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Patrols Stepped Up Near Park

SEAACA Seeks Public's Help with Mutilated Cats Found in Park

Norwalk, Calif Two mutilated cats found at Vista Verde Park in Norwalk recently is causing concern for SEAACA animal control officials, who have stepped up daily patrols at the park, located on the 11400 block of Ratliffe Street in the city of Norwalk. On Sunday, June 14th, the head of a domestic short haired orange/white cat was found in the grassy area of the park. No other body parts were found near-by. On Saturday, June 20th the head and hind area of an orange/white domestic medium haired cat was found, also on the grassy area of the park. "The second (most recent) cat carcass appears consistent with a coyote attack," said Captain Aaron Reyes, Director of Operations at SEAACA. "The first is perplexing us. It's unusual to have only the head of a cat found, especially without any other signs of trauma or struggle close by," Reyes stated.

Anyone who has visited the park recently or who lives nearby is asked to call SEAACA's Investigations Division at **(562) 803-3301 x224**, if they've seen anything suspicious in the park. "We're looking to speak with folks who have seen coyotes or stray dogs in the park or running nearby. We are also interested in learning of anyone seen in the park recently that appeared suspicious." SEAACA officers have set up an indefinite daily patrol check at Vista Verde park to ensure public and animal safety.

