



## **Press Release - for Immediate Use**

### **Breeder Prosecuted for Cruelty to Animals 7/06/04**

The SPCA and Jabatan Haiwan Enforcement Officers investigated a Breeders in Cheras 25 March 2004, 81 dogs from 17 different breeds were found, all in a poor state of welfare.

The SPCA and DVS confiscated 13 dogs for emergency veterinary attention, these dogs were suffering from a number of diseases - either not treated at all or treated without seeking professional veterinary advice. The condition of the dogs included severe chronic skin diseases (mange and fungal infections), exposed tumour, suspected pancreatic disease, severe eye infections, and severe ear infections.

A number of hereditary faults commonly found in breed dogs which are not chosen carefully for breeding were also present such as hip displacia and sickle hip, and temperament problems.

According to the Law in Malaysia the maximum fine for cruelty to animals is RM200 and/or 6 months imprisonment. The Owner of the Breeding dogs was fined RM200 in total.

SPCA is disappointed with this outcome as it does not charge for each of the **13 dogs individually** - (13 x RM200 was expected). Also SPCA are disappointed with the Law as there is currently no **'banning of keeping of animals'** for people who have been prosecuted with Cruelty to Animals. This means that all 13 dogs have been returned to the owner, and returned to a life of production and suffering.

SPCA appeal to the public to be scrupulous when buying puppies **"make sure you know the breeder or pet shop and know the source and state - physical and mental - health of the parents, it is a good indication of what your puppy will turn out like"** noted Sabrina Yeap, Animal Inspector at SPCA.

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