Too many cats in Putrajaya

I wish to complain about the large cat population in my area. Numerous complaints have been sent to Putrajaya Corporation. The corporation does not seem to be able to solve the issue.

I hope the authorities will help to solve the problem.

They make a lot of noise at night. They go through my garbage and make a big mess. And they breed very fast.

The corporation should take action before our beautiful city is overrun by cats and becomes dirty.

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PRESS STATEMENT/RELEASE

Perbadanan Putrajaya (PPj) would like to refer to the letter titled ‘Too Many Cats In Putrajaya’ from CH Tan via Streets of New Straits Times dated 4 August 2010.

As the local authority responsible for administering Putrajaya, PPj takes its role very seriously in making it a livable city. This includes surveillance carried out continually to ensure that there aren’t stray cats on the loose and appointment of a contractor to tackle this problem which includes patrolling the entire area of Putrajaya for stray cats.

Briefly, we append data for the exercises carried out by PPj to arrest the problem of stray cats:

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<th>Year</th>
<th>No. of Patrols</th>
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However, this effort will be more effective if the residents of Putrajaya give their fullest cooperation by ensuring proper care of cats by the owner and proper disposal of garbage to avoid problems associated with cats messing up garbage left overnight. Every house (landed property) in Putrajaya is provided with waste bins which, if properly closed will not be easily accessible to cats or even dogs (if any). Thus, residents need to ascertain that garbage is properly disposed into the bins provided to maintain hygienic standards.

PPj can also be contacted directly on our hotline @ 03-88873000.

Thank you.

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