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Caught On Video Emaciated Belgian Malinois Struck with Weight and Kicked by Owner

Animal Abuse Caught on Camera as Dog Cries Out in Pain and Tries to Run Away

WARNING: Edited Video Here Hi-res Images and B-roll of cruelty and veterinary exams

HOUSTON (October 25, 2023) – The Houston SPCA, Waller County Sheriff's Office and Waller County Animal Control worked together on a case to rescue an emaciated Belgian Malinois at a home in the 400 block of Aurora Creek after the owner was caught on camera picking up a weight and throwing it at his dog (:15). The dog can be heard crying out and a few moments later the video shows the owner going back over to the dog to repeatedly hit the dog while the canine is in a submissive position. (:40)



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The Houston SPCA relies on the community's eyes and ears to report heinous crimes against animals and video evidence can help expedite a rescue. "If you are able to safely obtain photos or video to report animal cruelty, it can be very useful against those who commit these crimes in public view," said Jay Chase, Chief Cruelty Investigator at the Houston SPCA. "A life can be saved just by reporting animal cruelty," added Chase.

The dog is now safely in the care of the Houston SPCA veterinary staff and care teams. The investigation is ongoing, and the case will be presented to a judge next week. Subjecting animals to abuse and neglect is animal cruelty and a felony in the state of

Texas, punishable by up to two years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

In Harris County, the Houston SPCA's 13-member animal cruelty investigations team partners with Harris County Pct. 1 Constable's Office as well as other law enforcement agencies in nine surrounding counties, rescuing victims of animal cruelty across the region. Report animal cruelty by calling 713.869.7722 or online at www.houstonspca.org.

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