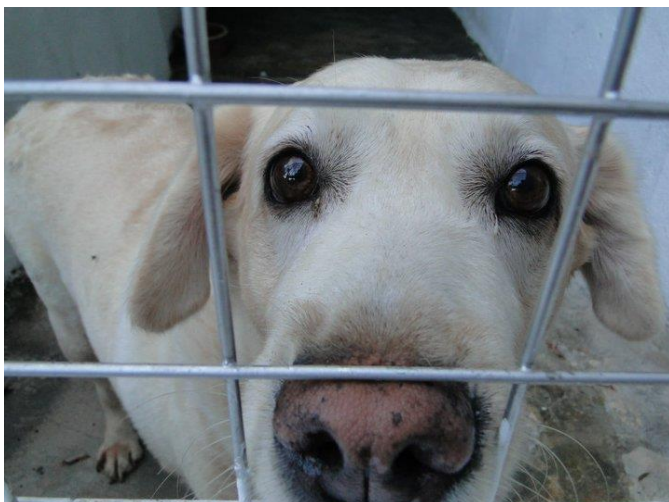
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### Part D: Photos



A view of the ISPCA



Sad eyes, welcoming us in



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Painting the cages for the pets



A mother cat milking her kittens





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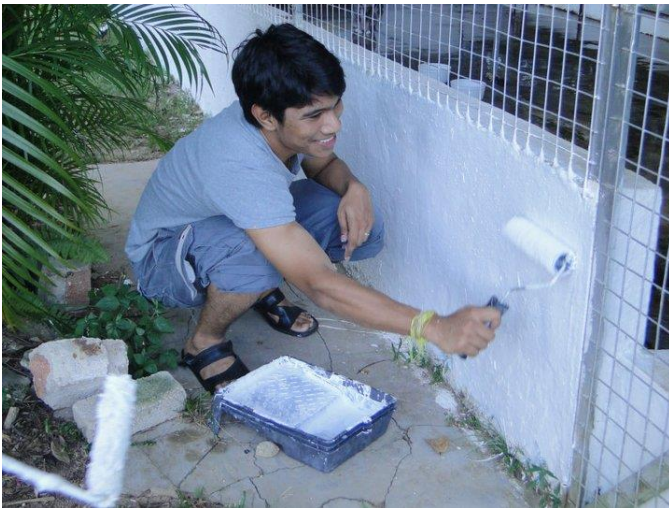
One of the oldest dog at the centre  
(almost 17 years old)



Cleaning the cattery



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Painting the cattery



A group picture outside of the ISPCA with the owners



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### **Part E: “The Making Of...”**

As mentioned in the executive summary, we managed to organize this visit to the ISPCA with a total of nine students taking part. So, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2010, on a bright and early Saturday morning, we met up at the Village 2 cafeteria in UTP at around 7.30 am. We were only expected to be at the centre at 9.00 am but we decided to head off early as this is our first visit there and we were uncertain exactly where the centre is located. After going around in circles, making necessary U-turns and a phone call to Mrs. Doreen later, we managed to arrive at the centre on time and in one piece.

The ISPCA is located quite a distance away from the main road and housing areas and this arrangement is such because two hundred over dogs and cats can indeed make a mighty sound. Hence, considering the distance, we were already very much eager to reach the centre and as soon as we arrived and got out of the car, we were amazed. The centre is located at the foot of the limestone hills and the view is simply spectacular. So, with our mouths wide open, we proceeded into the centre and were welcomed by Mrs. Doreen.

First, we had a tour around the centre and were introduced to some of the caretakers and volunteers. After scanning through the area we rolled up our sleeves and got to work. We were divided into groups and each was assigned to specific duties; cleaning the cattery, painting the cattery, cleaning the dog cages and painting them. Some of us were tested and pushed to our limits as cleaning the cattery can prove to be a challenging task indeed considering the unpleasant smell in there.

After completing our task and feeling satisfied with the results, we decided to take a break. Mrs. Doreen was kind enough to treat us with some refreshing iced tea and coffee which was exactly what we needed after a hard day's work. Then, Mrs. Doreen, Mrs. Yeoh Seng Choon and her spouse, shared their stories, concerns and experiences in managing this centre. We realized that the situation was indeed difficult for them as they have to feed and provided shelter for so many pets and their expenditures stretches to hundreds on a daily basis. Also, they receive a very small amount of support from the government financially. The community is not so supportive either as they make use of the ISPCA as a dumping ground where they abandon their lame or 'unwanted' pets.



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We then decided that it was time to leave so we packed up and took photos to remind us of this wonderful trip. With these stories close to our heart and lifted by our newly gained experience, we headed back to UTP at 1.00 pm.

### **Part F: “Tell us why...”**

The ISPCA could definitely use with some help, financially and in terms of support, and it being located in an isolated location does not help their cause. As part of the community, we feel that it is our responsibility to lend a hand wherever necessary. It can be said that we tried doing the best we can by cleaning and painting the centre. Understand that to see to the needs of over two hundred pets is not easy at all and can prove to be maddening at times considering the noise these pets tend to make when they decide to bark, all at once. Therefore, with us there to assist them, it would lessen their burden and it helps to know that there are still people out there who care and are willing to help. As mentioned by Mrs. Doreen, they need to get all the support they can get and visits like this would keep them light-spirited and motivated.

Given that the owners and volunteers are working hard through long hours and with limited resources, one would expect them to be frustrated and tired. However, we observed that they all had smiles on their faces and felt more than delighted to take care of these pets. In fact, they even regarded some of the pets that have been with them for over ten years or so as their children. It is clear to see the love and passion they share and the sacrifices they make in ensuring that these animals too, live a well deserved life, This touched our hearts and in us, instilled respect to the caretakers.

This visit had made each Rotaractor gain more awareness on the abused state of the animals and empathize their condition. The ISPCA’s kind gesture to support these animals by giving them shelter and food is undeniably a noble deed, they have saved thousands of animals from being abused and clean them physically and mentally to be given another chance. This also made us realize that we can make a change indeed by assisting centers like to in their aim to make better the lives of the animals.





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