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An MBSA council staff checking on some of the animals kept at the pound in Section 17, Shah Alam. — Photos: filepic

No shelter for unwanted pets

City council closes down facility in Shah Alam pending improvements

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THE pound in Section 17, Shah Alam, is no longer taking in unwanted pet dogs and cats. A notice on the matter was posted on Shah Alam City Council's (MBSA) Environmental Health Department Facebook page.

The pilot programme called "Jom Serah Haiwan" which began in November saw an overwhelming number of unwanted animals being handed over to the Stor MBSA pound, leaving no space to accommodate more pets.

MBSA corporate communications head Shahrin Ahmad said the council was stopping the service for it to be reviewed to improve the programme further.

He said operations would be resumed sometime next year, but did not specify when.

MBSA councillor Foong Saik Hoong said when the programme started, it did not receive much support from non-governmental organisations.

"The idea was to reduce strays by giving owners who are no longer able to care for their pets, a place to surrender them.

"These animals are usually left on the streets when owners move to a new house or the pets have a large litter," he said.

Up till October, there were about 250 complaints on stray cats and dogs.

"The council decided to open the pound in Section 17 but there was some opposition as many felt it would encourage the public to abandon their pets and some were worried about how these animals would be treated," said Foong.

He said the council would come up with a long-term plan to ensure sufficient food and a good environment for the animals so that the healthy ones can be adopted," he said, adding that during the Car-Free Day this month, 22 cats were adopted.

However, Foong said the pound needed to find permanent homes for more of the animals as the cost of caring for them was too high.

He said the council was also reviewing regulations for dog licence applications.

"Previously you only need to get your neighbours' consent but we have discussed the need for the dogs to be neutered first," he said, adding that this would only apply to mixed breeds.

Foong said the council needed to look at what other countries were doing to reduce the number of strays.

"Many advanced countries neuter and microchip pets so that they can track the owner and take action in the event a dog is lost or abandoned," he added.

Malaysian Dogs Deserve Better founder Wani Muthiah welcomed the ruling requiring owners to neuter their dogs to curb the number of unwanted puppies.

Paws Animal Welfare Society shelter manager Edward Lim said if the council were to continue the programme, they needed to be more transparent on what happened to the pets when they were surrendered to the pound.

"The guidelines will give owners a clearer picture so they can make an informed decision," he said.

Lim supported the idea for dogs to be neutered before getting a licence but said it should apply to cats too.

"They must also look at owners who breed animals and charge them a different rate to obtain a licence," he said.



The MBSA pound has stopped taking in any more animals.



Two cats that were surrendered by their owners at Stor MBSA.

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Anggota polis D7 IPK Selangor menyerbu ladang kelapa sawit yang dijadikan lokasi perjudian sabung ayam di Bukit Kuching, Jeram, semalam.

Sindiket perjudian sabung ayam tumpas

Kuala Selangor: Polis menumpaskan aktiviti perjudian sabung ayam selepas menyerbu sebuah ladang kelapa sawit dekat Bukit Kuching, Jeram di sini, kelmarin.

Serbuhan pada jam 5.30 petang itu dilakukan sepasukan lapan anggota dari Bahagian Kongsi Gelap, Judi dan Maksiat (D7) Ibu Pejabat Polis Kontinjen (IPK) Selangor diketuai Pegawai Turus, Deputi Superintendan Norhizam Bahaman, hasil risikan sejak dua minggu lalu.

Seramai 13 individu termasuk seorang wanita ditahan dalam serbuan dan polis turut merampas 35 ekor ayam, 13 set taji ayam, empat botol ikan laga serta pelbagai per-

alatan lain yang dipercayai digunakan bagi tujuan itu.

Ladang itu dipercayai dijadikan lokasi perjudian berikutan kedudukannya yang agak terpencil dan dikatakan sudah beroperasi sejak beberapa tahun lalu.

Nilai pertaruhan dikatakan mencecah ribuan ribu ringgit dan kaki judi bukan saja datang dari Selangor, tetapi juga Perak, Melaka, Negeri Sembilan, Johor dan Pahang.

Semua tangkapan dibawa ke IPK Selangor untuk tindakan lanjut.

Kes disiasat mengikut Seksyen 7(2) Akta Rumah Judi Terbuka 1953 dan Seksyen 44(1)(g) Akta Binatang 1953.