



NEWS FROM SPCA SELANGOR

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ANIMAL ABUSER SHOULD BE IMPRISONED FOR SIX MONTHS IN ADDITION TO A FINE OF ONLY RM 200 UNDER THE ANIMAL ORDINANCE, 1953

A case of complete negligence to a female German Shepherd, estimated between 4-6 years old by its owner for the past six months in a padlocked vacant house at USJ, Subang Jaya was reported to the Selangor SPCA on August 18, 2005.

With the assistance of the Kuala Lumpur Enforcement Division, Veterinary Services Department, headed by Tuan Haji Zainuddin bin Isma Yatim, the very ill dog was rescued in the afternoon on August 18, 2005 and was rushed to the Kuala Lumpur Veterinary Services Department for immediate medical attention.

The German Shepherd was heavily infested with ticks, emaciated with bloated abdomen, weak limbs with long curved nails, thick eye discharge and was extremely weak with depressed disposition.

The dog was too weak to be saved and was finally euthanised at the Veterinary Services Department's clinic.

SPCA Selangor sent the dog to the Makmal Veterinar Kawasan Petaling Jaya the following day for post mortem to find out the extent of damage to its internal organs caused by the negligence of its cruel owner.

The dog was believed to have suffered from a long period (at least 6 months) of malnutrition and tick fever.

Water retention accumulated within the capacity of all the organs and caused serious damage to all the internal organs.

Kuala Lumpur Enforcement Division is carrying out investigations to trace the dog's owner. The irresponsible owner had intentionally neglected the dog's welfare and caused unnecessary sufferings to the dog.

SPCA Selangor hopes that the irresponsible cruel owner to be prosecuted and not only to be fined for merely RM 200 but also to be imprisoned for six months under the Animal Ordinance Act, 1953, Part IV: Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

More follows....

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Animals have feelings too! For whatever reasons, owners have no right to ill treat or neglect their pets at home. Be it strays or owners' pets, animals are protected from cruelty under the Animal Ordinance Act, 1953.

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Notes to Editors:

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- The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Selangor is an NGO which serves Selangor and the Federal Territory.
- SPCA Selangor was established in 1958 with the aim of protecting animals and birds and alleviating suffering.
- The SPCA is an NGO and therefore receives no government funding, relying entirely on donations from the public and local businesses to pay for its work.
- The SPCA's Animal Home at Ampang Jaya rehomes unwanted animals and has kennel space for 200 dogs and 150 cats. Animals are brought to the home by their owners who no longer want them, by our inspector rescuing animals from cruelty, or by concerned members of the public who rescue animals from their community.
- The SPCA would like to work in partnership with the people of Malaysia to ensure that they take responsibility to neuter their pets, give them adequate food, space, exercise, care and medical attention, and to be considerate neighbours.
- Further information for journalists can be found at www.sPCA.org.my