

# Postman not dog shooter

I WAS very concerned to read "Leash your dogs or no mail" (April 2). I was even more surprised that there is an "internal" ruling which says dogs must be chained or caged 2m away from the post box.

I don't see the necessity for a dog to be chained when it is inside my compound with the gate locked. It poses no threat to the delivery man, as he can safely drop the mail inside my post box which is outside the gate.

I believe these postmen have a problem – they just can't stand a dog barking. They don't seem to understand it is the nature of a dog to bark; it barks to alert its master when a stranger approaches the gate. It is doing its duty, just like the postman does his.

I too had the experience of postmen shooting big white rubber bands at my dog, just because he barked at them. There

were other times when I found my letters just thrown inside my gate, when there is a pillar box available – even with my dog chained. Isn't this mischievous?

Post Malaysia should also understand that Taman Seri Gombak, just like other *taman*, is facing a high crime rate, with frequent break-ins and thefts. All the more reason residents would want to keep dogs, and for obvious reasons, they can't be tied up when there is no one at home.

I feel it is time Post Malaysia disciplined its delivery men and provided them with training on how to deliver mail properly – not to react negatively when they see a dog barking from inside its compound. They should be reminded that they are delivery men, not dog shooters.

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