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Stray dogs used as nail gun target practice

SERI KEMBANGAN — Three dogs have been found with nails embedded in their heads at the Balakong Jaya Light Industrial Park.

"We suspect the dogs have been abused by the same person who used a nail gun on them as target practice," said Manju Appathurai of Fur Kids Farm, an animal rescue and abuse prevention non-governmental organisation.

"It has been happening for the past two weeks. We were informed by a group of women from the area who normally feed the dogs."

Manju said the first canine was too aggressive and it ran away after her members pulled the nail out.

She said the dog was spotted again and had recovered.

The second abused dog, which was seen last week, has yet to be found.

"The feeders saw it once but not much is known about where it is now," she said.

Manju added that the latest dog found earlier this week also had a nail embedded in the head.

"I call him Nails because there's a nail in his head. It was sticking out but has now gone deeper and requires surgery to remove it," she added.

The industrial area is home to a large pack of stray dogs, some of which were dumped by their owners while others bear the scars of an abused life.

Every day, 30-year-old Myanmar student Zin Thu Hliang feeds them.

"I was feeding stray dogs in Myanmar since I was a child. I'm going back in August to start an animal shelter," said Zin.

Malay Mail was at the industrial area yesterday where Nails was spotted.

The rescuers were hoping to catch him and send him to Universiti Putra Malaysia for surgery.

Manju and her team, however, were not able to catch Nails.



Nails is the third dog found with nails embedded in the head. An attempt to catch him yesterday and send him for surgery proved futile.

Over the past two months, several other animal abuse cases have surfaced, raising concerns over the welfare of animals.

Among the cases were a litter of newborn puppies that were burned alive in front of their mother; a six-month-old puppy which suffered a broken backbone

and is now paralysed after being stomped on repeatedly; and a dog that was used as a football by several children, resulting in the canine suffering a broken jaw.