

Lam Thye: Table Animal Welfare Bill in Parliament soon

PETALING JAYA: The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Selangor hopes the Animal Welfare Bill will be tabled in this Parliament sitting.

SPCA Selangor patron Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye said that "every day wasted is a death sentence for the animals", as they are neglected, abused and forced to struggle for survival.

"I wish to emphasise once again

that Malaysia needs an Animal Welfare Policy if it is to be a developed, caring and compassionate nation," said Lee in a press statement yesterday.

Lee added that he had been in touch with the Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry Minister and the Attorney-General to discuss the Act and wishes to see the proposed Bill tabled in Parliament.

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sides of the political divide will give their support to the long-awaited Bill when it is debated in Parliament.

"If politics divide our elected representatives, I hope animals can unite them," he said.

Lee also reminded the public that owning pets was a huge responsibility.

Pets, he added, needed to be treated as companions for life.

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