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### **Ignorance is NO Excuse.**

SPCA Selangor reacted to a cruelty complaint Sri Kembangan, today where dogs were found to be suffering deplorable conditions not fit for any living creature.

The dogs were originally stray animals and the owner '**took pity**' on these animals and took them into his compound. They were fed daily by the owner but soon the care ran out, and the owner **neglected to provide veterinary attention or a safe place for them to stay**. *"The fence had holes in it so the dogs could get onto the road and carry on digging around for food and looking for mates, none of the animals have been spayed or neutered, the dogs are suffering severe skin disease and open wounds"* Reported SPCA Inspector Sabrina Yeap.

The dogs were so nervous and terrified by human presence; *"we had to be very careful trying to reassure them to trust us so we could rescue them. One male, in particular, was terrified and left blood curdling screams throughout the neighbourhood as his untreated open wounds were unbearable as we removed him from this situation - we can only imagine his past experiences with humans"*.

**Taking pity and intending to help animals is not enough, they must be provided with veterinary care and adequate food, the Animal Ordinance 1953 (Section 44) protects animals in this case and SPCA hopes the owner will be prosecuted for omitting to do something which caused unnecessary suffering.**

*"The dogs condition are so bad we doubt if the animals can be saved,"* noted Sabrina who was moved to tears by the animals' condition. The dogs will be subject to DVS Veterinary inspection first thing in the morning, they will then decide whether the animals can be treated and saved or humanely euthanased to end their suffering.

The dogs spent the night at SPCA Selangor Animal Home (Ampang Jaya) where they were allowed a good nights sleep after a good meal, with freedom from distress.

Four female and two males were confiscated from the Owner by Department of Veterinary Services, Enforcement Division and SPCA Selangor. Once more this partnership is working to rescue animals from cruelty.

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For more information please contact Sabrina Yeap, SPCA Inspector at 4256 5312 or 4253 5179 for more information or photos.