

Bell Gardens Kitten Shooter Arrested

The shooter of a six-week-old kitten in Bell Gardens last week was arrested at 2 pm on November 6 in front of his home in the 6000 block of Fry Street in Bell Gardens.

Eighteen-year-old Jorge Ivan Contreras spoke with SEAACA investigators who were canvassing the area looking for evidence in the shooting. Contreras admitted to shooting the kitten and produced the BB gun used in the crime. He was booked into Bell Gardens Police Department jail by SEAACA officers, and later cited and released with a court date to answer animal cruelty charges.

KCAL Ch-9 accompanied SEAACA during the canvass of the neighborhood and has [exclusive footage](#) of the arrest.

PREVIOUSLY

Kitten Shot in Head with BB Gun SEAACA Seeks Bell Gardens Shooter

SEAACA received an injured kitten call on October 28, 2008 and sent Animal Control Officer Keith Enders to investigate. Moments later Officer Enders arrived on the 6000 block of Fry Street in Bell Gardens and met with the reporting party who was holding the six-week-old female Tortoiseshell kitten wrapped in a towel.



Enders reported the kitten was bleeding from the eye and lethargic, but



whining. He rushed her into the care of SEAACA veterinarian Brad Brunskill, DVM. Dr. Brunskill has been treating her since, even fostering her at his home.

"She didn't like me at first, hissing and growling, but she's coming around and I think we'll be friends soon," said Brunskill. The cat is improving, though she shows signs of head trauma: tilting her head and unable to stand for any length of time. "The x-rays show a BB lodged between her skin and skull."

SEAACA's animal control officers are seeking the public's help in this heinous act of animal cruelty. "Anyone with any information on this crime—or knows of an adult or child with a history of shooting BB guns in the neighborhood—should report it," said Captain Aaron Reyes, director of operations for SEAACA.

"Animal cruelty leads to increased criminal activity, so it is imperative we intervene quickly when and where abuse occurs," Reyes added.

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