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# No culling of stray cats for Chong Pang

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THE Chong Pang constituency will no longer cull stray cats - at least not the ones that have been spayed.

It will set in motion a humane cat management programme in two weeks, making it the first in Singapore to stop the culling of sterilised strays.

The programme allows the public to play a more active and vital role, while working with the town council, local group Animal Concerns Research and Education Society (Acres) and the Cat Welfare Society (CWS).

It will be launched by Law and Foreign Minister K. Shanmugam at a public forum on animal welfare policies on June 18 - also a first - organised by Acres in collaboration with Chong Pang grassroots. The forum, a first, will give Singaporeans the opportunity to be engaged in shaping animal welfare policies in Singapore.

It comes in the wake of National Development Minister Khaw Boon Wan's blog entry on June 2, where he wrote that the culling of cats in heartland estates is not the way to go.

Last year, about 5,100 stray cats were put down. The year before, the figure was 5,400 and in 2008, it was 6,800.

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