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## **Overview** of Cat Welfare Society



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#### Who We Are

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Founded in July 1999 by friends moved by the horrific burning of kittens and the mass culling of over 13,000 cats annually, CWS has dedicated itself to transforming cat management in Singapore. Initially focused on ending inhumane culling practices, the organization has successfully reduced euthanasia rates to under 1,000 cats per year since 2015. Evolving over time, CWS now engages in community mediation, cat population management, and advocacy, including driving significant policy changes such as overturning the ban on cat ownership in HDBs and establishing standards for responsible caregiving. Their mission is to achieve sustainable and humane cat management through advocacy, sterilisation, engagement, and education, with a vision of a society where every cat has a home.

Mission & Vision



### Achieving the sustainable and humane management of cats

in Singapore through advocacy, sterilisation, engagement

and education.



home.

A humane society where every cat in Singapore has a place to call

#### Our work is focused on four areas.

Our Work

**Sterilisation & Mediation** 

To achieve our vision of this humane society, we have focused intensely on two programmes in the past decade:

1.Sterilisation – CWS has pushed through an islandwide community cat sterilisation programme. The programme will reduce the

overall number of cats gradually. This means that each cat will have more resources dedicated to it. In turn, this reduces the burden on community caregivers. 2.Community mediation and engagement – CWS has also worked alongside government partners to address cat-related feedback and show that one can choose the humane approach to community issues over an easy way out.

These programmes have been successful. Singapore has opted for the approach in the management of animals. The falling culling

rates in the past decade and engagement of CWS by NParks as its mediation partner are testament to that. **Advocacy & Education** 

CWS also advocates and educates on responsible cat ownership and responsible cat caregiving in the community. CWS' work has

legitimised responsible cat caregiving islandwide through registration and donation programmes for the cat caregivers. Our guidelines for cat adoptions have also been adopted as the standard by independent rehomers and groups alike.

#### The Impact of Our Work Our work saves lives.

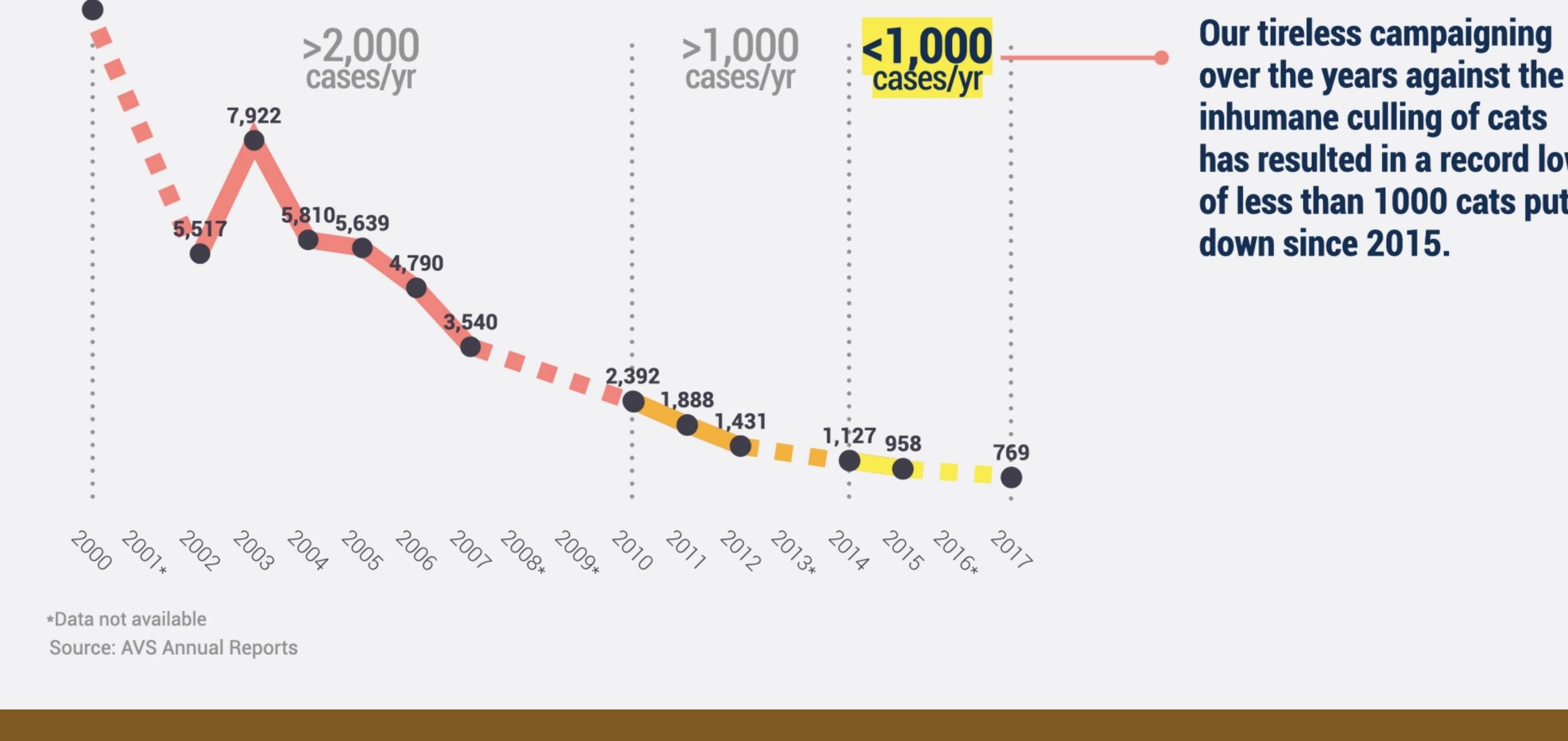
Through sterilisation, we have humanely reduced the overall population of cats over time so that all the remaining cats have more resources in terms of food and medical care available.

for actions. Through education and advocacy, we have created a society that is more informed about responsible cat ownership and

Through mediation and community engagement, we have impressed upon the nation that the humane management of cats is

both feasible and desirable. Cat-related feedback and disputes can be resolved through responsible ownership and accountability

### IMPOUNDMENTS & CULLING 27,500



inhumane culling of cats has resulted in a record low of less than 1000 cats put down since 2015.

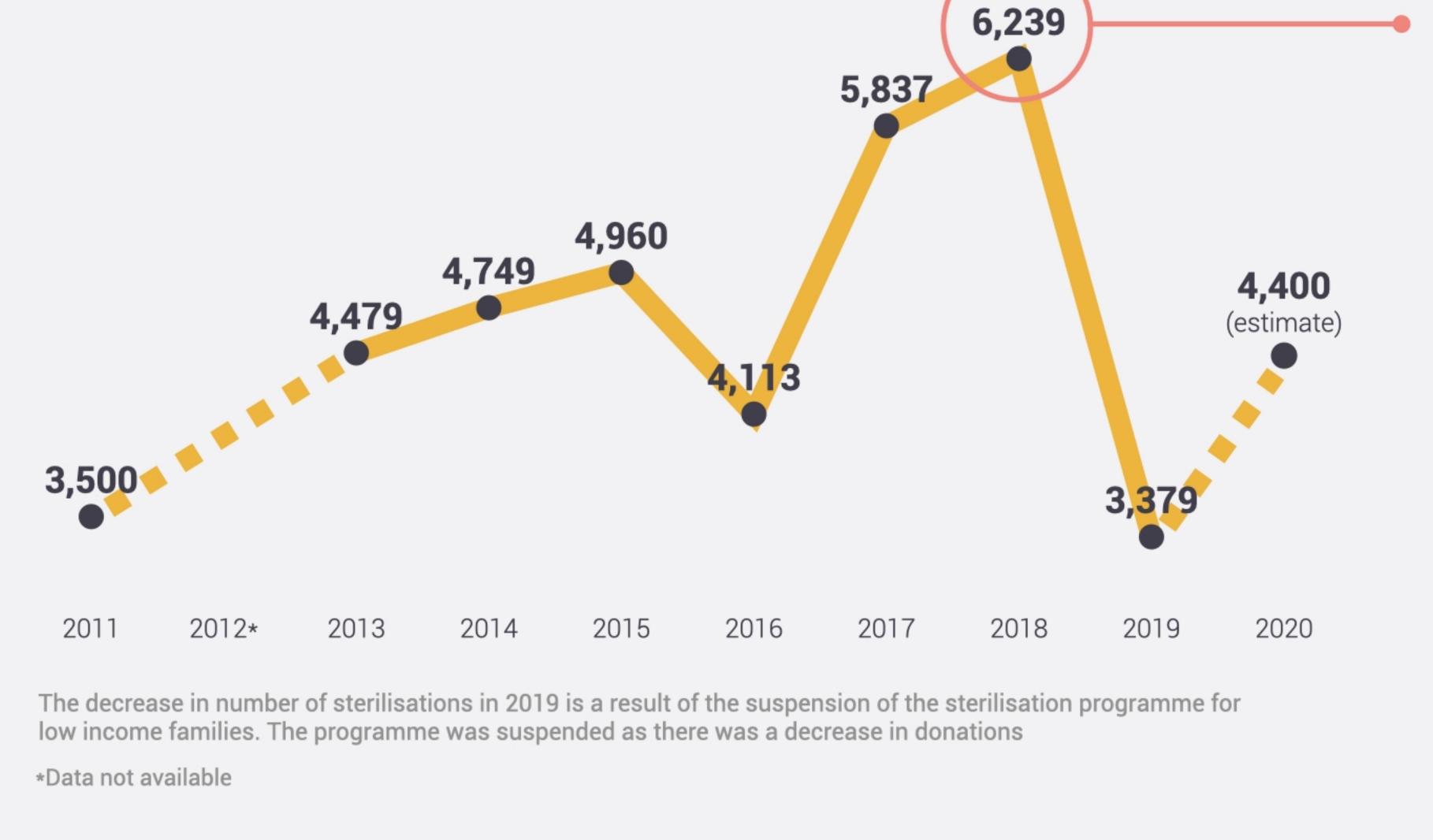
Although we have made much progress in the past two decades, we must keep fighting. The graph below shows the sheer volume of cats that CWS has helped sterilise in the past. It is obvious that we must continue to operate to provide resources for

We must keep fighting

caregivers to sterilise cats in all parts of Singapore. This is the pivotal first step in managing a population humanely.

# >45,600 cats in 10 years

STERILISATIONS BY CWS



#### the cats were from the community. The programme for

Over 1,000 cats were from low-

income families and the rest of

CWS sterilised a record

number of cats in 2018.

low-income families was ceased in 2019 due to insufficient funding. The accelerated rate of sterilisations in 2018 also resulted in an overall decrease in number of cats sterilised in 2019.

We will continue administering our programmes and have set our sights on a national campaign to promote legalised responsible pet ownership and an

cares for every part of our community including the animals.

As we mature as a nation, we need to ensure that future generations can live harmoniously – that every man, woman, child and animal can live in peace together. A future where humanity reigns and kindness rules. This is the legacy we want to leave behind for generations to come.

understanding of the consequences of our actions on others. We want to foster a culture of understanding and create an empathetic society in Singapore that

The Cat Welfare Society (CWS) is a Singapore-based society registered under the Societies Act (Cap. 311 of Singapore).

It is also a charity and an institute of public character ("IPC") pursuant to the Charities Act (Cap. 37 of Singapore).

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