

No confirmed cases of rabies in KL

KUALA LUMPUR — There have been 12 cases of dog bites here this year, but no confirmed cases of rabies were reported.

Kuala Lumpur City Hall's Health and Environment Department director Dr Hayati Abdullah said eight of the cases involved dogs which had owners while the rest involved strays.

The latest incident happened yesterday in Jalan Ipoh, where a trader was bitten on his right ankle by a stray dog.

During an operation conducted by City Hall's special unit yesterday, stray dogs were seen roaming in Jalan Ipoh.

In the operation, a fierce female dog and five other strays were caught and sent to City Hall's animal pound.

"We have received 452 public complaints on disturbances by stray dogs and 3,905 of the animal have been caught," said Dr Hayati.

On the possibility of the rabies outbreak

in Perlis, Kedah and Penang spreading here, she said it could happen if infected dogs from the affected areas were brought here.

"We cannot control the movement of people, hence I urge owners to keep their dogs at home and reduce their movement outside for the time being," she said.

Dr Hayati said 3,545 dogs which were not claimed or adopted had been disposed.
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