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Life for a Chained Dog

SPCA Selangor were called to a Fish Mongers in **Klang** by several of the shops customers concerned about a dogs' welfare who was kept at the back of the shop. When SPCA arrived they found a Daschund male dog, tied by the neck so tightly that the chain had cut into his neck causing a gaping 6 inch wound.

The owner - uncompassionate towards the dog - showed little remorse in his actions to chain the dog, and made no comment. Later it was learned that the dog was daily chained outside the shop in the hot sun for hours at a time, before being chained indoors for the rest of the day.

Once again **DVS Cheras Enforcement team, headed by Tuan Haji Zainuddin**, were at hand to rescue the dog and take him to DVS Veterinary Surgeons for further examination and treatment. **"We applaud the prompt action of this team, their direct action has prevented the dogs condition deteriorating further [from maggots etc] and we are happy the dog will now be in the safe and capable hands of DVS. The partnership SPCA and DVS show is a significant one for the welfare of animals in Selangor"** commented Sabrina Yeap - SPCA Inspector.

This case is representative of thousands of dogs in Selangor suffering from collars or chains that are too tightly placed on the dog, **"once the puppy grows the collar needs to be readjusted to fit him or her properly, we should always be able to place our hand between the collar and the dogs skin comfortably"** noted SPCA.

The dog who has been named 'Tim' is now recovering from surgery to remove the chain embedded in his neck. He will be under the care and supervision of DVS until the case is closed. **Cruelty to animals is highlighted under the Animals Ordinance Act 1953**, and the maximum penalty is 6 months in prison or a fine of RM200. SPCA are lobbying for stiffer penalties for cases of such deliberate abuse.

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