**New Initiatives for Animal Welfare**

New licensing conditions for pet retail to help prevent impulse pet buying by children, waiver of first year licence fees for impounded stray dogs that are suitable for re-homing, and a multi-stakeholder collaboration committee to allow different sectors to share their views and build mutual understanding on animal welfare.

These are some initiatives implemented since the acceptance of all 24 recommendations by the Animal Welfare Legislation Review Committee (AWLRC) to strengthen legislation on animal welfare. Learn more and be inspired to play an active role in improving local animal welfare.

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**Fallen windows numbers at record low**

There were about 40% less cases of fallen windows reported in 2013. This is the lowest numbers in five years! Cases of falling windows can be avoided if homeowners conduct regular checks to make sure their windows are in good condition. Here’s a step-by-step guide on what to do.

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**Towards a more sustainable BTO flat supply**

With the backlog of first-timer applicants cleared, HDB’s building programme will enter a more sustainable phase in 2014. While still taking care of the needs of family applicants, the supply of BTO flats will be adjusted to also meet the needs of single Singaporeans and seniors looking to right-size.

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**Where are the conserved buildings in S’pore?**

How have historical buildings and structures like Poon Yue Association and Cavenagh Bridge preserved their charms? Learn more about Singapore’s heritage and our conservation efforts at URA’s My Conservation Portal. View over 13,000 photographs and access other resources online.

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**Skyrise Greenery Awards – record numbers recognised**

A record number of local developments were recognised for their excellence in implementing sky gardens and vertical greenery last year. The total number of entries received was also the highest in the history of the awards, almost tripling that received in 2011. Click for photos of these beautiful landscaping ☺️.

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