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## **PROSECUTION OF TWO CASES OF FAILURE IN DUTY OF CARE UNDER THE ANIMALS & BIRDS ACT**

The Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) is charging 2 Singaporean men in court for offences related to failure in duty of care, non-compliance with pet farm licensing conditions, and dog licensing & control rules today.

### *Failure of duty of care and non-compliance with dog licensing & control rules*

2. In March 2016, AVA was alerted to a case of 18 abandoned dogs at various places in Singapore. One 43 year old male Chinese is charged in court for 49 counts related to failure in duty of care and non-compliance with dog licensing & control rules today. Persons who commit the offence in the course of conducting an animal-related business are liable to a maximum fine of \$40,000 and/or 2 year jail term for first convictions. For non-compliance with dog licensing & control rules, individuals are liable to a maximum fine of \$5,000 upon conviction.

### *Failure of duty of care and non-compliance with pet farm licensing conditions*

3. To ensure pet farms comply with our requirements, AVA conducts routine as well as ad-hoc unannounced inspections. One 28 year old male Chinese is charged in court for 9 counts related to failure in duty of care and non-compliance with pet farm licensing conditions today. For failure in duty of care, persons who

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commit the offence in the course of conducting an animal-related business are liable to a maximum fine of \$40,000 and/or 2 year jail term for first convictions. For non-compliance with pet farm licensing conditions, individuals are liable to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or 1 year jail term for first conviction.

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