

67-year-old man sentenced to seven years preventive detention for animal cruelty and other charges

26 September 2017 – 67-year-old Tan Pwee Sin was sentenced to seven years preventive detention in court today for animal cruelty, and other charges of criminal intimidation and dishonest retention of stolen property.

2 On 30 Jan 2017, AVA was alerted to a case of a cat with exposed intestines, found lying in a pool of blood at Block 1 Spooner Road. The cat was immediately brought to a veterinary clinic but succumbed to its injuries the following day.



Caption: The severely injured pet cat succumbed to its injuries (photo: AVA)

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3 Through our investigations, a suspect, Tan Pwee Sin, was identified. A knife that was allegedly used to injure the cat was also found. Tan subsequently admitted to harming the cat with his knife.

Animal cruelty is illegal

4 AVA investigates all animal cruelty feedback, and will take the necessary enforcement action. Individuals who commit animal cruelty are liable to a maximum fine of \$15,000 and/or 18 months jail term for first convictions.

5 Safeguarding animal welfare is a shared responsibility that needs the cooperation of all stakeholders, including the public. While AVA continues to ensure that the necessary enforcement action is taken and to raise awareness on animal welfare, members of the public can play their part by being vigilant. We urge members of the public to promptly report cases of animal cruelty or pet abandonment to AVA via our 24-hour hotline, 1800-476-1600 or via our website. Photographic and/or video graphic evidence will help us in our investigations. All information shared with AVA will be held in the strictest confidence.

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