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WHO: Central California Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals/Fresno County Humane Society (CCSPCA)

WHAT: CCSPCA Humane Officers Seize Six Abused & Neglected Horses within Last 60 Days

WHEN: January 24, 2022

WHERE: 103 S. Hughes Ave., Fresno, CA 93706

WHY: CCSPCA Humane Officers have seized seven abused and neglected horses throughout the Fresno County area in the past 60 days. These horses are just the latest in uptick of investigations on livestock and equines in Fresno County.

The horses are on an investigation hold and are currently being nursed back to health by the care of CCSPCA. Due to ongoing investigations, no further details are available.

CCSPCA Humane Officers have overseen and investigated nearly 1,000 cases of neglect/cruelty in Fresno County in addition to more than 100 health/safety wellness checks over the past 2 years.

If animal abuse/neglect is suspected, please report it immediately online at ccspca.com/complaint-form or call (559) 233-7722.

About CCSPCA Humane Officers

CCSPCA Humane Officers exercise the powers of peace officers to enforce state animal cruelty laws, make arrests, serve warrants, and file criminal charges directly with the Fresno County District Attorney's office to prosecute offenders. **Reporting cases elsewhere; besides a local police department or sheriff's office, will likely jeopardize the investigation that CCSPCA Humane Officers need to do in order to prosecute offenders.**

What Constitutes Animal Cruelty & Neglect?

- Intentional acts of cruelty; torturing, maiming, mutilating or maliciously killing an animal
- Poisoning

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What Constitutes Animal Cruelty & Neglect? (Continued)

- Animal fighting
- Depriving an animal of proper care, food, water, shelter, or necessary veterinary care
- Intentional or unintentional acts of neglect
- Animal hoarding
- Abandonment
- Unlawful inhumane or unsafe living conditions
- Inadequate exercise area

What Information Is Helpful To Report?

The more information a reporting party can gather, the better. First-hand witnesses and information are important.

- Take photos and video, if possible
- License plate information
- Address where incident happened
- Names of people involved, if possible
- Any physical description or other information that will help identify the suspect

Most investigations by CCSPCA Humane Officers are instances of unintentional neglect and can be resolved by educating animal owners on proper ways to provide necessary care. Intentional and/or malicious acts of cruelty occur when someone purposely and knowingly deprives an animal of proper care, adequate food, water, shelter, veterinary care, or tortures, maims, mutilates, or kills an animal.

About CCSPCA

As the primary animal welfare organization in California's Central Valley, CCSPCA is committed to leading and serving our community of animals and people by providing programs and services which serve all the stages of an animal's life. These programs include Adoptions, Humane Investigations, Rescue, Foster Care, Owner Surrenders, Outreach, Humane Education, Veterinary Services, Spay/Neuter Programs, and many other pet services.

For more information about CCSPCA and its services, please visit ccspca.com.

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