



Above and beyond: Mohd Hafidzatullah after receiving his excellence awards in Melaka.

PR officer gets a 'pet' for highlighting rescue efforts

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MELAKA: For tirelessly making sure the work of his colleagues in animal rescue does not go unnoticed, Mohd Hafidzatullah Rashid has received a commendation by his top boss – the Fire and Rescue Department director-general.

Mohd Hafidzatullah, the public relations (PR) officer with the Melaka branch, is known to diligently update the local media and the department's digital platforms, giving special focus to the rescue of cats and dogs and crediting the personnel behind them.

"I've loved animals since young," he said.

"I am proud to be among the recipients of this year's excellence awards given by our department," said the 37-year-old, who also highlights his colleagues' humanitarian work.

The Sabahan received his award from Datuk Seri Wan Mohd Nor Ibrahim on Monday.

He was one of 92 officers nationwide to be honoured in various categories.

His recent posting was on a young firefighter from the Kubu station here rescuing six puppies left abandoned inside a suitcase during a bush fire in Malim Jaya on Feb 14.

The father of two girls, aged eight and four, said he also tried to inspire a love for animals in his children.

"You need to have passion and compassion to be in the line of saving lives," said Mohd Hafidzatullah, who joined the department in 2006 and was posted to Melaka as a superintendent a year later.

He was promoted to senior superintendent in 2011 and has been the public relations officer since then.