

Two men fined for pigeon feeding

3 July 2018: In two separate cases in court today, two men were fined for pigeon feeding. 62-year-old V Rajandran was fined \$450 for one count of pigeon feeding. 68-year-old Abdul Aziz S/O Saik Mohamed was fined \$1,500 for five counts of pigeon feeding, and another six counts were taken into consideration during sentencing.

2 Pigeon feeding in any premises or public place, including at HDB estates, is an offence. The presence of feeders provides a regular source of food which may lead to pigeons congregating in the area. Feeding encourages pigeons to breed and results in an increase in their population. Pigeons dirty the environment with droppings, and leftover food from pigeon feeding may attract other pests, like rats, that carry diseases and pose a risk to public health.

3 Anyone caught feeding pigeons can be fined up to \$500 under the Animals and Birds (Pigeons) Rules. However, enforcement alone will not solve this problem. Members of the public can play a part by not feeding pigeons, and by reporting pigeon feeding activities to the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) at our online feedback form at (www.ava.gov.sg/feedback) or through the OneService App (<http://www.mnd.gov.sg/mso/mobile-installation.htm>). Members of the public can also talk to others about the downsides of feeding. By leveraging their sphere of influence, they can help change the behaviour and perspectives within their community.

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Case 1: V Rajandran

In February 2018, AVA was alerted to a case of pigeon feeding at Blk 145 Potong Pasir Avenue 2. Investigations found that V Rajandran had been feeding pigeons with bread crumbs at the void deck of the block. Rajandran had previously been fined on four occasions for a similar offence.

Case 2: Abdul Aziz S/O Saik Mohamed

In October 2017, AVA was alerted to a case of pigeon feeding at Blk 825 Woodlands Street 81. Investigations found that Abdul Aziz S/O Saik Mohamed had been feeding pigeons at a grass verge near a “No feeding” signboard around the area on multiple occasions between December 2017 and May 2018. Abdul Aziz had continued to feed pigeons despite several warnings from AVA, and had previously been fined on two occasions for a similar offence.

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