



Prosecution of a Singaporean man for animal cruelty and unlicensed dog

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The Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) is charging a 39-year-old Singaporean, Chong Choom Kiat, in court today for one count of animal cruelty and one count of keeping an unlicensed dog.

2 On 30 Oct 2016, AVA was alerted to a case of a pet dog allegedly killed by its owner in Hougang. AVA officers commenced investigation immediately and retrieved the dog's carcass for post-mortem examination.

3 AVA condemns animal cruelty. Under the Animals and Birds Act, anyone found guilty of animal cruelty can be fined up to \$15,000 and/or jailed up to 18 months, or both for the first offence. For second and subsequent offences, the maximum penalty is \$30,000 or a jail term of up to 3 years, or both.

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