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 STOP releasing trapped strays, says Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ).
 It is appealing for public cooperation to manage the stray dog problem.
 MPAJ president Datuk Abdul Hamid Hussain said in June, it had placed seven traps in areas where a high number of strays were reported.
 Abdul Hamid expressed dismay at reports that some of the strays captured had been released by residents.
 He added that 256 strays had been caught this year by MPAJ officers who were despatched to several areas after receiving

reports from the public.
 "The strays will be kept for seven days after which they will be put down if no one claims them," Abdul Hamid said at the council's full board meeting.
 He said only two owners claimed their dogs this year, adding that a minimum compound of RM250 would be issued to irresponsible owners.
 Zone 23 councillor Mohamad Samat said resistance from NGOs was a challenge when managing strays in the municipality.
 "We urge the NGOs with the know-how to provide input on

how best to tackle the issue."
 Malaysian Animal Association president Arie Dwi Andika, when contacted, suggested that local councils adopt the "trap and neuter" approach to control the stray dog population, after which the animals could be rehomed.
 "Why not put up the caught strays for adoption instead? I implore local councils to work closely with animal NGOs to ensure the humane treatment of strays.
 "With resources and support from them, I am confident many NGOs will be happy to cooperate and lend their expertise."
 — FARID WAHAB



Stray dogs caught by Ampang Jaya Municipal Council are kept for seven days for the owners to claim them before being put down. — Filepic