



My name is Shanti, I am an Ipoh born home maker who has been rescuing, sheltering, and neutering stray dogs on the streets of Ipoh for the past 25 years. I am based in Bercham, Ipoh.

Many a times, independent animal activists and rescuers and I have seen with our own eyes, the brutal way the local councils capture stray dogs until the dogs' cry and bleed out in pain. Some dogs even die after a few hours. This has been going on for more than 15 years. Councils in some areas also shoot dogs. Most of the time, we independent rescuers bail these dogs that are captured. The problem is that we are burnt out and we are begging for help. We do not have the resources, space, money, and energy to continue this charity. Most of us are home makers or retired. We range from 50-75 years of age. We have little savings and use it mostly to rescue and to shelter dogs that are dumped by irresponsible pet owners, factory owners, farm owners. We attempt to save stray dogs that are being hunted by the council to be killed/dumped in isolated areas. We are lacking government help, though our hearts are still bursting and willing to fight to save the lives of these innocent stray dogs.

Over the last 3 years, I have been blessed with financial assistance from Caren and Kenric (USA) and have neutered more than 400 females' dogs in Ipoh due to their sincere contribution. I am very grateful to these wonderful people who despite being so far away, have a big heart and soul.

We can only pray for a more holistic, humane government to change their faith. We look forward to the government changing their policy to help catch and neuter stray dogs in Malaysia to bring down the stray dog population here. Killing is not the answer.