

Man fined \$48,000 for failure in duty of care as an animal owner

2 May 2018: 34-year-old Bernat Ong Yan Jie, who oversaw the operation of Pretty Pets Kennel, was fined \$48,000 in court today for failure in duty of care as an animal owner.

2. During an inspection in March 2017, the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) found that four of the dogs at Pretty Pets Kennel were in poor health conditions. Investigations revealed that Ong had failed to seek veterinary treatment for the four dogs under his care.



A female Pomeranian found in poor health conditions (Photo: AVA)

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A female Cavalier King Charles Spaniel found in poor health conditions (Photo: AVA)

3. For failure in duty of care in the course of conducting an animal-related business, offenders are liable to a maximum fine of \$40,000 and/or a jail term of up to 2 years for first convictions.

4. While AVA conducts regular inspections at pet farms and shops, the public can play a part by reporting errant pet farms or shops 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 strict confidence.

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