

Woman fined \$2,000 and issued disqualification order for pet abandonment

51-year-old Cheng Yok Meng was fined \$2,000 and issued with a six-month disqualification order (DO) for pet abandonment by the Court today. A DO disqualifies an individual from owning any animals.

2 In May 2018, the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) was alerted to a case of a Jack Russel Terrier dog found abandoned at the 12th storey lift lobby of Block 603, Woodlands Drive 42. Investigation revealed that Cheng was the owner of the dog and had abandoned it at the said location. The dog had since been rehomed.



The dog was taken to the 12th storey of a HDB block and abandoned. (Photo: AVA)

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3 AVA takes a stern view on pet abandonment. Owning a pet is a lifelong commitment. Existing and potential pet owners must understand the care and responsibility that comes with owning a pet. AVA investigates all feedback on pet abandonment and will take enforcement action, where necessary. Individuals who abandon their pets are liable to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or a maximum jail term of 12 months 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. Providing photographic and/or video-graphic evidence will help us in our investigations. All information shared with AVA will be held in the strictest confidence.

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