



an integrated animal welfare society Annual Review 2015

# PATRON'S MESSAGE



Animal lovers in Malaysia have waited for at least two decades for an Act to deal with cruelty against animals and promote responsible pet ownership.

SPCA Selangor has been lobbying the Department of Veterinary Services regularly, highlighting cruelty cases perpetrated by animal abusers and municipal pounds.

In a civilised society like ours, cruelty against animals must not be tolerated and members of the public, NGOs and relevant authorities should work together to safeguard animal welfare and put a stop to all forms of ill-treatment of animals.

After lobbying the Minister of Agriculture and the Attorney General, I am very happy that the Animal Welfare Act 2015 has been finally gazetted in December 2015. It is a comprehensive transformational game-changer, giving animal welfare an elevated platform that covers the Five Freedoms:

- Freedom from hunger or thirst by ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigour.
- 2. Freedom from discomfort by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.
- 3. Freedom from pain, injury or disease by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment.
- 4. Freedom to express (most) normal behaviour by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind.
- Freedom from fear and distress by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.

This Act looks into the welfare of companion animals (pets), animals in laboratories, animals for food, stray animals, animals in zoos. The previous list of seven cruelty acts have been widened to include 21 cruelty instances. Cruelty offences stated under the law include beating, mutilating, poisoning, confining in an area that restrict the animals' natural movements, abandoning or allowing such cruelty against the animal.

### Malaysia's First Animal Welfare Act 2015

or the first time, abandoning an animal is a cruelty offence. Officers in charge of a body corporate, e.g a municipal council, will also come under the purview of this Act.

A minimum fine of RM20,000 and maximum RM100,000 and three years' jail will be imposed on those convicted of cruelty cases.

The Act also requires all individuals and businesses which carry out activities involving animals to obtain a licence. Under the licensing requirements, owners have to ensure animals are free from pain, suffering, injury and disease.

An Animal Welfare Board, under the jurisdiction of this Act will be formed and its functions include providing education to the public and monitoring the work of associations or bodies that handle animals for the purpose of preventing trauma, pain or suffering to animals. I hope that the SPCA Chairman will be part of that Board.

While I am extremely delighted that the Act is enforced, I am very concerned about the implementation and enforcement of this Act. I look forward to meeting the Minister of Agriculture and the Director General of the Department of
Veterinary Services to accelerate the execution of the Act, as every day wasted can be a death sentence for the animals.
I am very pleased to have played a role in pushing for this substantial Animal Welfare Act and I hope all stakeholders, - the government, NGOs and the public - will work together to ensure a cruelty-free Malaysia.

**Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye** *Patron, SPCA Selangor* 

# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE | All Lives Matter



As Malaysia's first Animal Welfare Act came into force in December 2015, there was little fanfare to publicise the wide and comprehensive coverage of all aspects of animal welfare that this tremendous Act covered. This Act empowers the formation of an Animal Welfare Board that will monitor and implement the law and to impart humane education of animals. This new Act provides an elevated platform to give animals a better life in Malaysia. I thank the Minister of Agriculture, all Parliamentarians and SPCA's tireless Patron Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye for their important endorsement of a cruelty-free Malaysia.

Section 24 of the new Animal Welfare Act lists the duties of pet owners, a powerful section that will empower our work against irresponsible and negligent pet owners. Section 29 includes a wider list of cruelty acts which clearly states that skinning and killing animals, keeping animals on a short chain, keeping animals in small enclosures and abandoning animals are offences that can be fined from RM15,000 to RM100,000 or imprisonment for no more than 3 years or both. Section 56 also implicates any body corporate and its executive offices for cruelty to animals. This is crucial for municipal pounds who continue the cruel and ineffective 'catch and kill' in controlling stray populations instead of encouraging responsible pet ownership and widespread spay/neuter.

Calling it serendipity, SPCA Selangor also begins a brand new chapter in our newly built and impressive centre on the same two acre premises that we have resided for over fifty years. In the midst of eviction in 2008, the new Selangor State government headed by Tan Sri Khalid very generously and kindly allocated the land to SPCA. With the support of generous and compassionate Malaysians including our architects Hijjas Kasturi and Associates, our civil engineers TP Perunding, and M & E engineers GACE Sdn Bhd whose services were provided pro bono, our new Eco SPCA today welcomes admiring visitors and appreciative potential adopters. If our animal residents could speak, I am sure they too would be equally pleased. A big 'Thank You' to all donors, corporate and individuals, and to the Building Committee led by Ms Chan Mo Lin.

I would like to highlight the dedicated efforts of our wonderful staff and Committee members who move mountains in all our 6 Pillars; Adoption Centre, Klinik Kembiri, Inspectorate, Government lobbying and campaigning, Education and Outreach, and MissionHelp. Please read about their excellent work in helping the animals in the following pages.

We need the help and participation of all compassionate Malaysians in government, private capacity and corporations to achieve our work towards a STRAY FREE SELANGOR (SFS) and a NO-KILL FUTURE.

Thank you and wishing all a meaningful 2016!

God Bless,

Christine Chin Radford Chairman, SPCA Selangor

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YB Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye JP

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# EDUCATION

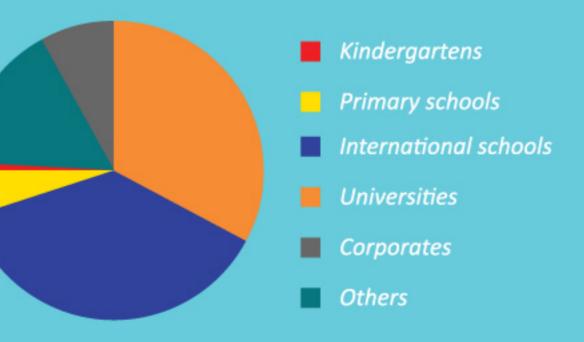
#### **Educational Talks**

Our Education and Events Officers conducting educational talks at schools, tamans, community centers, institutions, corporations and organizations. Canine mascots, Zoey and Cookie alongside Sir Clive, our beloved feline mascot together with small animal mascots Poppy, Popo and Stout joined us in bringing awareness to a far greater and eager number of people than ever before!

#### The Pet Care Programme (PCP)

PCP started with the objective to educate whilst providing volunteer training as well as to encourage and instill compassion towards animals. The PCP comes in two categories, one is the PCP which runs for 4 consecutive hours (practical and theoretical) and the other, the PCP Junior for kids below the age of 12 which in turn runs for 2 fun yet educational hours.

### TYPES OF AUDIENCES FOR EDU TALKS











877 PCP and Jr. PCP participants

37

**K9 Good Citizens** graduates (3 Gold, 12 Silver, 22 Bronze)

### ANIMAL WELFARE ACT 2015 Section 24 & 29

### **DUTIES OF OWNER OR LICENSEE** Section 24:

- 1. The owner or a licensee shall have the duty to:-
- (a) Take responsible steps to ensure that the needs of an animal are fulfilled, which includes:
- its need for a suitable environment;
- its need for a suitable diet;
- the need for it to be able to exhibit its normal behaviour patterns;
- the need for it to be housed with or apart from other animals; and
- the need for it to be protected from pain, suffering, injury and disease
- (b) ensure that the circumstances to which it is relevant to have regard to the needs of an animal under paragraph (a) includes:
  - any lawful purpose for which the animal is kept; and
  - any lawful activity undertaken in relation to the animal
- 2. Nothing in this section applies to the lawful destruction of any animal for any reasonable purpose in an appropriate and humane manner.
- 3. An owner or a licensee who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine of not less than RM15,000 and not more than RM75,000 or to imprisonment for a term not more than 2 years or to both.

### WHAT IS CRUELTY? Section 29

Any person who -

- cruelly beats, kicks, overloads, tortures or terrifies any animals;
- overrides or overdrives any animal;
- causes, procures or, being the owner, permits any animal to be so used:
- fails or neglects to provide such animal with sufficient food, drink or shelter;
- by doing or omitting to do any act, causes any unnecessary pain or suffering, or, being the owner, permits any unnecessary pain or suffering to any animal;
- permits any animal to be confined, conveyed, lifted or carried in such manner or position as to subject such animal to unnecessary pain or suffering;
- permits to be employed at any work or labour, any animal which in consequence of any disease, infirmity, wound or sore, or otherwise is unfit to be employed;
- mutilates any animal in any manner including ear cropping, tail docking, defanging, declawing, branding, piercing or debarking unless in the manner as determined and certified by a veterinary authority or a registered veterinary surgeon;
- skins, roasts or kills any live animals for superstitious belief through a procedure which causes pain and suffering to the animals;
- extracts any parts of any live animals through a procedure which causes pain and suffering to the animals for the purpose of getting skins, oils or other animal products;

 dynamites, electrifies or poisons any streams, rive or other water bodies for the purpose of killing, harvesting or catching animals;

WHAT IS CRUELTY?

Section 29 - continue

- keeps any animal chained or tethered by using a short or heavy chain or cord, or hobbles the legs of animal;
- keeps or **confines any animal** in any cage or other receptacle which does not measure sufficiently in height, length and width to permit the natural movement of the animal;
- offers for sale any animal which is suffering in pain by reason of mutilation, starvation, thirst, overcrowding or other ill-treatment;
- possesses, without reasonable cause, any animal which is suffering in pain by reason of mutilation, starvation, thirst, overcrowding or other ill-treatment;
- abandons any animal in circumstances which the animal is likely to suffer trauma, pain or suffering by reason of relocation, starvation, thirst, injury or illness;
- being the owner of the animal, willfully or negligently causes any animal to **go out** unattended in any place while the animal is infected with infectious disease;
- being the owner of animal, willfully or negligently causes any diseased, disabled or injured animal to die in any place;
- engages in fighting or baiting any animal for betting purposes;

ers	promotes or takes part in any shooting match or
	competition of which animals are released from
	captivity for the purpose of such shooting; or

- organizes, participates, promotes or in any manner is associated with any sport or activity involving the use of animals, where such animals are subjected to cruelty, either during the sport or activity itself or while in training,
  - commits an offence and shall, on conviction be liable to a fine of not less than RM20,000.00 and not more than RM100,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term not more than three (3) years or to both.



for offences under Section 29. RM15,000 - RM75,000 for offences under Section 24.















# FUNDRAISING

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP US?**

### **Annual Kennel Sponsorship**

To help SPCA feed the cats and dogs as well as for their vaccination, medical needs, neutering and rehabilitation:

- Dog Kennel RM3000p.a. to RM5000p.a.
- Cat Condo RM3000p.a.

#### **Annual Appeal**

- Monthly donations through Credit Card
- One time donations through Credit card
- Online Donations through IPay88
- Direct bank in Donations
- Cheque donations
- Cash donations at the centre

#### **Events & Promos**

- Specific events to help fundraise
- Charity Golf Swing for Strays
- SPCA Diary and Calendars
- SPCA Merchandise
- SPCA Charity Shoppe



Annual Kennel Sponsorship

### FUNDRAISE THROUGH CORPORATE **ACTIVITIES & FUNCTIONS** Venue Hire

For Events, birthday parties or any parties, education, or any use as approved by the SPCA Committee Half day donation rate RM400 ie

- 1-4hours
- 4 hours
- Use of 2 rooms Pet friendly
- group

#### **Education Visit**

For Students, Corporate, Common Interest groups, individuals Up to max of 30pax per group Minimum donations RM5 per pax Duration : 1 hour

#### **CSR** Activity

- group
- to needs



Full day donation rate RM800 ie above

Hold up to 30pax (cinema style) per

• For Corporate/Companies/Student

• Up to max 30pax per group • Agenda for CSR activity can be tailored

#### • Duration : Minimum 2 hours

# SPCA CENTRE





Chan Mo Lin (Committee), Suzi Chua (Artist), Christine Chin (Chairman)



Christian Hiller (Committee - second from right) supervising tree planting







#### A New Chapter

We moved into our new SPCA Centre in June 2015. We have many facilities which includes a courtyard to spend time with our furry friends, venue hire for various events and boarding services.



Outdoor kennels



Stars of Fame Wall

### SPCA FACILITIES

Just to name a few. Check with our SPCA Office for more details.



Boarding



Venue Hire for Parties & other special occassions



Run corporate workshops / seminars

# INSPECTORATE







#### Scope of work

Our Inspector receives and responds to reports from concerned members of the public of mistreated, neglected and/or injured animals in and around the Klang Valley. 2015 saw a slight increase in reports totaling up to 578 cases of which most cases were strays related. In sad situations of mistreated and neglected animals, SPCA advised and encouraged pet owners to work towards responsible pet ownership. For 57 unfortunate cases, especially those involving stubborn and defensive owners as well as cases involving wildlife, the authorities were notified and cases handed over.

#### Cases we investigate:

- Neglected/ abused pets
- Poisoned pets & stray animals
- Abandoned pets
- Emergency rescues
- Rescues from puppy mills
- Animals used in recreational facilities
- Wildlife in captivity



# GOVERNMENT LOBBYING & CAMPAIGNS

The constant lobbying and campaigning is arguably an exciting part of our cause but is pivotal as only by working together can most animal welfare issues be resolved anywhere in the world.

In 2015, we engaged mostly the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) and the Department of Wildlife & National Parks (PERHILITAN) and even the Selangor Menteri Besar was all for Safe Stray Selangor and Stray Free Selangor campaigns.



# MISSION HELP

Helping People Help Animals. Just as it says, SPCA assisted numerous rescuers and individuals to trap, neuter then release close to 100 animals and has helped more than 600 animals in 2015. Assistance revolved mainly around trapping or lending of custom made traps, transporting of animals and neutering outreaches to rural places as far as Pahang and Kelantan.

#### Flood Aid 2015

The final quarter of 2014 saw horrendous floods hitting the East Coast of Peninsular Malaysia driving thousands out of their living quarters and killing hundreds more. Pets, strays and livestock alike were not an exempted during the natural disaster. They were hit badly. SPCA Selangor collected funds and aid for the flood-hit victims and later sent a response team to help treat sick animals and to send 4 tonnes of food and basic medicine while assisting close to 500 families and homes. Mass neutering of strays followed suit soon after.





Klinik Kembiri is a dedicated low-cost, high-volume spay/neuter clinic for local and local-mixed cats and dogs, mostly from the low to mid-income society, especially animal rescuers who consistently feed and care for strays. Neutering has always been an effective pro-active measure in stray management as it is capable of halting overpopulation at the source.

DBKL-SPCA Klinik Kembiri (KKS) was incepted in April 2003 jointly between SPCA Selangor and the Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur to promote humane stray overpopulation control. Up to August 2015, DBKL-SPCA Klinik Kembiri (KKS) has successfully neutered over 33,000 cats and dogs from all over Peninsular Malaysia, mainly from the Federal Territory or Kuala Lumpur and Selangor.

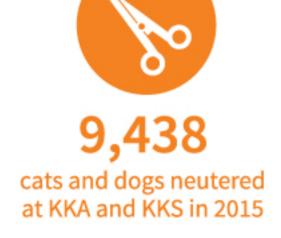
#### **Moving Back**

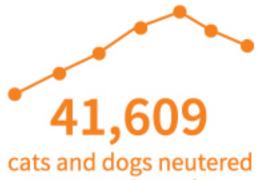
In September 2015, the collaboration with DBKL was dissolved due to facility constraints and DBKL-SPCA Klinik Kembiri (KKS) was reunited with the main Klinik Kembiri at SPCA's premises in Ampang Jaya. Collectively, Klinik Kembiri neutered a whopping 9,438 cats and dogs in just 2015 alone. Over the years, Klinik Kembiri and its efforts have prevented more than 20 million unnecessary births of unwanted animals.

# KLINIK KEMBIRI









at KKA and KKS from 2003 - 2015



**1,800** animals neutered at highly/fully subsidized cost under MissionHELP, our community outreach program







Berjaya supports SPCA Selangor's efforts in Education, Rehabilitation and Adoption Programme.

Together, let's lend a voice to the voiceless.

