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Houston SPCA and Harris County Precinct 1 Rescue Chained Dogs in SE Houston During Freezing Temperatures

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Credit: Houston SPCA

HOUSTON (January 26, 2026) – Houston SPCA and law enforcement partners Harris County Constable Precinct 1 rescued three dogs that were all found chained outside on a southeast Houston property on Sunday evening. Authorities also discovered a fourth dog on the property that was deceased. An infrared thermometer registered a surface temperature of 30 degrees at the time of the rescue.

Due to the three dogs' condition and the dangerously cold temperatures, Harris County Constable Precinct 1 executed an exigent warrant that allowed the Houston SPCA to bring the animals back to their medical center.

The surviving dogs are receiving medical evaluation and treatment. A necropsy was performed on Monday morning by a Houston SPCA veterinarian, and the results indicate that exposure to the elements, along with body condition, was a contributing factor to the dog's death.

The [Safe Outdoor Dogs Act](#) prohibits the use of heavy chain restraints and requires dog owners to provide drinking water and adequate shelter from extreme temperatures. A court hearing is scheduled for next week, where a judge will determine custody of the three surviving dogs. The investigation is ongoing.

The community is encouraged to call 713-869-7722(SPCA) if they see an animal in immediate distress or report cruelty at HoustonSPCA.org.



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