

## Press in March 1996

<i>Press March 29,1996</i>	
<b>Headline :</b>	<b><i>Crack-down On Dogs In Public Housing Estates</i></b>
<b>Content :</b>	<p>The following is issued on behalf of the Housing Authority:</p> <p>Dog-owners in public housing estates will be given only 14 days to dispose of their pets following the simplification of administrative procedure by the Housing Department from next month.</p> <p>Under the new arrangements, Housing Managers will issue warning letters to offending tenants requiring them to remove their dogs within 14 days.</p> <p>"Tenants who refuse to co-operate will be served with a notice to quit, "Mr Pun Wood-sun, the Department's Chief Housing Manager, said today (Friday).</p> <p>"A tenant who removes his dog within 14 days will get a reminder stating that a notice to quit will be issued forthwith on second offence, "he said.</p> <p>"Tenants who dispute our action may seek a review by the Appeal Panel under the Housing Branch, "he added. Meanwhile, estate staff will step up patrol and caution owners of dogs found in public areas.</p> <p>Newsletters distributed to tenants will carry an appeal not to keep dogs in the first place and to get rid of those already in their flats.</p> <p>"We hope these new arrangements will put across a strong message that the Department takes a very serious view on tenants keeping dogs in their flats, "Mr Pun said.</p> <p>"From April 1994 to December 1995, we dealt with 2,388 dog-keeping cases and nearly all of them were rectified. Only three notices-to-quit had been issued with two flats recovered as a result of the offence, "he said. During the same period, staff from the Agriculture and Fisheries Department visited estates regularly and rounded up 992 stray dogs.</p> <p>"Tenants who have difficulties disposing of their pets may approach their estate office for assistance, "Mr Pun said. END</p> <p>Friday, March 29,1996</p>