

17 guinea pigs found abandoned in thermal food bags on roadside

SINGAPORE – A passer-by found more than a dozen guinea pigs, instead of takeaway food, when he unzipped two thermal food delivery bags left on the side of a road on Thursday. Seventeen guinea pigs were abandoned without food or water, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) said on Facebook on Monday. One was found dead under the bags. The passer-by told SPCA: “I went to check the bags because I saw something furry. I was shocked to see a guinea pig’s face staring back at me.” An SPCA animal rescue officer found 15 guinea pigs in the thermal bags at the scene on Thursday. They had been “drenched in the rain that had passed and were struggling in the sweltering heat”, the society said. The dead guinea pig was surrounded by a swarm of flies, SPCA added. The next day, the passer-by returned to search the area and found two more guinea pigs, according to SPCA’s post. The Straits Times understands that they had earlier escaped from the thermal bags.