

Stop senseless cruelty toward animals

TWO recent cases of extreme cruelty against harmless animals perpetrated by foreign workers here are most appalling and atrocious.

It pains me to read the readers' accounts in newspapers and social media about stray dogs, including pregnant ones and puppies, being killed savagely.

There was one incident in Johor Baru earlier this year where a mother dog, her two puppies and a pregnant dog were chased, cornered and violently bashed to death with wooden sticks by a group of foreign construction workers.



condemnation towards cruel acts against harmless animals by whoever is responsible. This is not the Malaysian way of treating animals and we have to put a stop to ill-treatment of such creatures on our planet.

I call on all animal activists and non-governmental organisations to come together to declare our strongest protest on the way animals are abused or killed in a barbaric way. We should demand for the enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act 2015. This law was passed by Parliament last year and had been

Recently, a foreign security guard was said to have bludgeoned a dog to death with a wooden bat in the car park of a Mall in Cheras. The poor dog was believed to have taken shelter at the basement of the shopping mall during a downpour.

A police report was made against the security guard as a resident had uploaded photos of the dog carcass and the security guard on Facebook. Despite the photos going viral and making it to mainstream news, the policemen who arrived at the scene had said they could not take any action due to the unavailability of "strong evidence" like bloodstains or carcass at the scene. Apparently, the bloodstains had been washed and the carcass removed.

The brutal killing of animals should not happen, especially when they did not harm anyone. What the project developer in Johor Baru and the mall in Cheras should have done was get help from the Veterinary Services Department or animal welfare non-governmental organisations like SPCA Selangor to remove the dogs. Or they could ask the workers or the guard to simply chase the dogs away.

Building owners, contractors and management must instruct all their foreign workers and security guards to respect life and not to inflict cruelty on animals.



The writer says animals have a right to live free from pain and suffering and calls for enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act 2015.

As for the members of public who witness the senseless killing of dogs, cats or any animal, they should immediately lodge a police report. The police can take action against the perpetrator under the Penal Code.

We cannot tolerate any cruelty against animals, it is totally unacceptable, inhuman and uncivilised. Animals have a right to live free from pain and suffering, and especially death from a vicious killing. I would like to voice my strongest

gazetted in December 2015, but has yet to be implemented.

Under the Act, a minimum fine of RM20,000 and a maximum penalty of RM100,000 fine and three-year jail sentence will be imposed on those convicted of abusing animals. Cruelty offences stated under the law include the act of beating, mutilating, poisoning, confining in an area that restrict natural movements of the animals, abandoning, or the owner allowing such cruelty against the animal.

I urge the Veterinary Services Department to make public the progress of the enforcement of the Act so that Malaysians know when the landmark legislation will be executed.

The Animal Welfare Board should also be formed as soon as possible to raise public awareness on animal welfare and prevent inhumane treatment of animals and pets.

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated".

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