

## **Man fined for animal cruelty**

51-year-old Ng Yeow Chian was fined \$3,500 in Court today for animal cruelty.

2 In November 2017, the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) received feedback that Ng failed to bring his pet dog for follow-up veterinary treatment even though it was diagnosed with serious medical conditions. Investigations revealed that following the first vet visit in September 2017, Ng did not bring his dog back for the scheduled review despite several calls from the clinic, causing it unnecessary pain and suffering. The dog eventually succumbed to its condition and died after a month.

3 AVA investigates all feedback on alleged animal cruelty. We will take enforcement action against anyone who has committed an act of animal cruelty and will press for deterrent sentences, if warranted. Individuals who commit animal cruelty are liable to a maximum fine of \$15,000 and/or 18 months jail term for first convictions.

4 Safeguarding animal welfare is a shared social responsibility which requires the cooperation of all stakeholders, including the public. While AVA continues to ensure that the necessary enforcement action is taken and raise awareness on animal welfare, members of the public can play their part by being vigilant. Members of the public should promptly report cases of animal cruelty to AVA via our website ([www.ava.gov.sg/feedback](http://www.ava.gov.sg/feedback)). All information shared with AVA will be held in the strictest confidence.

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