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Deadly Consequences For Some Pets Suffering on Apartment Balconies

Two Deceased French Bulldogs and a Third Found on Apartment Complex Balcony with No Water While Another Dog Rescued from Second-Story Balcony Wearing a Muzzle

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HOUSTON (July 5, 2023) – The Houston SPCA and Harris County Constable Precinct 1 responded to a report of heat-distressed pets at an apartment complex near the 10,000 block of Wortham Boulevard near FM-1960 on Monday afternoon where they discovered two deceased French bulldogs and a third French bulldog emaciated outside on a second-story balcony. The fence around the balcony had been wrapped with a makeshift covering that blocked views from the parking lot.



Officials at the scene said there was no water on the patio that was filled wood shavings and scattered, empty bowls. The French bulldog was brought back to the Houston SPCA for both a veterinary and cruelty exam.

A few hours later in an unrelated case, a Houston SPCA animal cruelty investigator along with Harris County Constable Precinct 1 rescued a 10-month-old dog found wearing a tightly-fitted muzzle while panting heavily on a second-story balcony of an apartment located near Forum Drive in Southwest Houston. The dog was quickly taken to the Houston SPCA Medical Center for veterinary care.

Subjecting animals to these life-threatening conditions is animal cruelty and is a felony in the state of Texas, punishable by up to two years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The Houston SPCA has managed more than two times the number of heat-related calls than last year. There were 243 heat-related reports from June 1 through June 20 this year and 87 heat-related calls during that same time in 2022.

It's imperative to file a report of potential heat distress of a pet at 713.869.7722, online at HoustonSPCA.org or reach out to help the pet, if possible.

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