

How to recognize Cruelty

- 1) No or insufficient food and water
- 2) When the animal doesn't receive medical attention for:
 - severe flea or tick infestations
 - excessively skinny and starving
 - wounds
 - limping or have difficulties in movement
 - extensive fur loss
 - injuries sustained from vehicular accidents and other trauma
- 3) Beating and other forms of physical harm
- 4) Unreasonably long hours of confinement.
- 5) Enclosure too small or crowded
- 6) Failure to provide shelter from sun or rain in area of confinement.
- 7) Upon approaching to feed, the animal appears to shiver, panic or becomes aggressive can be signs of cruelty.
Seek advice from veterinarians or qualified animal trainers.
- 8) The leash is too short or heavy and the collar too tight.

The 5 Freedoms

Animal's welfare should be considered in terms of five freedoms:

- ① **Freedom from hunger and thirst**
by ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigour.
- ② **Freedom from discomfort**
by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.
- ③ **Freedom from pain, injury or disease**
by prevention through rapid diagnosis and treatment.
- ④ **Freedom to express normal behaviour**
by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind.
- ⑤ **Freedom from fear and distress**
by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.

Are You Breaking the law?

The state of Sabah has its own legislation when it comes to prevention of cruelty to animals. According to the Cruelty to Animals (Prevention) Ordinance (Sabah Cap. 31), Section 3, cruelty to animals is liable to a fine of RM500 and to a term of imprisonment of six months.

The complete ordinance in pdf format can be downloaded at:

[http://www.lawnet.sabah.gov.my/Lawnet/SabahLaws/StateLaws/CrueltyToAnimals\(Prevention\)Ordinance.pdf](http://www.lawnet.sabah.gov.my/Lawnet/SabahLaws/StateLaws/CrueltyToAnimals(Prevention)Ordinance.pdf)

How to report Animal cruelty?



- 1) Collect evidence by taking photographs/video and record down the date, time and location and also condition of the animal.
- 2) Report to: - SPCAkk Hotline 019 880 9660
- Jabatan Perkhidmatan Haiwan 088 232 499
- 3) Be prepared to be a witness