

## Man fined for operating a pet shop without a licence

15 November 2017: 47-year-old Tan Lai Hock was fined \$2,750 in court today for operating a pet shop without a licence.

2 In September 2017, AVA acted on a feedback on alleged poor living conditions of birds in a Jurong West flat and illegal sale of the birds. AVA conducted an inspection of the flat, which Tan owns, and found 27 caged parrots. Although no compromise in animal welfare was detected, we found that Tan had been breeding and selling parrots without a pet shop licence.



*Caption: 27 caged birds were found in a Jurong West flat operating as an illegal pet shop (Photo: AVA)*

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3 A pet shop licence is required to display any animal, including birds, for sale. Anyone found guilty of operating an unlicensed pet shop is liable to a maximum fine of \$5,000.

4 Safeguarding animal welfare is a shared responsibility that needs the cooperation of all stakeholders, including the public. Members of the public can play their part by being vigilant. The public should promptly report cases of illegal pet shops or animal cruelty to AVA via our 24-hour hotline, 1800-476-1600 or via our website. Providing photographic and/or video-graphic evidence will help us in our investigations. All information shared with AVA will be held in the strict confidence.

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