

Stray dogs giving residents the jitters

SEREMBAN: Residents of Taman Sri Mawar in Senawang, near here, are living in fear of stray dogs, which they claim have become a nuisance in their area.

The residents claim that these dogs roam freely in the housing estate throughout the day and one of their favourite spots is the entrance to the housing estate.

Taman Mawar Phase 1 Rukun Tetangga chairman, Mohd Yazid Ab Rahman, said residents were worried for their children's safety and many parents forbade them from playing outside.

He said though none of the dogs have attacked any of the residents, they hope the authorities can do something to resolve the matter before something untoward occurs.

"We are left with no choice but to stop our children from playing outside the moment we see the dogs," he said.

Taman Mawar Phase 2 RT chair-

man, Jamalludin Ahmad, said the dogs, about 20 of them, also often rummaged through the dustbins, causing a mess.

"Sometimes the rubbish would be strewn all over, leaving a bad smell and also causing the whole area to get messed up.

"The pack of dogs would roam the whole night, rummaging through our bins in search of food," he said.

He said the residents had filed a complaint with the authorities and numerous operations were conducted in the past to catch these animals, but they keep reappearing.

Seremban Municipal Councillor, Datuk Jaafar Shahadan, said the council has since appointed a contractor to catch these animals.

However, he said as the number of dogs was large, they would conduct these operations from time to time. **By Ramesh Pillai**



Wild dogs roaming in Taman Sri Mawar, Senawang, have kept children from playing outdoors. Pic by Hazreen Mohamad