



# Animal Cruelty Task Force



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“Angel” was part of an animal abuse case, where the suspect allegedly hit the dog in the head with a large stone. “Angel” suffered life threatening injuries but survived.

It is our pleasure to introduce you to the new Animal Cruelty Task Force Newsletter. In the coming months we will provide updates and information on our cases. Our goal for this newsletter is to keep all our friends informed on our cases, to disseminate important information to the public, and to seek the public’s help on reporting incidents of dog fighting.

The Animal Cruelty Task Force is a joint effort consisting of the Department of Animal Services, the Los Angeles Police Department, and the City Attorney’s Office. The Task Force was assembled to fight animal neglect and abuse, including beatings, poisoning, cock fighting, dog fighting, and bestiality. The Task Force is made up of five Animal Control Officers and two LAPD Detectives. The City Attorney’s Office has dedicated several attorneys to animal cruelty cases, which has ensured that these cases are seen as the serious crimes they are and are prosecuted accordingly.

Many people have asked, “What has the Task Force done?” In an effort to answer this question we are providing statistics that Department of Animal Services Officer Ramirez and Los Angeles Police Department Detective Brumagin have put together for 2006.

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **CRIME REPORTS**

- 290 Requests for Service have been investigated by the Task Force
- 171 total crime reports have been taken
- 54 of the 171 crime reports have been presented to either the District Attorney or the City Attorney for review
- 33% of our crime reports have been presented for filing

### **SEARCH WARRANTS**

- Seven search warrants were served
- In June, two search warrants were served in South Los Angeles and one in the West Valley. In November, one search warrant was served in the Harbor.
- In the months of May and June, four search warrants were served in the East Valley for cock fighting.

### **ARRESTS**

- 51 total arrests were made for animal cruelty or neglect
- 35 of those arrests were executed by the Animal Cruelty Task Force
- 15 felony arrests have been made
- 13 of the felony arrests have been filed with the District Attorney
- There is an 87% filing rate for the felony arrests
- 9 felony convictions
- 11 misdemeanor arrests have been made
- 6 of the misdemeanor arrests resulted in filing with the City Attorney
- There is a 55% filing rate for the misdemeanor arrests
- 10 misdemeanor convictions
- 12 cases pending
- 6 families sent for counseling

We hope this information has answered your questions. Our goal was to bring you an understanding of who we are and our accomplishments.

## **Animal Cruelty Task Force**

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