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DATO' Ose Murang (second right) and Dona Drury Wee holding the SSPCA event poster. PHOTO: CHRISTOPHER LIDOM

## International Symposium on 'Animals and The City' on 11 Oct

**KUCHING:** The Sarawak Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA) is organising the "Animals and The City" International Symposium which will take place on 11 October, 2013 at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCCK).

The symposium is supported by the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development, Sarawak. It aims to gather experts and practitioners together to discuss urban animal strategies to build and sustain healthy urban communities for people, pets, stray animals and wildlife.

Deputy State Secretary (Administration, Security & Corporate Affairs), Datu Ose Murang said the main activities during the two-day event included a conference, World Animal Group (WAG) Music Festival, Wiggle Waggle Walk (WWW) and the Animazing Race.

"Various speakers from the region will talk about pets and stray animals," said Ose.

He urged the public to support

the event for the greater well-being of lives in the city.

"The symposium aims to gather experts and practitioners together to discuss urban animal strategies to build and sustain healthy urban communities for people, pets, stray animals and wildlife," he added.

"Strategies for animal welfare can only be successfully implemented if the laws are in place to enable this, and if there is active support and participation from all sectors of society," said Ose.

For the coming conference, Dr. Adrian Susin Ambud from the Department of Veterinary Services, Sarawak, will present a summary of Sarawak's animal welfare laws while Dr. Mohd-Azlan Jayasilan from Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) will speak about the wildlife conservation laws in Sarawak.

Dave (WAGazine) will suggest ways to communicate the animal welfare message while Nicole Helwig (Lariche Community) will talk about strategies to enhance corporate-community partnership.

SSPCA is calling on all agencies, organisations, individuals and students working on, or interested in, animal welfare and management to register for the symposium as it provides a great opportunity to learn about new approaches and to share experiences.

The symposium fee per participant is RM120 (for Malaysian and non-Malaysian resident in Sarawak), RM180 (International) and RM80 (full-time student).

In addition to conference materials and refreshment, each participant will receive one free ticket to the SSPCA Gala Dinner on 11 October and one free ticket to the WAG Music Festival on 12 October, 2013; both events will be held at BCCCK.

Present at the press conference yesterday was the President of SSPCA, Dona Drury Wee.

For more information on the symposium and to register, contact Rabecca D'cruz at 019-8579110 / [dacruz@rabecca@gmail.com](mailto:dacruz@rabecca@gmail.com) or Brenda PNG at 019-8863118 / [brendapng@yahoo.com](mailto:brendapng@yahoo.com)