



SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Pet Store Owner Cited for 85 Counts of Animal Neglect

What: On Friday, August 17, 2007, the Santa Ana Police Department received several calls regarding the sale of sick and dying animals at a local pet store. Officers arrived and discovered substandard conditions within the store. There was no air conditioning and the temperature within some display cages ranged from 95 to 101 degrees. They found several types of animals with varying degrees of illness, dehydration, and infection. An onsite inspection of the store revealed that several kennels were overcrowded, did not have any clean water, and were littered with urine and feces.

Due to the widespread nature of the problem, Santa Ana Police Department Animal Services took immediate action against the pet store owner. The owner was cited for 85 counts of animal neglect and all the animals were seized and transported to the Orange County Animal Shelter.

Available to the media: Interview opportunities with PIO and victim who purchased a sick animal from the store.

**For additional information, contact the PIO, Cpl. Jose Gonzalez,
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