

## **Man fined \$2,500 and issued disqualification order for abandoning seven cats**

29-year-old Noor Farhan Bin Darsoo was fined \$2,500 and issued with a six-month disqualification order (DO) by the Court today for pet abandonment.

2 In January 2018, AVA was alerted to a case of alleged abandonment of cats in a HDB unit at Boon Lay Drive. Investigation revealed that in October 2017, Noor vacated the HDB unit, leaving behind seven cats. He claimed to have left behind some food and water for the cats and continued to return to feed the cats. Over time, Noor forgot about the cats in the unit. All cats have since been rescued and rehomed.

3 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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