

# From Sad, Stray and Abandoned to Healthy and Cheerful Cats

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Even though Malaysians are known as kind and loving citizens, we can see so many stray and abandoned cats around us. There are even a few extreme cases, such as stray cats being killed or thrown from high places with the intention of killing them. These are signs of animal abuse which is on the rise in Malaysia.

Is feeding stray cats good? Please don't feed stray cats. Yes, you think you are helping the cats to survive, but feeding stray cats can actually hurt them. There are many diseased and malnourished stray cats as a result of people leaving out food for them. This is because the presence of food causes a clowder of cats to get together. They fight over territories and spread diseases among each other. At the same time, they breed and suddenly, the number of cats increases in one small area and their population will eventually grow too large for you to feed them. Soon, due to overpopulation which leads to territorial disputes, the weaker ones will starve or get injured that can lead to deaths.

Then, what should we, as kind-hearted people do towards the stray cats? The answer is to spay or neuter them. Spaying a female cat or neutering a tom cat must be conducted by a vet or other qualified professionals, which entails the cat undergoing an operation. Spaying prevents the female cats from producing eggs that could be fertilised by a male cat and stops her body from emitting sex hormones that attract the males. Apart from increasing a cat's lifespan, there are several other benefits of spaying or neutering a cat.

### Spaying can also:

- Prevent unwanted litters
- Reduce the likelihood of the cat fighting with other cats
- Reduce the possibility of sexually transmitted infections from spreading
- Limit the number of stray cats which occur with unwanted litters
- Reduce the symptoms of being in heat, which can be noisy and irritating



The optimal age to spay or neuter a cat is before it reaches five months of age. What happens if the cat is not spayed? They are also more likely to contract and spread diseases, such as feline leukemia and immunodeficiency virus. In fact, male cats are at greater risk for testicular cancer and prostate disease. Females have a higher risk of mammary and uterine cancer and serious uterine infections. Unspayed cats might call loudly, mark the house with urine, and do every-

thing they can to get out of their house to find a mate.



Once pregnant, a cat's gestation period is roughly two months, making it possible for her to give birth as many as five litters a year. If your cat mistakenly slipped outside during heat, there is a high chance of her getting impregnated by the stray male cats in your neighbourhood.

I am currently carrying out a Stray Cat Spaying Community Service as well as regular feeding of the spayed or neutered cats in my area. Spaying a fe-

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male cat costs RM120; meanwhile, RM60 is needed to neuter a male cat. From the various dry food prices available in the market, a moderate one is chosen for the spayed cats. Those who wish to contribute can transfer their donation to: Maybank 102054602583 Melati Desa..



## **Felinophile**

by Dr. Nur Ilianis Adnan

## 'MAGIC' CATS CARE

Those who have pets know how miserable it is to see our fur babies get sick. Even more miserable is to see your cash get whisked away when paying the bills at the and catching them around the house like "Tom ics. The struggle is real. Finding the right supseem daunting. Thanks to WRH Homeopathy, I ing goes, prevention is better than cure, I give daily to keep them healthy and happy. Usually, orally (under the tongue). However, for my fur them and then use a syringe to feed them. The as they are fond of it. There is no need to works wonders. The process is very simple. It process (from preparing to feeding). I have my pills for cats at home. I keep these pills for serve as immune boosters. Unpredictable inci-Therefore, I make sure I have my 'Magic Box' but they deserve all the love and care in the voiceless and care for them as much as we care for our family and friends.



vet. Not forgetting the struggle of chasing & Jerry" when it's time to give their antibiotplements for your fur babies will probably don't have to worry anymore! As the saymy cats homeopathy immune booster twice for humans, homeopathy pills can be taken babies, I usually crush the pills, dissolve sweetness of the pills makes feeding easier chase and force feed on them: homeopathy takes less than 10 minutes for the whole so-called 'Magic Box', a box of homeopathy cough, fever, detox, diarrhea and they also dents do happen when you have pets. with me all the time. Animals are voiceless world. Let us together be the voice for the

#### WHAT IS HOMEOPATHY?



Homeopathy for cats and dogs is a holistic method that uses natural substances to stimulate the body's natural healing process. As in humans, homeopathy can be used to treat many illnesses, from allergies to diarrhea. Homeopathy focuses on the use of specific, delicate, and physical needs to care for the entire animal. It is based on the use of a special preparation and a refined dilution of herbs, minerals, and other natural substances, and can be a great alternative treatment option for pets. Homeopathy became popular due to its safety and efficacy. With the correct power, it is safe enough to be used on small puppies and kittens. Combination therapy is a cost-effective method that can help our loved ones recover from periodic injuries or illnesses. When used with an appropriate diet and a healthy lifestyle, they can also be beneficial in supporting the healing process of more chronic diseases. You will find that homeopathy is a welcome addition to your fur babies natural health care.



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