

[Hongkong Post to issue "Centenary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals \(Hong Kong\)" commemorative stamps \(with photos\)](#)

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Hong Kong) (SPCA) was founded in 1921. This long-standing animal welfare charity in Hong Kong promotes kindness to animals, protects their health and welfare, and prevents cruelty. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the SPCA since its inception, and Hongkong Post is issuing a set of commemorative stamps under the theme "Centenary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Hong Kong)" on June 22 (Tuesday) to celebrate this special occasion. The commemorative stamps aim to spread the message of "Respect for life begins with concern for animals", as well as promoting harmony between humans and animals in the community.

This set of six commemorative stamps is in a style of oil painting in vibrant colours with a lively tone, to create a joyful atmosphere for the SPCA's centenary celebration. The stamps feature six animals, comprising a mongrel, a hamster, a red-eared slider, a rabbit, a domestic shorthair and a cockatiel, and each conveys a dedicated message.

The \$2 stamp portrays a mongrel, which stands for the effort the SPCA has put into raising the welfare of mongrels over the years, including medical care and behavioural training, so as to encourage more people to adopt mongrels as companion pets. A hamster is shown on the \$2.60 stamp, reminding public to care for all animals regardless of their species or size. The \$3.40 stamp shows a red-eared slider to alert people to the harmful impact on animals brought by inconsiderate mercy releases.

A rabbit is illustrated on the \$3.70 stamp, representing the SPCA's work in closely following up on complaints and assisting in investigations of suspected abuse cases to safeguard animal welfare and prevent animal abuse. On the \$4.90 stamp is a domestic shorthair. The SPCA strives to control the number of street cats and improve their welfare more humanely and sustainably by promoting street cat desexing through the "Cat Colony Care Programme". Lastly, a cockatiel is depicted on the \$5 stamp, advocating for "duty of care" and educating the public to take reasonable measures in looking after the welfare needs of animals.

On top of their commemorative and educational value, the philatelic products are also exquisitely designed. The most eye-catching product must be the presentation pack, which is designed to look like a birthday card, with colourful ribbons and flags on the cover and a pop-up illustration of animals wearing cute birthday hats on the inside, extending their congratulations to SPCA on its centenary.

The designs of the colour postmarks and the special postmark are noteworthy. The six colour postmarks, each featuring a paw or claw print of the six animals against warm background colours, are charming in their own way. In contrast, the special postmark presents the silhouettes of the six animals drawn in simple lines. The colour postmarks are only available in the set of six serviced first day covers and on the maximum cards, making them a must-have in any philatelic collection.

Starting from June 22, this set of commemorative stamps and associated philatelic products, including a first day cover, mint stamps, a souvenir sheet, a collector card, a presentation pack, postcards, maximum cards and serviced first day covers, will be placed on sale at post offices.

Information about this commemorative stamp issue and associated philatelic products is available on the Hongkong Post Stamps website (stamps.hongkongpost.hk) or the Hongkong Post mobile app.



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Mint Stamps.



Special Postmark.



Souvenir Sheet.



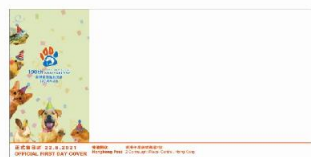
Collector Card (Front).



Collector Card (Back).

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Blank First Day Cover.



Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a set of mint stamps in six denominations (date-stamped with special postmark).



Serviced First Day Cover affixed with a Souvenir Sheet (date-stamped with special postmark).



A set of six serviced First Day Covers each affixed with a stamp of different denomination (date-stamped with a corresponding colour postmark).



Colour Postmarks.

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Presentation Pack (Cover).



Presentation Pack (Inside).

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Postcards (a set of six cards).

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Maximum Cards
A set of six cards each depicting one animal showed in the mint stamp and affixed with the corresponding mini stamp on the picture side (date-stamped with special postmark).

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Maximum Cards
A set of six cards each depicting one animal showed in the mint stamp and affixed with the corresponding mini stamp on the picture side (date-stamped with a corresponding colour postmark).