



## **NEWS FROM SPCA SELANGOR**

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### **BRAVE BOY TROY SEEKS A SECOND CHANCE**

Misunderstood Troy, an English Bull Terrier whose appearance means he's constantly mistaken for a fighting dog, is looking for a second chance after surviving a cruel start in life.

Troy was amongst 13 dogs rescued by SPCA Selangor and Jabatan Haiwan Enforcement Officers from a breeding establishment in Cheras in March this year.

The owner was successfully prosecuted after the officers discovered an horrific scene of 81 dogs from 17 different breeds suffering from various infections and diseases with either only rudimentary home treatment or without any veterinary attention at all.

The lucky 13 dogs rescued from the cruel breeder were suffering from conditions ranging from chronic skin diseases (mange and fungal infections) and an exposed tumour the size of a tennis ball, to suspected pancreatic disease and severe eye and ear infections.

Troy had severe skin disease but is making excellent progress after months of veterinary treatment.

However the brave boy has failed to find a new home as his breed – the English Bull Terrier – is constantly mistaken for the banned Pit Bull Terrier.

Now SPCA staff and volunteers want to assure people that Troy is a gentle dog who has been through a great deal in his short life and deserves a new loving home.

SPCA Selangor Chairman Christine Chin said: "Troy is certainly a fighter – but only in terms of his ability to survive the cruel start to his life. He has made an incredible recovery and is a sweet natured dog, although he's not keen on other dogs. English Bull Terriers can be a handful and we are looking for someone who is experienced in keeping them. He is not happy in kennels and we are worried that the stress will start to undo all the healing that has taken place on his skin."

Troy needs a special home that has no other dogs and young children as he can get quite boisterous. The SPCA would particularly welcome people who have previously owned English Bull Terriers before to fully appreciate Troy.

**More follows.....**

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SPCA Selangor operates a home check policy. Anyone interested in offering Troy the new home he so desperately needs should telephone the SPCA's Shelter at Ampang Jaya on 03 4256 5312 or 03 4253 5179.

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### **Notes to Editors:**

**Troy is available for photographs and SPCA Chairman Christine Chin is available for interviews. For more information please contact the SPCA Selangor office on 03 4256 5312 or 03 4253 5179.**

- 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](http://www.sPCA.org.my)