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PILOT PROGRAMME

Sarawak pet dogs to be implanted with microchips

KUCHING: The Sarawak government will start registering pet dogs using microchips as the state intensifies efforts to contain a rabies outbreak.

Funded by the state government, the pilot programme will be carried out in Bau district by the first quarter of the year.

State Local Government and Housing Ministry's Public Health Unit head, Dr Cheong Yaw Liang, said the chip, which was the size of a rice grain, would store identification details, such as the name, breed, age of the dog and the pet owner's information.

"Based on our records, there are between 1,500 and 2,000 pet dogs in Bau. Hence, it will take about a month for the team to implant the chip in all pet dogs.


"If the exercise is a success, we will extend it to other districts," he said at the mass removal of strays in Matang near here yesterday. State Veterinary Services Department director Dr Adrian Susin was present.

Dr Adrian said the chip would be injected between the dog's shoulder blades at the back of their neck.

"The process is similar to the one adopted during our mass vaccination of pets recently. We will issue a notice on the registration of pets using microchips to inform the people. Pet owners will be required to fill in information on their dogs and themselves in a form before the pets are injected with the microchip," he said.

Social activist Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye lauded the initiative.

"This programme will benefit people, especially pet owners from poor backgrounds," said Lee, who is also Selangor SPCA patron.



Dr Cheong Yaw Liang