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SPCA DESPERATELY SEEKING SPRY GRANS & GRAMPS

The Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals (SPCA) Selangor is on the look-out for **able senior citizens** to provide a **loving homes** for their many shelter cats and dogs. Under the newly-launched **“Pets For Seniors”** program, the organization is inviting citizens **above the age of 60** to adopt an animal companion for a **discounted adoption fee**. “We feel that the elders can provide great homes for our animals, and can **benefit greatly** from the companionship of a loving pet,” says SPCA chairperson Christine Chin. She added that they also tend to have **more time to care for animals**, unlike working people who may work long hours and travel frequently, leaving them with not much time for pets.

The SPCA receives **more than 800 animals** a month, and the shelter very quickly runs out of the space and resources required to accommodate the flood of surrendered pets and stray animals. Every month, **approximately 80-100 animals** are lucky enough to **find homes**. Unless the numbers of surrenders decreases and the adoption rate goes up, the euthanasia rate will continue to be appalling. “The shelter continues to receive **criticism over its euthanasia rate**, but members of the public need to do the math : the **surrenders minus adoptions unfortunately equals the number of animals put down** every month,” continues Chin.

In **efforts to boost adoption rates** at the shelter, they conduct two promotional months for adoptions every year, where the **adoption fees are brought down** substantially. They also have embarked on **Adoption Fest 2006-2010**, where adoption booths are set up in shopping centers like **Bangsar Village and Bangsar Shopping Centre**, as well as pet events such as the **Malaysia Responsible Dog Ownership Day** and family events such as the **KIDZ 2006 family fair**. The ongoing campaign has been **largely successful**, with a total of **67 animals being adopted** from these events.

The SPCA appeals to the public to help support their efforts in reducing the amount of homeless animals left to fend for themselves on the streets. “Young or old, if you think you can help just one animal live the life it deserves, please come to our shelter,” says Chin.

The SPCA Animal Shelter & Adoption Centre is based in Ampang Jaya, and is open from 9am – 4pm everyday. Please call 03-42565312 or 42535179 for enquiries, or contact the SPCA PR&Marketing officer Jacinta at 012-2881421.

Note To Editors:

- The Society For 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 defenseless animals and alleviating their suffering.
- The SPCA does not receive any government funding, relying entirely on donations from the public to support its services & activities.
- The SPCA Animal Shelter & Adoption Centre at Ampang Jaya temporarily homes 300-350 unwanted animals at any one time while seeking new homes for them. The animals are made up of surrendered pets, rescued cruelty case animals and stray or abandoned animals brought in by Good Samaritans.
- The SPCA would like to work closely with the people of Malaysia to elevate the welfare standards for our Malaysian animals – ensuring they responsibly neuter their pets, provide adequate food, space, exercise, care and medical attention, as well as encouraging them to be responsible neighbours.