



## **Woman fined for breeding cats without a pet farm licence**

69-year-old Lo Pia Yong was fined \$5,000 by the Court today for using her residence to breed cats for sale without a pet farm licence.

2 In June 2018, the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) received feedback on the welfare of cats kept at Lo's residence. AVA officers conducted an inspection and found a total of 70 cats kept in separate cages. Investigations found no welfare concerns for the cats. However, we found that Lo had been using her residence to breed cats for commercial sale, without a pet farm licence.

3 A pet farm licence is required for breeding cats for sale. Anyone found guilty of operating an unlicensed pet farm can be fined up to \$10,000 and/or jailed up to 12 months.

4 Safeguarding animal welfare is a shared responsibility that needs the cooperation of all stakeholders, including the public. Members of the public can play their part by being vigilant. The public should promptly report cases of illegal pet breeding 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 strict confidence.

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