Singaporean fined for burning cat

SINGAPORE: A newspaper says a Singapore man who set his neighbours cat on fire after the feline defecated in front of his apartment has been fined by a court.

The Straits Times said a district court yesterday ordered 78-year-old Chua Tuang Seng to pay a fine of S$3,000 Singapore dollars (RM7,360) and to pay S$1,235 (RM3,031) to the cat's owner for medical treatment.

The paper said Chua pleaded guilty to "causing unnecessary suffering to an animal".

It said Chua last year poured kerosene over a seven-year-old Persian tabby named Ricco and set its fur on fire with a lit piece of newspaper.

The cat belongs to a neighbour on the floor above Chua.

The paper said Ricco was hospitalised for four days and still has scars from the attack. — AP