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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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

**WHAT: CCSPCA CRUELTY/NEGLECT DOG "PEPPER" NOW READY FOR ADOPTION**

**WHEN: Wednesday, March 1, 2023**

**WHERE: CCSPCA Adoption Center, 103 S. Hughes Ave., Fresno, CA 93706**

**WHY:** A 1-year-old white/black pit bull at the center of an animal neglect/abuse investigation is now available for adoption at CCSPCA. Additional information about Pepper's demeanor and personality can be found further down in the press release.

Earlier this year, CCSPCA Humane Officers responded to an animal cruelty complaint about an emaciated white pit bull that was confined in a small crate, with no access to food or water. They found Pepper, a white and black pit bull, confined in a small crate with items and trash surrounding her. The dog was wearing an extremely small sweater, which restricted her from laying down properly.

Pepper was found to be emaciated once the sweater was removed. CCSPCA Humane Officers discovered that she had spent the majority of her life locked in that crate and in those conditions.

This case is being submitted to the Fresno County District Attorney's office.

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 to prosecute offenders.

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### Potential Adopters of Pepper Should Know

Pepper had spent the majority of her life, up until that point, locked in that crate and in those conditions, but is now ready for a fresh start! She's available for adoption, but there's a few things potential adopters should know about this special girl:

- She would do best as the only dog, as she can be aggressive toward other dogs.
- She will certainly benefit from some basic training, as she's still young and has come from traumatic conditions.
- She LOVES people and is really good on a leash!

If you're interested in giving Pepper a forever home, please come by the CCSPCA Adoption Center! We're located at 103 S. Hughes Ave., Fresno, CA 93706, and open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you have questions, give us a call at (559) 233-7722 x119 or email [adoptions@ccspca.com](mailto:adoptions@ccspca.com)

### Fresno County Residents Can Help Fight Animal Abuse

Fresno County residents who witness animal cruelty or neglect should report the case to CCSPCA, the only humane society in Fresno County. Reports can be made online at <https://www.ccspca.com/complaint-form/> or by calling (559) 233-7722.

### What Constitutes Animal Cruelty & Neglect?

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

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CCSPCA Humane Officers have investigated nearly 900 cases of neglect/cruelty in Fresno County, in addition to more than 200 health/safety wellness checks over the past 2 years.

## **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](http://ccspca.com).

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