

Ensure animals do not pose threat to road users, owners urged

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PETALING JAYA: A reader of *The Star* was so upset with the danger posed by cows crossing the road that he wrote in to express his grievance.

In his letter published on Wednesday, Chua Teck Boon said his cousin and his pregnant wife were

travelling on the North-South Expressway at night before turning into Jasin to get onto Lebuhraya Alor Gajah-Melaka-Johor when "all of a sudden, a white cow rushed out from the bushes."

"My cousin was quick to avoid it ... but failed to notice a second cow

which was black.

"He hit the second cow. Fortunately, both husband and wife escaped unhurt. The cow died on the spot and the car was badly damaged," he wrote. "The poor couple waited by the roadside for my help at 2am."

It was common for regular users of the road in the area to see cow carcasses, Chua said, adding that warning signs did not help much.

"The owners of the animals have a duty to ensure that their animals are always under their surveillance and not pose a threat to any road user.

Road accidents of this nature can be avoided," Chua said.

"The local district council has a role to play and should give sufficient warning to the cattle owners and to impose severe fines for those letting their cows to wander onto the highway."