



## **NEWS FROM SPCA SELANGOR**

**Saturday, 13<sup>st</sup> August 2005**

### **INTERNATIONAL HOMELESS ANIMALS DAY**

In 2003, SPCA Selangor began to join its other animal welfare comrades in celebrating the International Homeless Animals' Day. This event started in 1992 by ISAR (International Society for Animal Rights) to magnify the overwhelming dog and cat overpopulation. It was also intended to increase public awareness of the millions of healthy dogs and cats that had to be tragically killed in shelters annually due to the lack of homes as well as to emphasize the importance of spaying and neutering companion animals.

A shocking number of unwanted animals are put down each day and unwanted litters born to die. Therefore, you can be a part of the solution too by:

- Having your animals spayed or neutered – this will prevent unwanted litters. If you plan to breed your pets, make sure that you have a list of committed adopters waiting in line to bring home their new life-long friend. Don't be a shelter statistic! Their lives are in your hands!
- Adopting your next pet from a shelter – give these little ones a chance in life. When you stop buying from pet shops, commercial breeding stops too! As they say, "When the buying stops, the killing will too".
- Realise that owning a pet makes you responsible for it for its lifetime – A cat or dog can live up to ten years or more. Make sure you will be able to commit to it for its entire lifespan. If you don't have the time, get a toy instead!
- Volunteer your time to help the homeless animals – have a feel of what it is like to be a part of a shelter. See with your own eyes the urgency and need to spread this message to prevent overpopulation of dogs and cats.
- Train your animal basic obedience – get the basics right and you will not have to deal with any problems later on. Work hard for the first year or so and later enjoy the sweet company of your furry companion. This also reduces the chances of your pet ending up in a shelter!
- Love your pet unconditionally, as it does you!

Join the SPCA Selangor and its friends as they remember this day with a candle light vigil. A moment to acknowledge all the animals that no one was able to save, no matter how hard these organizations, animal rights activists, animal control officers, animal lovers and others work.

**More follows.....**

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## INTERNATIONAL HOMELESS ANIMALS DAY/2

It is a solemn day for remembrance for the millions of dogs and cats that die each year due to overpopulation, but it is also a day of hope and inspiration. There is never a better time than the present to create positive change for unwanted animals.

The International Homeless Animals' Day will be celebrated on the **21<sup>st</sup> of August** this year at **PetsUnite Sdn. Bhd.**, Rooftop, Level 4B, South City Plaza, Taman Serdang Perdana, 43300 Seri Kembangan, Selangor at **6.00 pm to 8.00 pm**. Admission is **free of charge**. All are welcomed.

In commemoration of this day, you can join in by purchasing a tea-light candle at the SPCA for only RM1.00 in memory of a companion animal that you have lost or even dedicate a candle to any strays that you might know of. All these candles will be lit on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August during the candlelight vigil.

For more information regarding this event, please visit the SPCA website at [www.sPCA.org.my](http://www.sPCA.org.my) or contact the SPCA Selangor at 03-4256 5312 or 03-4253 5179 or visit the shelter at Jalan Kerja Ayer Lama, 68000 Ampang Jaya, Selangor.

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### **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.
- 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)

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