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**WHO: Central California Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**

**WHAT: The Central California SPCA is pleased to announce that we now have a team of three Humane Officers; Jesse Boyce, Rudy Gonzalez, and Jason Lindsey**

**WHEN: Sworn in beginning in December 2012 through January 2013**

**WHERE: The team will handle a copious amount of cases monthly for not only the City of Fresno, but all throughout the County as well.**

**WHY: As Humane Officers, Boyce, Lindsey and Gonzalez will have the authority to file cases for the CCSPCA directly to the District Attorney's office rather than having local law enforcement file cases for us. This will hopefully streamline the process and result in more prosecutions for animal cruelty and neglect.** To begin the process of becoming a Humane Officer the prospective officer must be appointed by a humane society or SPCA. They must complete required coursework and training such as the Basic Animal Law Enforcement Training Academy. They must also take a law enforcement course which consists of arrest laws. This training includes 20 hours of animal care provided by the California Veterinary Medical Association approved institution, 40 hours of state humane law training provided by a law enforcement agency, and 40 hours of peace officer training in the arrest component of the Penal Code 832 course. This appointment is only valid for three years. After that time has lapsed, the Humane Officer may choose to take continuing education services to allow that officer to remain in good standing.

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