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Reward Offered for Two Animal Cruelty Cases in Columbus, Ohio

(February 6, 2015) — The Capital Area Humane Society is offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for two separate heinous crimes against dogs within the last week.

The Cases:

1. A brindle male pit bull was found in the Linden area of Columbus suffering from two gunshot wounds. He was transferred to the Capital Area Humane Society late Tuesday afternoon January 27 after being taken in as a stray by Franklin County Animal Care and Control. Gunfire was heard by residents in the area of Aberdeen Avenue between 6:00-8:00 PM on January 26. The dog was found roaming between 1400-1500 block of Aberdeen Avenue. The dog is stable and being treated for his two gunshot wounds (one to the face and one to the shoulder).
2. In a separate case on the West side of Columbus, a Maltese/Dachshund mix was found hanging on Thursday, January 29 at 2:00 PM near a Wedgewood Village Apartments dumpster. The dog was found dead, having suffered multiple injuries including a broken neck. Cause of death is still pending. It is not known if the dog died where it was found or in another location.

Animal Cruelty:

The Capital Area Humane Society is a charitably funded nonprofit organization and the lead law enforcement agency investigating animal cruelty, abuse and neglect within Franklin County. Humane Agents make roughly 6,000 visits investigating animal cruelty each year—of those, 83% are within the City of Columbus. The connection between animal cruelty and human violence is well documented. Studies show a correlation between animal cruelty and all manner of other crimes, from narcotics and firearms violations to battery and sexual assault.

Rachel D.K. Finney, the Capital Area Humane Society's executive director said: "No crime against an animal or person is acceptable, but these cases are particularly disturbing. We're asking that anyone with knowledge about what happened to these animals please come forward and help us hold these abusers accountable for their heinous actions."

The Investigators: Anyone with information should contact the Capital Area Humane Society animal cruelty investigations at (614) 777-7387 ext. 250. All calls are confidential.

Resources:

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