

A month's jail for killing five pups

KUCHING: A 55-year-old man is the first person in Sarawak to be jailed under the Cruelty to Animals (Prevention) Ordinance — a law that has been in the statute book for 49 years.

Kumbang Jeli, a shop assistant, was found guilty by the magistrate's court here on Monday for the killing of five puppies on July 18.

He was sentenced to one month's jail. The max-

imum penalty is three months' jail or a RM500 fine or both. The incident had enraged animal lovers in the state who later waged a campaign in Facebook for justice.

Meanwhile, Sarawak Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals president Dona Drury-Wee said this was the first case of animal abuse to be successfully prosecuted in the state.