



## **NEWS FROM SPCA SELANGOR (For immediate release)**

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### **A HOME FOR EVERY SOUL SPCA Adoption Fest 2006 – 2010**

**“Love is precious but loyalty is priceless”**. These were the words painted by Chinese brush-painter/calligrapher, Simon Chan, who not only launched the SPCA Adoption Fest at Bangsar Shopping Centre on 4th March 2006 but also donated 20 pieces of his paintings to be sold by the SPCA as part of their fundraising efforts. Chan, who was a reporter with Nanyang Siang Pau and became a full-fledged artist in 1986, explains that “love” here describes the feeling that humans have towards animals, which are then put into action, but “loyalty” describes the nature of animals towards its owner. The price of loyalty is so great that it can be sacrificial.

With the tsunami-like waves of animals surrendered to the SPCA, the Society hopes that these words will touch the heart of Malaysians that pets are great and loyal companions, not just merely toys or objects that can easily be tossed aside once one has had enough of it.

Therefore the Society hopes that by taking a more pro-active step such as through mobile adoptions where the animals are brought out to the public, not only can more homeless animals can be rehomed but awareness on responsible pet ownership and animal welfare can also be created.

In conjunction with this, several corporate groups were also determined to do their part in making a difference by collaborating with the SPCA on its Adoption Fest. SPCA's

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**Platinum Corporate Partner, HSBC** is one of the main sponsors for the Adoption Fest which will run throughout the year at different locations.

**Bangsar Shopping Centre (BSC)** has kindly offered the space to hold the Adoption Fest there throughout the month of March. SPCA will be at BSC every weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of March 2006 at the Fountain Area (in front of La Bodega) from 11 am to 5 pm where about sixteen cats and dogs will be up for adoption. Adoption fee starts from RM 200 for dogs and RM 70 for cats (including first vaccination, deworming and neutering) and adoptions are subject to approval.

For every successful adoption at BSC, the new owner will be eligible to enter the grand lucky draw at 5.45pm on Sunday, 26th March 2006. The grand prize is a set of 6 'Luck' bundles of dog chopsticks and rests worth RM 600, plus a Shih Tzu figurine worth RM 688 generously sponsored by **Royal Selangor®**.

SPCA invites the public to give these homeless animals a second chance to life. Shopping centres and communities that are able to offer a space to hold these mobile adoptions at their premises are also urged to contact the SPCA.

For more information, please call the SPCA Selangor office at 03-4256 5312, 03-4253 5179.

### **Notes to Editors:**

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- 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.

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- 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.
- Further information for journalists can be found at [www.sPCA.org.my](http://www.sPCA.org.my)