



## **Press Release - For Immediate Use**

### **Further Cruelty at RAWANG POUND**

On Monday 24 May, SPCA carried out a routine inspection of the Municipal Dog Pound in Rawang and found disturbing cruelty and neglect to the dogs there.

When the Municipality collects dogs from the streets in Selayang, (stray or lost owned pets) they all end up at one place the Rawang Pound. Investigated and exposed for cruelty in 2002, SPCA were assured that the management of the pound had cleaned up its act.

However during a routine visit to the Pound early this week, SPCA found that the dogs were once again in a desperate condition. The Municipality had not provided food for the animals for three weeks. According to the uniformed workers on site they had been buying food for the animals out of their own pocket, because they felt genuine pity for the animals.

But the little food they could provide was not enough and one dog had already died in the kennel with 6 others. Two further dead dogs were found in the drain at the back of the pound. Several other dogs are in desperate condition while awaiting their fate of euthanasia.

Most disturbing of all was a female dog who was near death when SPCA found her chained to a fence in the hot sun. The dog was suffering from a maggot wound in her neck and was almost totally hairless. She was dying. SPCA later removed this dog and brought her to SPCA (Ampang Jaya) for humane euthanasia, an end to her suffering. It is unknown how long she had been there for.

SPCA will once again work to improve the standard of the Pound to ensure that animals caught by Municipalities can be ensured dignity before they are euthanised. For this case SPCA is seeking assistance from the Jabatan Haiwan on how to proceed further.

SPCA feels it is an owners responsibility to neuter their pet and act responsibly, "keep your dog in your compound even when you are not around, by letting them out onto the streets you are inviting the Municipalities to catch your dog and take it to a Pound - just like this one" added Sabrina Yeap, SPCA Inspector.

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