



# PRESS RELEASE

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### ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATION

**Downey, CA, February 26, 2024**

On February 26, 2024, at approximately 9:30 am, Downey Officers responded to the 8100 block of Firestone Boulevard with SEAACA (Southeast Area Animal Control Authority) regarding an investigation of possible animal cruelty with an injured dog at the location. This was based on a video that was posted on social media. During the investigation, seven dogs were located on the property. Food and water for the dogs was present, but two dogs appeared to need medical treatment for injuries and a medical issue. No deceased dogs were located. In total, SEAACA Animal Control Officers removed five dogs. SEAACA is the lead agency handling this ongoing investigation.

Anyone with additional information about this incident is asked to contact Animal Control Supervisor, Richard Lyons at (562) 803-3301 or Richard@Seaaca.org.

Further press inquiries may be directed to Lieutenant Maria Villegas at (562) 904-2302, mvillegas@downeyca.org.

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