



**I am Dr Kartini Rahim, a consultant dermatologist in Malaysia. I currently work in two private hospitals, and on my off-work days, I am busy with my cat rescuing and sheltering work. I was brought up in a household with many adopted animals – cats, dogs, fish, and birds, where I learnt to be compassionate towards animals. It is unbearable to see stories of animal abuse and cruelty that is happening on daily basis here in Malaysia and it is time that we end this suffering, most crucially by educating the public on animal welfare and practices of population control, and secondly by collaborating with other animal NGOs and the authorities to get to the heart of the problem so that we can make a great impact to the animals' lives. For those who feel that street cats and dogs should have the same rights to live peacefully as us humans, please join us. My dream is that all street cats and dogs are being adopted, loved and cared for, and none should suffer, or starved, poisoned and killed just because they were born strays.**