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Caught On Video

Two Dogs Repeatedly Beaten, Strangled or Stomped in Separate Cases of Animal Cruelty This Month

Crimes Against Animals Linked to Domestic Violence Can Quickly Escalate

May 25

**WARNING: Video of Dog Strangulation
Hi-res Images of Cruelty and Veterinary Exam**

The Houston SPCA and Harris County Constable Precinct 1 rescued a German shepherd today along with four other dogs in North Houston near Airline Drive after the owner was caught on video strangling the helpless dog by the neck repeatedly.



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The Houston SPCA and Harris County Constable Precinct 1 rescued a shepherd mix **on May 11** from a Southeast Houston apartment complex after two videos caught the suspect repeatedly beating the dog. The first video shows him kicking the dog in the ribs before he stomps on the dog's head and pulls him away by the leash. You can see and hear the brutal kicking multiple times in the second video, while the dog cries out and the suspect yells at him to get up. The dog is lying down in a submissive position before he is dragged away by the collar.

“Securing video to report animal cruelty is very useful against those who dare to commit these senseless crimes in public view,” said Adam Reynolds, Chief Cruelty Investigator at the Houston SPCA. “It’s critical to call us or report cruelty online because it can save lives,” added Reynolds.

The connection between family violence and animal abuse is well documented. “We know that about 60% of households experiencing domestic violence have children and pets in the home,” said Jo Sullivan, LMSW, a licensed social worker who also serves as Chief Community and Development Officer at the Houston SPCA. “This type of animal abuse can easily escalate to people and domestic violence in the home, so reporting animal cruelty can certainly help prevent escalation,” Sullivan added.

Both dogs are now safely in the care of the Houston SPCA veterinary and animal care teams. The cases will be presented before a judge in the coming weeks. Report animal cruelty at www.houstonspca.org or 713.869.7722 (SPCA).

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