



# Found an animal in distress?

*Here are some tips on what you can do to help!*

## Newborn/ young animals

If you find young puppies/kittens without their mom, it does not automatically mean they have been abandoned by their mother. The mother could be out looking for food, or finding a more suitable home for her young ones. If you find one or two baby animals, their mother may be in the process of moving the family and is on her way back for the others.

If the kittens/ puppies are in a safe place, wait and observe from a distance for an hour or two.

In each situation, you will ultimately have to use your own judgment to decide how to handle the young ones, depending upon the litter's needs and your time and resources.

### **Keep the following in mind when deciding what to do next:**

- Baby animals have the best chance of survival with their mother.
- If you bring the young ones inside you should keep them separate from your pets until they have been evaluated by a veterinarian.
- For ideal social development, young animals should be kept with their litter (and mother, if possible) until at least 8 weeks of age.

## Fostering

Providing temporary shelter for these young animals can make a difference in their lives. We appreciate any help you can provide for the young animals; from helping with fostering the young ones for a few months, to sponsoring the neutering and vaccination fees. If you are able to rehome the animals on your own, we would be very grateful as we are constantly overwhelmed with incoming animals!

Contact SPCA Selangor if you know that you cannot keep the animals for a long period/permanently as our team needs time to prepare for the arrivals of new animals. In the meantime, SPCA Selangor is able to provide an online platform to assist with rehoming through our Facebook page (SPCA Selangor, Malaysia) or through [www.petfinder.my](http://www.petfinder.my)

## Abandoned/ Lost pets & Strays

If you have found an animal that seems to be a lost/ abandoned pet, please post a notice and check the listings on the 'Lost & Found' section of [www.petfinder.my](http://www.petfinder.my). If the animal is wearing a license tag, call up the relevant local council to find out who the owner is.

For stray animals that are not human-friendly, we would recommend for the animal to be in a Trap-Neuter-Release-Manage (TNRM) program. Please contact us at [enquiries@spca.org.my](mailto:enquiries@spca.org.my) for assistance with TNRM.

For stray animals that are human-friendly, we would require you to assist in fostering them until we are able to bring the animal into our centre.

## Sick/ Injured Animals

If you are able to transport the animal, take him/her to the nearest veterinarian. Put up notices for 'Lost and Found' on online media such as SPCA Selangor's Facebook page or on [www.petfinder.my](http://www.petfinder.my).

### **List of veterinary clinics**

<http://forums.petfinder.my/showthread.php?t=5973>

### **Financial Assistance**

If you have rescued a severely injured animal in need of urgent medical treatment, you can apply for financial assistance here:

<http://www.petfinder.my/medicalfund.htm>

## Things to consider

If you're uncertain about whether or not to help or keep an animal you see alongside the road, here's a word of advice: First, think of what you would want the finder of your animal to do if he happened to find him injured without his collar. You'd want him to take your pet to a veterinarian, and you'd want him to try to find you. At the same time, be reasonable about how much you can afford to do for that animal if no owner shows up.

Good Samaritans who have never lost a cherished companion animal may conclude that the owner of the found dog or cat callously abandoned him or, at the very least, neglected to keep him safely confined at home - but accidents happen. The frantic owner could be looking everywhere for their beloved pet. Please check the Lost & Found postings at [www.petfinder.my](http://www.petfinder.my)