## Cat-neutering programme exceeds target in Subang Jaya

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SUBANG Jaya City Council (MBSJ) has exceeded its target for neutering cats.

Its mass neutering programme that took place at the SS15 Multipurpose Hall in Subang Jaya, Selangor, was to address the critical issue of animal overpopulation.

The council had targeted neutering 200 dogs and 200 cats with the services provided for free.

Society For the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) general manager Kelvin Cheah said the first day of the programme saw 113 cats spayed while the subsequent day had 99 cats, thus exceeding the target.

"Earlier, we gave 125 sponsored vaccines to visitors for their pets.

"We were also assisted by veterinary students from Universiti Putra Malaysia.

"This programme is special because the Subang Jaya and Kota Kemuning assemblymen reached out to us. They jointly offered to sponsor this event, which is a first for us," he said.

Exhibitors selling pet-related products, pet vaccines and medication for post-surgery were also present at the recent event.

MBSJ Corporate and Strategic Management Department deputy director Azfarizal Abdul Rashid said the programme was a joint collaboration between MBSJ, SPCA and the offices of the Subang Jaya and Kota Kemuning assemblymen.

"MBSJ's Health Department also has a booth to provide clarification on the procedures for managing pet dogs at home, including the requirement for licensing them."

Star Pets director Natasha Lee said the stray animals issue was a public issue.

"We're not just concentrating on stray animals; pets are also a priority. By accepting more pets for neutering, we are decreasing the number of animals that will be reproducing.

"This strategy will ultimately aid in reducing the stray population over time," said Lee.

Subang Jaya assemblyman Michelle Ng and Kota Kemuning assemblyman Preakas Sampunanthan each contributed RM30,000 towards the programme.

Subang Jaya mayor Datuk Mohd Fauzi Mohd Yatim, and SPCA Selangor chairman Christine Chin were among those present.