

Vet Dept: Dog that bit owner in Perlis was rabid

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PADANG BESAR: The Veterinary Department yesterday confirmed that a dog that had died after biting its owner at his house in Felcra Lubuk Sireh on July 27, was rabid.

Its deputy director-general, Dr Kamarudin Md Isa, yesterday said the test results of the blood and brain samples taken from the dog came back positive for rabies last week. However, he said, the case was an isolated one.

Dr Kamarudin said his team was taking precautionary measures by carrying out vaccination and control programmes in the area where the dog was, as well as nearby areas.

For the past two days, he said, about 100 pet dogs in Felcra Lubuk Sireh and Kaki Bukit were vaccinated, adding that police had set up roadblocks to prevent dogs from being taken out or brought into the two areas.