

## "If You Love Your Child, Dare to Scold; If You Love Your Cat, Guarding It"

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### Opinion

Cats are cute and tame pet in our lives. Columbia University studies find that interactions with cats can improve the serotonin hormone in our body that function to regulate the mood, reduce negative emotions and make someone happier, thus reducing the stress of feeling and loneliness within us. When defending cats, we are entrusted with safeguarding them against uncertain threats because unlike humans, cats do not seem to be misbehaving, unable to speak like humans and unable to solve problems that require human-like thinking. These little animals are only able to put their trust in their owners.

In 2015, the Veterinary Welfare Act 2015 was approved by Parliament but was only enforced on July 18, 2017, symbolizing the concerns and developments of the welfare of animals in Malaysia. The Animal Welfare Board was established to enforce the new Act. The latest penalty of RM 100,000 on persecution and cruelty to animals shows that animal welfare is now a priority in Malaysian law.

The author considers the incidence of the death of a pet cat that occurs during Hari Raya because of humanity, the cats are also living beings living on this earth and should have the right and the freedom to live in a safe environment, not to die in vain for the negligence of the owner. If a child can play firecrackers until they lose their hands, lose their fingers, lose sight of themselves, what's a great deal to hurt a loved one's cat when visiting someone's home. It is the duty of parents in applying the age of visiting other people's homes to their children.

When keeping a cat, we are given a trust by God to protect one another. Sabda Rasulullah SAW, "The imperfect faith of those who do not trust and imperfect the religion of those who do not fulfill the promise" (Hadith Riwayat Ahmad). This shows that if we neglect the rights of these small animals, we are sinners. For parents who only look at their children's afflictions hurting the host cat, remember that one day, the Prophet swore three times, "By Allah, do not believe! By Allah, do not believe! By Allah, do not believe! ". When asked who you mean, he replied, "A person whose neighbor does not feel

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secure and calm because of his evil nature." (Narrated by al-Bukhari No. 6016 and Muslim No. 46). Ibn Battal asserted that this hadith emphasized the protection of neighbor's rights as the Prophet had repeatedly sworn His oath three times.

In another piece of hadith, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, "Jibrail always reminded me to guard the rights of the neighbor until I think a neighbor will inherit his neighbor's property." (Narrated by al-Bukhari No. 5669 and Muslim No. 6854). The Prophet instructed his companions to love the cats as they love their own family. When it comes to celebrating the holidays, celebrating our guests at home, being photographed, dressed in beauty and enjoying a variety of delicious dishes, make sure our pet cat is in a comfortable and safe place. Be sure our cat food has been prepared first.

Cats need a lot of compassion from humans. After getting love and food from his owner, it does not stop giving thanks and will pray for the kindness and generosity of sustenance for his owner. Is not it a loss to the owner when he lost contact with the cat during the Hari Raya? Be aware that cat prayer lasts to the hereafter for its owner.