



50-year-old man fined \$16,000 and issued 12-month disqualification order for causing unnecessary pain and suffering to animals

50-year-old Krishnasamy S/O Kaliyappan was fined \$16,000 or eight weeks imprisonment in default for causing unnecessary pain and suffering to animals. He was also disqualified from owning a pet for 12 months.

2 In July 2017, the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) was alerted to a case of a cat and a kitten thrown out of a HDB unit window at Boon Lay Drive. The cat ran away from the location and the kitten was rescued and adopted by a passer-by. While the witness was unable to see anyone committing the act, our investigation identified Krishnasamy as the perpetrator. We found the kitten to be healthy and uninjured.

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 responsibility that requires the cooperation of all stakeholders, including the public. While AVA continues to ensure that the necessary enforcement action is taken and to raise awareness on animal welfare, members of the public can play their part by being vigilant. The public should promptly report cases of animal welfare issues to AVA via our 24-hour hotline, 1800-476-1600, or via our website (www.ava.gov.sg/feedback). Providing photographic

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and/or video-graphic evidence will help us in our investigations. All information shared with AVA will be held in strict confidence.

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