

**Subcommittee on
Resolution under section 3 of the
Dogs and Cats Ordinance (Cap. 167) and
Dogs and Cats (Amendment) Ordinance 1997 (97 of 1997)
(Commencement) Notice 1999**

We enclose herewith a press cutting of the Apple Daily dated 19 February 2000 for Members' information. It was reported that a owner of two Pit Bull Terriers and his son were bitten by their own dogs in their village house when they attempted to stop these dogs fighting with each other. Both of them were injured and the owner required hospitalisation. We are concerned that if the fighting dogs are not neutered and phased out, similar incidents may continue to occur.

Environment and Food Bureau /
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(Translation)

Dog Owners Bitten by Two Fighting Bull Terriers
(from Apple Daily, 19.2.2000)

Two Pit Bull Terriers (categorized as extremely dangerous dogs) were engaged in a most brutal fight yesterday. The owner of the dogs, as well as his son, were bitten while trying to separate them by force. The owner was injured in the tendon and on the left forearm, and had to be hospitalised. The two terriers were taken away by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) afterwards.

The accident took place in a small village house at Tseng Tau Chung Village in Tuen Mun, where the owner of the house Mr Chan, aged 69, lived with his wife and their 37-year-old son, Ah Him.

According to Mr Chan, two newly born male Pit Bull Terriers were given to him by a friend three years ago, to guard from thieves his house which is situated in a remote village. The brown cub is "Lacquer" and the white one is "Ah Dan". As they grew up, their innate aggressiveness had gradually become apparent. They barked vigorously when villagers passed by, and fought very often. As a result, Mr Chan had to use ropes to keep the two dogs separate and on leash.

Injured owner dragged away the fierce dog

According to the source, the incident happened at about 11 am yesterday. Mr. Chan's son Ah Him heard the barking of dogs outside his house and found that Lacquer had already rid itself of the rope and sprung on Ah Dan. The two dogs had started biting each other and locked together in a fierce fight. Ah Him took a rod and tried to drag Lacquer away.

With a fiery look in its eyes, Lacquer turned to Ah Him and bit him, inflicting injuries on his left wrist and right thumb. He shouted in pain. Mr. Chan was alarmed and came to his son's help immediately.

In the confusion, Mr. Chan was also bitten by Lacquer, and was injured on the left forearm and tendon. The father and the son, both injured, worked together to drag Lacquer away and tied it with a rope. Then they reported the incident to the police and were taken to hospital for treatment.

Mr. Chan was found to have injuries on the left forearm and tendon and had to be hospitalized, while Ah Him was released from hospital after topical application of medicine. At about 5 pm, staff of the Dog Catching Team of the AFCD came and took away the two dogs. As a result of this incident, Mr. Chan is considering not to keep the two dogs any longer for the sake of safety.