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PRESS STATEMENT

MSAVA Welcomes Government Proposal to Include Pet Care in Lifestyle Tax Relief

KUALA LUMPUR – The Malaysian Small Animal Veterinary Association (MSAVA) warmly welcomes and strongly supports the Government's proposal to expand the individual income tax relief for lifestyle to include essential pet care expenditures starting from the Year of Assessment 2027. This progressive measure marks a significant milestone in fostering compassion, improving animal welfare standards, and encouraging proactive healthcare for pets across the country.

Under the proposed amendment, taxpayers will be able to claim expenditures for pet adoptions made through registered animal shelters within the existing RM2,500 lifestyle tax relief limit. Additionally, the relief will cover registered veterinary services for crucial preventive treatments, specifically vaccination, spaying, and neutering procedures.

MSAVA highlights that integrating these specific veterinary and adoption services into tax incentives provides multi-fold benefits to the community. Routine vaccinations are fundamental to safeguarding pets against infectious diseases and supporting broader public health efforts. At the same time, spaying and neutering serve as the most effective and humane methods for controlling pet populations and reducing the number of stray animals. Furthermore, providing relief for adoption fees incentivizes prospective owners to give shelter animals loving, permanent homes.

By recognizing pet adoption and basic veterinary care under the national tax framework, the Government demonstrates empathy towards animals while easing the financial responsibility placed on dedicated pet owners. MSAVA advises all pet owners and taxpayers to ensure that veterinary procedures are performed by registered veterinary practitioners and that adoptions are processed through registered shelters to remain eligible for tax relief when the measure takes effect in the Year of Assessment 2027.

MSAVA remains committed to working alongside government bodies, veterinary professionals, and welfare organizations to advance animal health and nurture a nation of responsible pet owners.

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