



Woman sentenced to 4 weeks imprisonment for animal cruelty

39-year-old Tran Thi Thuy Hang was sentenced to 4 weeks imprisonment today for animal cruelty.

2 On 6 November 2017, the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) was alerted to a feedback on the alleged killing of a pet bird at Block 101 Rivervale Walk. Investigations revealed that on 28 October 2017, Tran had used a laundry pole to hit her stepdaughter's pet bird several times, in retaliation for the bird biting her right cheek the day before. The impact of the hits resulted in the bird's death.

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). All information shared with AVA will be held in the strictest confidence.

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