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Houston SPCA Offers \$5,000 Reward

Eight Week-Old Puppy Discovered with Swollen Face, Elastic Hairband Embedded Around His Snout

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(HOUSTON) October 25, 2022 – Houston SPCA is offering a \$5,000 reward on information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) who tightly wrapped an elastic hairband around the snout of an eight week-old puppy, causing severe swelling and a deep laceration to the bone. The puppy, now named Sharky, was discovered in a north Houston parking lot near the Gulf Freeway and West Road before a Good Samaritan brought him to the animal protection organization.



Today, Houston SPCA's veterinarian Dr. Rebecca Shipley performed a three-hour surgery on the Chihuahua mix puppy where he remains in stable, but good condition. In the two days leading up to the surgery, the veterinary staff focused on pain management including hydrotherapy, antibiotics and pain medication.

“It's hard to imagine why someone would commit such a terrible crime and cause so much suffering and pain. We are hopeful this reward will encourage someone to come forward and speak with the Houston SPCA and Harris County Constable Precinct 1 about this case,” said Adam Reynolds, Chief of Animal Cruelty for the Houston SPCA. Animal cruelty is punishable by Texas penal code 42.09, cruelty to non-livestock animals and could lead to a fine and jail time, which is determined by a judge.

Anyone with information about this case should call 713.869.7722.

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