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AVA and Police are investigating the allegations against Platinum Dogs Club and the incident at its premises

The Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) and Police are aware of online posts and allegations concerning Platinum Dogs Club.

2 AVA and Police are investigating the allegations of animal mistreatment against Platinum Dogs Club, and the incident on 2 January 2019 involving a group of people outside its premises.

3 AVA had earlier commenced investigations against the operator of Platinum Dogs Club, which runs a pet boarding service, after receiving complaints on the latter's alleged mistreatment of animals. AVA conducted two raids of its premises on 29 and 31 December 2018, and a total of 18 dogs and one rabbit were removed from the premises.

4 AVA takes animal welfare seriously and will not hesitate to take enforcement action against offenders. Under the Animal & Birds Act, those who fail in their duty of care towards animals in the course of conducting an animal-related business may face a maximum fine of \$40,000 and/or a jail term of two years, if convicted.

5 In the afternoon of 2 January 2019, the Police were at the premises when a group of individuals gathered outside. Subsequently, the occupants of the premises attempted to leave in a car driven by a man. Despite advice by the Police officers to give way for their safety, a 40-year-old man in the group remained in the path of the reversing car as it slowly reversed out of the premises. The man later alleged that there was contact and pain in his knees, and was conveyed to Ng Teng Fong General Hospital for outpatient treatment.

6 The driver and the group of people, comprising seven women and four men, are currently assisting the Police with their investigations.

7 The Police and AVA's investigations will be thorough and fair. The public is advised not to take matters into their own hands or engage in any actions that may violate the law or cause harm to themselves and others. The public should also refrain from speculation, and let the investigations take their course.

8 Anyone who wishes to provide information in relation to Platinum Dogs Club can contact AVA at 1800-4761600.

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