

## 'INFECTED PETS MUST BE QUARANTINED'

KUALA LUMPUR: Pets which have been confirmed positive with Covid-19 must be isolated and quarantined for 14 days and monitored. Dr Farina Mustaffa Kamal, a senior lecturer (veterinary immunology) and researcher in pet diseases at the Faculty of Veterinary Science in Universiti Putra Malaysia, said if these pets display any health issues during this period, their owners should consult the District Veterinary Services Department for further action. Although there was no evidence that pets can transmit Covid-19, they could themselves be infected by the disease as reported by the World Organisation for Animal Health. "Four cases of Covid-19 infections involving pets (two cats and two dogs) contracted from their owners, have been reported in Belgium and Hong Kong. – Bernama