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SPCA : FISH HAVE FEELINGS TOO

Fish are sentient beings, capable of feeling pain, fear and stress, says The Society For Prevention of Cruelty To Animals (SPCA) Selangor with reference to the recent release of 1 tonne of fish onto concrete steps leading into the Cyberjaya lake last Thursday. “Releasing the fish onto the steps, forcing them to struggle and tumble down helplessly was certainly not a humane nor majestic of releasing the fish into the lake,” says SPCA Chairperson Christine Chin. The SPCA believes that the fish could have been saved from a great deal of suffering and stress had they been released directly into the water gently. They had received numerous complaints and reports from members of the public who were in an uproar over the deplorable act, which involved high-profile dignitaries and a local celebrity. “Fish may not be cuddly and cute, but they – like all other animals - deserve to be treated with kindness and respect,” continues Chin. The SPCA attends to animal cruelty complaints made by the public, and works closely with the Department of Veterinary Services in investigating prosecuting these cases. “This fish fiasco could have been easily avoided,” comments SPCA Animal Inspector Sasi Greig, who feels that it was very cruel and meaningless act. “The fish would have been seriously traumatized, going through a tremendous amount of stress, while suffering injuries and possibly suffocating too,” she continues. The SPCA has since written to Cyberview Sdn. Bhd requesting an official explanation and have also brought the matter to the attention of the Director-General of DVS, Dr Abdul Aziz bin Jamaluddin.

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