

Man sentenced to eight weeks imprisonment for animal cruelty

4 October 2017: 59-year-old Ow Ah Lon was sentenced to eight weeks imprisonment by the court today for animal cruelty.

2 On 14 March 2017, AVA received a public feedback on an alleged animal cruelty case, which resulted in the death of a cat at Ang Mo Kio Ave 4. The identity of the suspect was established and the cat's carcass was recovered from a rubbish chute that led to the suspect's residence. AVA investigated and the suspect admitted to throwing a stray cat on the floor before throwing it down the rubbish chute from his residence. AVA also conducted a post-mortem on the carcass of the cat. Our post-mortem findings revealed that the cat had suffered an external traumatic incident (blunt force trauma mainly directed at the cranium of the cat), which caused its death.



Caption: The dead cat was found at a rubbish chute at Ang Mo Kio Ave 4 (Photo: AVA)

Animal cruelty is illegal

3 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.

4 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 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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