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Ampang: Biar pun dirinya menghidap penyakit kronik autoimun sistemik lupus eritematosus (SLE) dan leukemia namun wanita ini masih memikirkan nasib kucing jalanan yang terbiar. Dengan ditemani suaminya, Siti Khatijah Mohd Hassan, 51, turun ke jalanan menyelamatkan kucing sakit dan memberi makan haiwan itu setiap malam di sekitar Ampang, Selangor.

Siti Khatijah berkata, tugas itu dilakukannya sejak lapan tahun lalu berikutan tidak sampai hati melihat kucing jalanan kebuluran dan kesakitan.

"Sudah naluri saya menyelamatkan kucing sejak kecil lagi. nampak kucing sakit pun saya tak sanggup."

"Sudah pasti saya akan bawa balik rawat sebab saya fikir kucing itu tak ada suara jadi kiralah kena rawat haiwan itu."

"Biasanya setiap malam saya dan suami akan turun memberi makan dan menyelamatkan kucing sakit di sekitar Taman Dagang dan kawasan sekitar," katanya ketika ditemui pada program kesedaran kucing angkat *We Love, We Care* anjuran

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Kelab Kucing Malaysia (KKM) di Khaty's Cat House di sini. Turut hadir, Presiden KKM, Khalid Rashid.

Katanya, kucing menjadi terapi dan kekuatannya dalam meneruskan kehidupan sebagai pesakit kronik.

"Sebagai penghidap leukemia dan SLE sebenarnya memang tak kuat lagi-lagi apabila terkena cahaya matahari tetapi kucing inilah terapi saya."

"Dulu semasa saya buat rawatan kemoterapi yang ada setia dengan saya ialah kucing selain suami dan anak-anak," katanya.

Menurutnya, kucing yang diselamatkan akan ditempatkan di Khaty's Cat House miliknya untuk diberikan rawatan lanjut termasuk vaksin sebelum diserahkan kepada keluarga angkat yang sudi membela haiwan itu.

"Sehingga kini kucing di sini mencecah 53 ekor. Kami mengeluarkan belanja sendiri antara RM2,000 ke RM3,000 sebulan untuk membiayai kos rawatan, pa-



SITI Khatijah (kiri) bersama Khalid melihat kucing menerima suntikan vaksin (PureVax Feline-4) ketika Program Kesedaran Kucing Angkat *We Love, We Care* anjuran Kelab Kucing Malaysia di Khaty's Cat House, Jalan Indah, Kampung Ampang. - Gambar NSTP/AZHAR RAMLI

sir, makanan dan vaksin kucing selain bantuan daripada rakan penaja dan KKM.

"Untuk menampung perbelanjaan bulanan itu, kami mengasuh kanak-kanak, mengambil tempahan makanan dan mengusahakan pes masakan dengan ban-

tuhan anak," katanya.

Katanya, mereka akan terus menyelamatkan kucing jalanan sambil memberi pendidikan kepada masyarakat supaya memandulkan kucing bagi mengelak haiwan itu membiak terlalu banyak.

"Kami tak akan berhenti

menyelamatkan kucing jalanan, jika tidak semakin banyak akan dibuang dan didera."

"Pada masa sama, kita beri kesedaran kepada masyarakat jika mahu membela kucing ini, perlu mandulkan supaya ia tidak membiak di luar kawalan kerana kucing

boleh membiak tiga kali setahun," katanya.

Sementara itu, kira-kira 30 kucing menerima suntikan vaksin percuma menerusi program tanggungjawab sosial korporat KKM dengan kerjasama sebuah klinik swasta dan Jabatan Perkhidmatan Veterinar.

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ENSURING ACCESS TO FOOD

Chicken episode a good lesson on food security

THE Chinese New Year break was a welcome respite for our Chinese colleagues, after two years of not celebrating physically as a family. This time, the celebration was more joyous.

Everything was okay, except for the chicken price increase. Along with the shortage in the supply of eggs, the issue was much debated on social media.

People blamed the supply chain, but the middleman was not spared. Many saw the incident as a disruption in our food security agenda. Hopefully, it is only temporary.

Chicken has always been one of Malaysia's success stories.

There were occasions when we had too much, and the price would fall.

During a supply glut, there was massive slaughtering of chicks to make sure prices remained stable and profitable to farmers.

It was different this time. Supply declined and prices shot up. The price rise for imported feed has been cited as one reason.

Soya and corn prices have been bullish these past months. This has happened to all world commodities.

Our palm oil hovers around



DR AHMAD IBRAHIM

RM5,000 per tonne, which is abnormal considering the prices over the last two years.

But experts say it is more than just the increase in production cost that was driving up chicken prices.

Big retailers put the blame on the poor control of supply. They have called for the removal of import restrictions as a stop-gap measure.

The government has responded well to the request by relaxing import controls. Following that, there was the announcement that chicken prices will soon come down.

The other food security concern is beef.

Despite efforts to increase local production, we have never reached self-sufficiency.

Our beef import bill has continued to rise, running into billions of ringgit.

After talking with experts in the field, with better planning and execution, it is not impossible to close the import gap.

Execution and an efficient regulatory regime have been the stumbling blocks.

A recent announcement about revisiting the feedlot idea is refreshing news.

Some livestock experts whom I spoke to believe we have the fundamentals to make it work.

One idea they shared is to capitalise on the six million hectares of oil palm land that we have. But the business model must be right.

One model is to fund independent smallholder cattle farmers to lease the plantation land to a feedlot company to grow beef, instead of asking plantation companies to do it.

In the past, these projects failed when managed by plantation companies.

One reason cited was that the expertise needed was not with them. Furthermore, plantations were making handsome returns from their crops, and therefore



Chicken is one of Malaysia's success stories. PIC BY EIZAIRI SHAMSUDIN

had less motivation.

If feedlot companies managed it, they could provide the market for the beef grown by small farmers, including providing technical support and guidance on productivity issues.

Apart from adding value to the beef, it is imperative for feedlot companies to invest in research and development. As in most businesses, the technology in the livestock business also keeps changing, warranting R&D to remain competitive.

Food security is an important national agenda. In fact, all countries have a strategy to ensure

their citizens have access to affordable and nutritious food.

The key word here is access. The source can be from local production and imports. Managing supply is key to food security.

The plus point for local production however is its economic benefits, including job creation and income distribution.

It is hoped that the chicken episode can be another lesson for us as we pursue our food security agenda.

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MAFI bantu penternak
terjejas banjir dari
sembilan negeri di
bawah PPSPA

Oleh NORAWAZNI YUSOF

KUANTAN

Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Makanan (MAFI) memperuntukan RM5.65 juta kepada 455 penternak terjejas banjir di bawah Program Pembangunan Semula Projek Agromakanan (PPSPA).

Timbalan Menteri II MAFI, Datuk Dr Nik Muhammad Zawawi Salleh berkata, sembilan negeri yang menerima bantuan di bawah PPSPA iaitu Selangor, Sabah, Pulau Pinang, Melaka, Johor, Kedah, Negeri Sembilan, Pahang dan Kelantan selepas penternak kerugian lebih RM11.68 juta.

"Selangor merekodkan kerugian tertinggi sebanyak RM4.8 juta dan menerima peruntukan bantuan di bawah PPSPA RM2

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Nik Muhammad Zawawi (kanan) menyampaikan sumbangan berupa barangan keperluan asas kepada penternak pada ketika mengadakan lawatan di ladang ternakan di Kampung Pandan 2 pada Khamis.

juta.

"Johor pula menerima peruntukan RM1.3 juta, diikuti Pahang sebanyak RM1.1 juta dan baki selebihnya akan disalurkan kepada enam negeri," katanya pada sidang media selepas mengadakan lawatan ke ladang penternak yang terlibat bencana banjir 2021 di Kampung Pandan

2, di sini pada Khamis.

Pada majlis itu, para penternak turut diberikan penerangan berkaitan perkhidmatan dan bantuan insentif oleh Jabatan Veterinar.

Nik Muhammad Zawawi berkata, bantuan itu disalurkan bagi memulihkan semula perusahan penternakan selepas kerugian besar akibat banjir.

"Agihan bantuan biasanya mengikut keperluan penternak seperti binatang ternakan, pembaikan kerosakan, makanan dan vitamin kepada binatang ternakan," katanya.

Selubungan itu, beliau menggesa mana-mana penternak yang masih belum mendaftar dengan Jabatan Veterinar supaya dapat berbuat demikian.

"Kerajaan berhasrat untuk memberikan bantuan kepada semua yang terlibat tetapi kumpulan yang tidak berdaftar ini mendatangkan masalah kepada diri mereka.

"Jadi, kita minta semua usahawan di dalam bidang penternakan berdaftar dengan Jabatan Veterinar supaya jumlah kerugian dapat dianggar dan bantuan dapat disalurkan kepada mereka," katanya.