



**JABATAN PERKHIDMATAN VETERINAR**

**LAPORAN LIPUTAN MEDIA**

**Selasa, 13 Jun 2023**

## El Nino boleh jejaskan tabiat makan haiwan

| MEDIA            | RUANGAN      | MUKA SURAT |
|------------------|--------------|------------|
| Utusana Malaysia | Dlaam Negeri | 9          |

# El Nino boleh jejaskan tabiat makan haiwan

Oleh **SITI ATHIRAH DZULKIFLY**  
utusannews@mediamulia.com.my

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Fenomena El Nino dipercayai menyebabkan haiwan peliharaan kurang minum dan memakan dedak sehingga menyebabkan berat badan optimum tidak dapat dicapai pada waktu tuaian sekali gus mengakibatkan golongan penternak kerugian.

Bercakap kepada *Utusan Malaysia*, Prof. Dr. Anjas Asmara Samsudin dari Jabatan Sains Haiwan Fakulti Pertanian, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) berkata, keadaan itu boleh berlaku memandangkan ternakan kebiasaannya cenderung minum air lebih banyak bagi mengurangkan kesan haba.

"Ini menyebabkan kerugian

pada penternak. Bagi sektor ternakan ruminan pula sama ada industri daging juga tenusu, kesan langsung El Nino dapat dilihat melalui berat badan dan penghasilan susu yang menyusut disebabkan kadar pengambilan air yang terlalu banyak bagi menghilangkan dahaga dan mengawal suhu dalaman badan ternakan.

"Industri komoditi utama negara pula, dapat dilihat bahawa penghasilan kelapa sawit menurun sebanyak 15 peratus ketika musim panas berpanjangan melanda," katanya ketika dihubungi, di sini semalam.

Dr Anjas berkata demikian bagi mengulas kenyataan pakar bidang Kesihatan Persekitaran dan Pekerjaan Universiti Putra Malaysia, Prof. Dr. Juliana Jala-

ludin berhubung fenomena El Nini di Malaysia yang disiarkan *Utusan Malaysia* semalam.

Menurut beliau, di kawasan pantai barat Semenanjung Malaysia, El Nino lazimnya lebih ketara semasa musim monsun barat daya yang kering berpanjangan dan ketika itu suhu harian boleh melebihi 35 darjah celsius.

Bahkan, katanya, cuaca panas berpanjangan ini juga boleh menjejaskan hormon tanaman yang boleh menjejaskan pertumbuhan.

Selain itu, Dr Anjas berkata, tanaman yang menggunakan sumber air yang banyak seperti tanaman padi juga antara sektor yang terkesan sekiranya fenomena ini terjadi.

"Mengikut kajian dari Pusat

Kajian Padi Antarabangsa yang berpusat di Filipina, pengeluaran padi terjejas sebanyak 10% sekiranya suhu meningkat sebanyak 1 darjah Celcius.

"Suhu optimum pengeluaran padi adalah sekitar 24-34 darjah Celcius.

"Dari sudut industri ternakan pula, kesan langsung yang dapat dilihat adalah dari penurunan produksi ternakan itu sendiri. Sebagai contoh, ternakan ayam yang dibela dalam sistem reban terbuka adalah terdedah kepada strok haba disebabkan fenomena ini," katanya.

Dalam pada itu, beliau yakin kerajaan telah mengambil banyak langkah kawalan memandangkan isu fenomena El Nino ini bukan pertama kali melanda negara.



## -Ban soon on animal sale in pet shops -Plan must have bite and not just bark, say animal activists

| MEDIA    | RUANGAN | MUKA SURAT |
|----------|---------|------------|
| The Star | Nation  | 6          |

# Ban soon on animal sale in pet shops

## Selangor govt wants people to adopt animals, hopes move will reduce strays

By SHEILA SRI PRIYA  
sheilasripriya@thestar.com.my

**PETALING JAYA:** Buying your pet cat or dog from a shop will no longer be possible under new regulations planned by the Selangor government.

In a move designed to encourage more people to adopt rather than buy pets, the state is planning to ban all pet stores from selling cats and dogs.

"We are still in the midst of finalising the plan. Pet stores can sell pet food instead. In my constituency in Kinrara, we have a weekly pet adoption programme and about 20 pets are adopted on a monthly basis.

"If all local councils carry out such programmes, we can help reduce pet abandonment rate," said state exco man Ng Sze Han at the Forum Pengurusan Anjing

Terbiar Selangor 2023.

The forum, organised by the Subang Jaya City Council, saw representatives from local councils and non-governmental organisations representing animal groups.

The announcement by the local government, public transportation and new village development committee chairman was hailed by many pet lovers.

Former pet shop owner Amy Lau welcomed the possible ban, saying she had voluntarily stopped selling animals and even closed her business 10 years ago.

"Most of my pet buyers were youngsters. They would buy pets for their girlfriend or boyfriend and then lose interest, abandoning the pet.

"I see more pet shops are also selling fewer animals. Those who want to buy can go to the reliable

breeders or adopt animals," she said.

Lau said some of the animals sold at shops could be from irresponsible breeders.

"These animals are kept in cages for many years for the sole purpose of breeding and can't even walk properly. It is animal cruelty," said Lau.

Jocelyn Ng, an owner of an eight-year-old husky, said pet shops were not the favoured place to get pure breed dogs, so a ban would not make a difference.

"We do not entirely trust these shop owners. They may simply claim an animal is a pure breed. We dog lovers look out for responsible breeders to buy from," she said.

Jocelyn got her husky, named Isseymiyake, from a trusted friend.

Hayathi Ismail also said back-



**Waiting game:** Pet stores in Selangor will no longer be allowed to sell animals. — CHAN TAK KONG/The Star

yard breeders should be banned.

"They are the culprits. They advertise their pets on social media and they also sell to pet shops," she said.

Meanwhile, Sze Han also said the state government had recommended all local councils use the "more humane" netting method to catch stray dogs.

He added that the looping method could be used only in hard-to-reach locations like under vehicles, small holes or drains.

The netting method, an innovation by the Sabak Bernam district council, allows dog catchers to

carry the animals into vehicles and not drag them by their necks.

The Selangor government is also in the final stages of launching an international-standard Fur Shelter on a 1.2ha plot of land, he said.

Sze Han said the Fur Shelter would promote adoption, education and raise funds in a sustainable manner through various activities.

As of May 31, the Subang Jaya City Council recorded 1,000 complaints about dogs while the Sabak Bernam district council recorded 3,000 complaints.

## Plan must have bite and not just bark, say animal activists

By WANI MUTHIAH  
wani@thestar.com.my

**KLANG:** The Selangor government's plan to ban the sale of animals in pet shops must be implemented or it will just remain as another plan, say animal activists.

With the state election around the corner, they fear that whoever takes over the portfolio may go back on the plan.

"We hope the new exco member will follow up with this as well as look into managing street dogs, as it is a far more serious matter," said animal activist Joanne Low after the state local

government, public transportation and new village development committee chairman Ng Sze Han announced the proposed ban.

Low said local councils must also bust backyard breeders and puppy mills in tandem with the prohibition of the sale of animals in pet shops.

"These are the culprits behind the suffering and torment of animals that are bred indiscriminately and made to sit in glass cases and cages in pet shops for hours waiting for customers," she said.

To make matters worse, the sire and dam used for breeding are

often dumped on the streets when they are unable to "produce" anymore.

"Animal welfare groups have been picking up these neglected dogs, which are dumped after being used for breeding, for years," said Low.

A pet owner who wished to be known only as Justine said she was not surprised by the announcement as the "adopt, don't shop" mantra was supported by many.

"This proposal might help improve the lives of a lot of stray cats and dogs, but I wonder if this would affect big dogs. There is a

huge restriction on what kind or size of dog is allowed in some housing areas," she said.

Justine, however, said there were also pet shop owners who really cared about the animals and this decision would negatively affect them.

Irene Low, the director of canine welfare project Malaysian Dogs Deserve Better (MDDB), said catching and culling over the years had done nothing to decrease the number of street dogs.

She said the relevant agencies should tell people how much money was spent annually to

catch and cull dogs, saying the money could have been better used to battle dengue and leptospirosis.

"Just tell them how many people die of dengue and perhaps even leptospirosis in comparison to the number of dog bite cases.

"Animal activists and groups are more than willing to manage the Trap-Neuter-Release-Manage (TNRM) stray management system for local councils," she added.

Animal activists have long wanted the state government to stop the catching and culling of street animals and adopt the TNRM method instead.

**-TERIMA KASIH-**

DISEDIAKAN OLEH :

**UNIT KOMUNIKASI KORPORAT (UKK)  
JABATAN PERKHIDMATAN VETERINAR**

