



### **Man fined \$2,500 for operating unlicensed pet shop**

29 November 2017: 33-year-old Evan Jerome Quek was fined \$2,500 in court today for operating an unlicensed pet shop.

2 On 25 April 2017, AVA received feedback about The Labyrinth, an allegedly unlicensed pet shop. AVA's investigations found that Quek, the owner of the shop, does not have a pet shop licence. Quek had used the premises to display tanks of Betta fish intended for sale. He had also been posting pictures of the fish on his Facebook page to sell and auction them.

3 It is an offence to use any premises to keep and display animals intended for sale as pets without a pet shop licence. Offenders shall be liable on conviction to a maximum fine of \$5,000.

4 While AVA continues with our regular inspections of pet shops, the public can play a part to ensure pet shops adhere to proper standards. Members of the public who come across any errant pet shop, should lodge a report with AVA at 1800-476-1600. Photographic and/or videographic evidence will help us in our follow up. All information shared with AVA will be held in strict confidence.

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## Photos



Quek had used the premises to display fish tanks containing Betta fish (Photo: AVA)



Price tags were found stuck on the fish tanks (Photo: AVA)

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