

Farmer fined for not taking maggot-infested dog to vet

A VEGETABLE farmer was fined S\$5,000 (RM12,071) for failing to take a maggot-infested wounded dog to a veterinarian for treatment.

Yong Chin Hon, 37, admitted to causing unnecessary suffering to a male cross-breed brown coloured dog at his farm at Lim Chu Kang Lane 1 on Aug 17 last year.

Deputy Public Prosecutor Kumaresan Gohulabalan said following a tip-off, officers from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) went to the farm and found the dog with an extensive wound running

along its spine.

Yong claimed that the stray dog came to his farm three or four months earlier and he decided to keep it.

He said he only noticed the open wound on the neck about two weeks before Aug 17.

Despite observing the wound to be necrotic and infested with maggots, he merely washed the wound with Dettol, said the prosecutor on Monday.

The dog was taken to the Animal Clinic at Clementi and put down.
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