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<i>Press July 2, 1996</i>	
<b>Headline :</b>	<b><i>Public Housing Tenants To Stay After Dogs Removed</i></b>
<b>Content :</b>	<p>The following is issued on behalf of the Housing Authority :</p> <p>The Appeal Panel today (Tuesday) agreed to withdraw notices-to-quit issued to five public housing tenants who had finally given up the dogs in their units.</p> <p>"Staff of the Housing Department have recently visited these tenants and confirmed that the dogs have been removed," said Mr Pun Wood-sun, Chief Housing Manager (Kowloon East and West).</p> <p>"The Appeal Panel agreed to withdraw the notices-to-quit on the understanding that they undertook not to keep any pets in their flats in future," Mr Pun said.</p> <p>Staff of the Department will in future regularly visit tenants who have dog-keeping records to ensure they are not breaching the tenancy agreement.</p> <p>"Tenants found repeating the offence will not be given any warning letter but will be served with a notice-to-quit immediately," Mr Pun stressed.</p> <p>"In the past three months, 2,781 public housing tenants have been found keeping dogs in their flats. Of them, 2,450 have subsequently removed their pets upon receiving warnings by the Department," he said.</p> <p>"Another 312 cases are within the 14-day grace period specified in the warning letters," Mr Pun said.</p> <p>He noted that 19 notices-to-quit had been issued so far, including the five withdrawals by the Appeal Panel today.</p> <p>"The remaining 14 tenants are either in the process of lodging appeals or have yet to decide whether or not to appeal," he said.</p> <p>Mr Pun reiterated that the Department was determined to enforce provisions of the tenancy agreement.</p> <p>However, he appealed to public housing tenants to dispose of their dogs properly, instead of turning them to stray dogs.</p> <p>"Tenants may give their dogs to friends or relatives who can keep pets. They may also contact estate staff for liaison with the Agriculture and Fisheries Department or for other assistance," he added.</p> <p>End/Tuesday, July 2, 1996</p>

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