

Suspect's dogs rescued

Police and MPAG move 30 starving canines to shelter

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MALACCA: There is a glimmer of hope for a murder suspect's 30 starving dogs in Pulau Sebang, Alor Gajah. They were rescued by the police with help from the Alor Gajah Municipal Council (MPAG).

A group of 20 officers from the state CID department and canine unit together with 10 council workers removed the canines from the man's house yesterday.

They will be provided medical treatment and temporary shelter at the Alor Gajah Municipal yard.

"We needed people who knew how to handle dogs. So, we roped in the canine unit to bring the dogs out," said Malacca Deputy CID chief Supt R. Gunarajan.

The Star had reported that the dogs were starving after their owner was arrested on Monday over the murder of a bachelor whose remains were dumped into a well in Pulau Sebang on Saturday.

Policemen had visited the man's dilapidated house since Monday to feed the pack of dogs.

The hungry dogs had also attacked each other and the suspect's house compound was smeared with their blood.

Supt Gunarajan said they had suffered under deplorable conditions.



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Dogged mission: Staff of MPAG relocating the scrawny dogs from the suspect's home in Pulau Sebang.

"All my officers felt that we were on a different planet when we started this 'mission' to rescue the dogs.

"They look different from other dogs and were even too weak to bark when we gathered them in one spot," he said.

Supt Gunarajan said two of his officers even cried when they saw the canines.

Meanwhile, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Malacca chapter chairman Vincent Low said it would alert the Veterinary Services Department to check on the dogs.