



Singapore PR charged in court for keeping a farm without a licence and keeping unlicensed dogs

17 May 2017: The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) has pressed charges against a 39-year-old Singapore permanent resident, Lin Xiaoqun, in court today for one count of keeping a farm without a licence, as she had bred puppies for sale in her shop premises without a pet farm licence. In addition, she was charged for eight counts of keeping unlicensed dogs.

2 On 3 Feb 17, AVA conducted a routine unannounced inspection at Ethans Pet Resort, a pet shop. During the inspection, AVA officers discovered a female Shiba Inu dog with four puppies. Lin, the licensee of Ethans Pet Resort, admitted to breeding puppies for sale on her shop premises.

3 Lin voluntarily surrendered a total of nine adult dogs and four puppies to AVA. She admitted that the adult dogs were used for breeding and they were unlicensed.

4 A pet farm licence is required for breeding. Anyone found guilty of operating an unlicensed pet farm can be fined up to \$10,000 and/or jailed up to 12 months. Anyone found guilty of keeping unlicensed dogs can be fined up to \$5,000.

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AVA photo: Shiba Inu and the four puppies

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AVA photo: Two of the surrendered Weimaraner dogs

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