

Man who killed stray dogs held

SHAH ALAM: A 40-year-old man, allegedly responsible for the deaths of five dogs at an industrial area in Kota Kamuning on Sunday, was arrested by police less than 48 hours after the incident was reported.

The suspect, who is a contractor from Bandar Saujana Putra, was picked up on Tuesday by the Shah Alam police serious crimes unit at about 11.40pm.

He had allegedly used an Airsoft pistol to shoot the strays.

Shah Alam police chief ACP Baharudin Mat Taib said following investigations, the suspect claimed he shot the dogs as a few of them had attempted to attack his two sons, aged seven and 12.

Baharudin said after checking the man's car, police seized a Sig Sauer P226 Airsoft

pistol, a pressurised canister and five Airsoft bullets.

He said the man was traced with the help of public information and close-circuit television recordings, adding that the man was remanded for three days for further investigations.

On Sunday, a 49-year-old animal lover who often went to the area to feed about 15 stray dogs lodged a police report after discovering the dead dogs.

She had initially thought the dogs were poisoned and buried the animals at an open space in the vicinity with the help of a friend.

However, police exhumed the carcasses and sent them to the Universiti Putra Malaysia Hospital for a post mortem to determine the cause of death. - by **Charles Ramendran**