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**JOINT NEWS RELEASE**

**11 PUPPIES DETECTED AT WOODLANDS CHECKPOINT**

On 23 March 2017, at about 9pm, a Malaysia-registered car, driven by a lone 43-year-old male Malaysian, was directed for further checks upon arrival at the Woodlands Checkpoint.

2 During the inspection, officers from the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) found 11 puppies hidden in a modified fuel tank of the car. The driver, the puppies and the car were referred to the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA). Investigation is ongoing.

3 Animals that are smuggled into Singapore are of unknown health status and may introduce exotic diseases, such as rabies, into the country. The importation of any animals or live birds without an AVA permit is illegal and carries a maximum penalty of \$10,000 and/or imprisonment of up to one year.

4 Our borders are our first line of defence in safeguarding Singapore's security. The security checks are critical to our nation's security. The ICA will continue to conduct security checks on passengers and vehicles at the checkpoints to prevent attempts to smuggle in undesirable persons, drugs, weapons, explosives and other contrabands.

5 The ICA and AVA would like to remind travellers against bringing live animals, birds and insects into Singapore without a proper permit. The public can refer to AVA's [website](#) or download AVA's mobile app, SG TravelKaki (available free-of-charge from [iTunes](#) and the [Google Play store](#)), for more information on bringing back animals from overseas travels.

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Photographs



ICA photo: Puppies found in a modified fuel tank of the car





ICA photo: A total of 11 puppies were uncovered from the car