

SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

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The Forum Editor
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Dear Sir,

I refer to the article “Home’s no place for wildlife” (S.T. 20 January), in particular, to the present penalty for anyone who kills, takes or keeps any wild animal or bird other than those specified in the Schedule, without a licence. The SPCA is of the opinion that the maximum fine of \$1,000 is grossly inadequate and does not act as an effective deterrent. In recent years press reports have highlighted traps being set at Pulau Ubin and Lim Chu Kang to trap wild boar, and on occasion, other species like dogs have been caught in them.

In February 2008, the SPCA wrote in to the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority asking it to consider making a recommendation to Parliament that the penalty be increased so that it represents more than a slap on the wrist.

Yours sincerely,

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