

List of canine pets out soon

Council forms panel to draft guidelines on what breeds can be kept

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SUBANG JAYA Municipal Council has set up a committee to establish a list of dog breeds that can be kept as pets.

The action was prompted by the death of a senior citizen who was mauled to death by his neighbours' bull terrier in May.

Council president Datuk Asmawi Kasbi said the committee was currently drafting amendment to the by-laws regulating canines.

"We hope to present the

amendments to the state government and hope to implement the new guidelines soon."

Asmawi said there was much confusion over the type of dogs that can be kept as pets following the attack and the council has been tasked with coming up with a complete list of dogs which can be kept as pets.

"Discussions have been held with non-governmental associations and government agencies such as the Department of Veterinary Services and the Department of Wildlife and National Parks to help in the amending of the laws," Asmawi said.

"It was later decided that councils in Selangor should refine suggestions mooted by the NGOs and government agencies before making their recommendations to the state," Asmawi said.

"The state government will then make the final call on the suggestions to ensure a uniformed law is drawn up for councils in the state."

A bull terrier had attacked an elderly man on May 9 in SS19.

The 74-year-old Yip Sun Wah was out on his daily morning walk who then succumbed to his injuries on the spot.

He sustained multiple

wounds on his neck and back and part of his ear was ripped off by the dog in the attack.

Passersby and neighbours claimed they had tried to help but failed and the dog continued attacking.

The dog owner was subsequently charged in court and was fined RM2,000 for leaving her dog unsupervised.

The local council also slapped Soon with a RM1,000 fine for negligence. The council said that although the dog was licensed, the owner had allowed the animal to roam free outside her premises.