

## **WORLD ANIMAL DAY 2010**

COUNTRY: MALAYSIA

The year 2010 for animals of domestic and wildlife has had its ups and downs.

### **STRAY DOGS CAN BE EATEN....**

According to the Veterinary Department that resulted in a 'verbal bloodbath' among the animal NGOs towards them. As we all know, dogs are a problem in this country due to the Islamic religion. But yet and thank goodness, we still have the modern ones that are not afraid to step out and say their view. Like this mishap was not enough, we were faced with

### **ANIMAL TESTING...**

Where a huge company from India (I think) wanted to build a huge facility in Malacca (located down south of Malaysia) for animal testing. A huge outcry that resulted PETA's involvement and the authorities where animal lovers rallied for days. For the moment, there has been no outcome and everything has been silent.

### **CHOOKS (CHICKENS) NOT KEPT PROPERLY....**

This resulted in the farms at KFC (Kentucky Fried Chicken) where chooks were not kept properly. PETA was notified and the matter was immediately looked into. Leaflets were passed out to customers in front of some prominent outlets that entailed what the chooks went through. The next step was taken by PETA. No comment as yet.

### **BOGUS VETERINARIANS**

Like there isn't enough worry about retaining your job, property and list of commitments, you have to be so careful selecting a veterinarian before bringing your pet. Thorough research must be done. Many dogs have suffered medically due to the ignorance of bogus vets. These vets are final students or the ones that failed the entire course of 5 years at a local university! Obviously the thought of animal suffering was not embedded in their heads so whatever diagnosis was given, it turned out wrong. Thank goodness for media, the Veterinary Department had no choice but to come forward to comment on such bogus vets. They did not bother initially when the first few articles appeared. Even better, they mentioned that we should notify the police!

### **LAST BUT NOT LEAST...THE HIGHLIGHT....**

The capture of Anson Wong or commonly called The Lizard King happened just a few weeks ago. Jailed in America for 5 years a couple of years ago for wildlife smuggling, you would think one would learn his lesson. Humans as usual, never learn.

Anson's luck finally went dry and he was caught for smuggling in wildlife from Penang to Kuala Lumpur to his final destination in Indonesia. His family suffers due to the actions. The authorities have seized his wildlife that is kept privately in an orchard in Penang. (Read the attachments scanned) A huge outcry has been said where the sentencing is too lenient and the bail way too cheap. The public want a longer sentence but if you know Anson, he will never learn.

I was posed this question by him when I met him during my hay days in the pet care industry in Malaysia that finding a balance with animals is always important. I agree that you cannot save every animal but you have to start somewhere and once started, I strongly believe you will save as many as possible along the way. It is how you do it. Although I knew who he was and what he did, I felt a second chance should be given and I was wrong. He made his choice. He told the media that he was too greedy this time round. I disagree as I think he thought he'd be able to get away once again.

Wildlife is ranked number 2 right after Narcotics at number 1.

WAD FUNDRAISING....

I always like to do my WAD events different every year. Unfortunately this year, my event takes place on 28 November instead and collaborating with Hill's, a pet food brand from America. My theme for this year would be **THE POWER OF HEALING WITH ANIMALS**. How has animal healing helped with cancer survivors? Await my press release and pictures.