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Horrific Case of Animal Neglect

Santa Fe Springs Man Arrested at Animal Shelter



Downey, Calif ...SEAACA Animal Control Officers responded to a call on the 9800 block of Houghton Avenue. in Santa Fe Springs last Saturday morning investigating a case of animal neglect. Animal control investigators found a seriously emaciated 7 year-old female Boxer with what appeared to be a football-size tumor on her underbelly. “The officer said she looked like skin and bones and smelled like rotting flesh,” said Captain Aaron Reyes, Director Operations for SEAACA.

No one was home , so the dog was impounded and transported for immediate veterinary care at a nearby emergency clinic. “Her temperature was 108 – five degrees higher than a normal healthy dog’s temperature.

“It appears she was also dealing with a serious infection in her leg, and there were maggots present on her hind end.” Reyes said. “She was a very sick little girl, but tried to hold her head high for the officer who rescued her,” Reyes stated. Due to the severity of her condition it was recommended she be euthanized by the veterinarian.



Thirty-two year old Anthony Pena of Santa Fe Springs, responding to a notice left on his door by animal control investigators, came to SEAACA yesterday afternoon to answer questions. He was interviewed at the front counter and subsequently placed under arrest for felony animal cruelty. He was transported and booked into custody at the Norwalk Sheriff's station. Pena is expected to be arraigned in Downey Superior Court tomorrow morning, 12/2/09.

“This case rates high on the egregious scale for animal cruelty and neglect I’ve seen over the years,” said Reyes. “I can’t even imagine the agony she felt day in and day out these past few months.”

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