

# 28 dogs rescued from euthanasia

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Twenty-eight dogs at the City Hall pound have been given a second chance at life as they were rescued a day before they were to be put to sleep.

The dogs were rescued by Malaysia Independent Animal Rescue (MIAR) yesterday, which now intends to find them new homes.

Puspa Rani, 36, who spearheads MIAR, said its members did not believe in euthanasia.

"We try to give all dogs a chance at life. These dogs will be spayed with help from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) and placed in temporary shelters in Seremban, Taman Maluri and Jalan Ipoh.

"Hopefully, we can find good homes for all of them."

The non-profit volunteer group rescues animals from being put to sleep at overcrowded pounds almost every week.

"Our volunteers are made up of people from all over Malaysia—some from as far as Johor.

"We are dedicated to rescuing and re-homing strays and abused animals," said Rani.

She said the group received calls from the public daily about animals in distress but did not have the resources to help them all.



**Doggy deliverance:** MIAR volunteer Debra Nathan, 21, tending to the rescued dogs before sending them to temporary shelters in Seremban, Taman Maluri and Jalan Ipoh.

"Irresponsible owners who do not spay their pets are at the core of the problem.

"When their pets breed, they resort to dumping puppies and kittens in public places."

The group was backed by the Malaysian Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association during the rescue mission.

Its chairman K. Balasubramaniam said although the association usually conducts disaster relief, it also helps with animal rescue.

"I believe every human has to be responsible.

"If you have a dog, spay it and take good care of it as it is God's creation.

"Even animals deserve to live in a better world."

He said it sickened him to see the way some dogs were treated by their owners.

MIAR is now appealing to the public to come forward and adopt the rescued animals.

For more information, call its hotline at 012-399 2021 or visit its Facebook page "Malaysia Independent Animal Rescue".