

DOG BASHED TO DEATH



On 18 August, the SPCA received a report from the police that there was a dog suspected of being bashed to death at Blk 267A Compassvale Link, and they requested for us to pick up the body. The police were in attendance at the scene. It was later established that the block was Blk 267B. Although there were witnesses to the brutal act and a media report in the Shin Min Daily News the next day, no immediate evidence was forthcoming as to who the perpetrator was or where he came from. The police referred the case to the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) for investigation.

An initial check by our SPCA staff revealed that the microchip was not registered and details were submitted on 19 August to the AVA for the necessary follow up. SPCA sent the body of the Pomeranian-type male dog for an official post-mortem at the AVA and the conclusion was consistent with that of blunt trauma to the head, resulting in extensive cranial trauma, severe brain damage and multiple skull fractures. This was also consistent with the SPCA veterinarian's initial findings following examination of the dog. A notice of an appeal for information was placed on our website and Facebook Fan Page. On 23 August, the SPCA together with the police went door to door to units in the vicinity of Blk 267B but were not able to obtain any leads. SPCA also produced flyers and distributed to the RC for notice boards in the area. On 25 August, we distributed 3,000 of our flyers door to door in the neighbourhood.

The SPCA cannot express enough, its grave disappointment that no one has yet come forward to identify the person responsible for killing the little dog.

The reward money pledged has now been increased to \$15,650 (as at 2 September 2010) thanks to kind donors.

As at Tuesday 31 August, the alleged perpetrator has not been apprehended.

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