

## **Singaporean man fined for animal cruelty**

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A 41-year-old Singaporean man, Chiam Choon San Alan, was sentenced to a fine of S\$8,000 today for one count of animal cruelty and one count of non-compliance with dog licensing & control rules.

2 On 23 May 2016, AVA was alerted to a case of a man punching and kicking his pet husky at the back of his residence. While we investigated the case, the dog was surrendered to AVA and sent to a vet clinic for medical examination. The veterinary report found that the dog suffered no external wounds/injuries, apart from an abrasion that could not be conclusively established as a result of acts of cruelty by the man. However, the incident was witnessed by a neighbour who shared video footages with AVA. We reviewed the footage, which revealed that the man had kicked, punched and held the dog up in mid-air at a choking position. Our investigation also found that the man had failed to comply with dog licensing & control rules by keeping more than 3 dogs in his premises.

3 The dog is currently under the care of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). AVA will work with SPCA to rehome the dog.

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*Caption: During the investigation, the husky was cared for by SPCA. AVA will work with SPCA to rehome the husky.*

4 Individuals who commit animal cruelty are liable to a maximum fine of \$15,000 and/or 18 months 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.

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