

DOUBLE HAPPINESS FOR DOG LOVER AT BSC

SELANGOR, APRIL 7, 2006—For avid dog-lover Wong Tsien Loong, the Year of the Dog has brought him the perfect addition to his family, in the form of a loving two-year old crossbreed spaniel named “Sarah”, just two months after the Chinese New Year. What he didn’t expect was that the lucky pooch would win him the grand prize of the SPCA Adoption Fest Lucky Draw as well.

Sarah, brought to the SPCA Centre by a Good Samaritan when she was a puppy in 2005, is among the 24 animals that found homes through the SPCA Adoption Fest at Bangsar Shopping Centre (BSC), which was held throughout the month of March 2006.

SPCA’s “Adoption Fest 2006-2010- *A Home For Every Soul*” is a long-term public outreach campaign, which seeks to eradicate the problem of homeless animals in the country by increasing the adoption of shelter animals and to reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies, while incorporating responsible pet ownership (RPO) into our moral landscape.

It will be held at various shopping complexes and other public places on an ongoing basis.

Wong, senior manager with Gamuda Berhad, decided to adopt Sarah after he fell in love with her inquisitive eyes, playful nature and interesting black and white coat.

Although the dog was initially a little shy around her new surroundings, within two days she was digging up holes in the family’s backyard and pouncing around the house. Sarah has also become fast friends with Sasha, the family’s Labrador, and loves to spend time with Wong’s children, Nicholas, 13, and Sean, 8.

Wong walked away with a Shih Tzu figurine and six pairs of lucky “Year of the Dog” chopstick rest sets from Royal Selangor worth RM 1288.

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Made exclusively by Royal Selangor in conjunction with the 2006 Year of the Dog, the intricately-designed Shih Tzu figurine with a brocade ball resembles the mythical Chinese lion-dog, a symbol of prosperity to the Chinese, while the six-piece pewter chopstick sets feature adorable dog-shaped rests to compliment the elegant oriental chopsticks.

Royal Selangor Marketing Manager Carolyn Peh, said, "Everyone deserves the chance of a loving home and through SPCA's Adoption Fest, dogs like Sarah have been given that chance. At Royal Selangor, we welcome the opportunity to be able to help give these affectionate creatures a second lease on life so that they may continue to bring joy to those around them. "

An ecstatic Wong, said, "My family and I are lucky to have Sarah in our lives, and winning this Royal Selangor gift is a real unexpected bonus. But the biggest reward is to be able to give Sarah a good home. She's been a real blessing, and we know that she will give us much happiness and companionship for many years to come."

Only a year ago, Sarah had no place to call home and had to fend for herself on the harsh streets of Kuala Lumpur. The Year of the Dog, however, has given her story a happy ending.

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Notes to Editors:

- 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.

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