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Press Release

Subject: Animal Cruelty Cases in the Clarksburg area

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The Yolo County Sheriff's Office seeks the public's assistance with an animal cruelty case involving abandoned dogs.

On Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at 1:50 pm, Yolo County Animal Services was dispatched to Willow Point Road, east of Jefferson Blvd, in Clarksburg following a report of an injured Pitbull on the side of the road. When the Yolo County Animal Services Officer arrived on scene, he found a white and tan female Pitbull laying in the dirt. The Pitbull had cropped ears, was emaciated, and was found to have a vaginal injury as well as a large incision on her abdomen that appeared infected. The Animal Services Officer drove the dog to UCD VMTH where the dog received care before it could be brought back to Yolo County Animal Services for surgery the next morning.

Approximately an hour after this Pitbull was picked up, another call came in for a second Pitbull running loose in the same area. The person who called about this black and white Pitbull stated that she saw a white and tan Pitbull with this second Pitbull, but that she saw the dogs over an hour prior to when she called in. The same Yolo County Animal Services Officer successfully contained and picked up this second Pitbull. It was determined that the Pitbull taken to UCD VMTH was the same dog that the second caller saw running with the black and white Pitbull. It is suspected that these two dogs were dumped together. Neither of the dogs had collars or microchips.

During the white and tan Pitbull's surgery on 04/11/18, the Yolo County Animal Services Veterinarian found the vaginal injury to be a vaginal hyperplasia. The sutures on the dog's abdomen appeared to be made of braided fishing line, which was causing significant irritation to the skin around this incision site. When those sutures were removed during the surgery, the Veterinarian found that this

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dog had been inappropriately spayed recently. The internal tissues of the abdomen wall were significantly damaged. There was a severe infection inside the abdomen, which was fluid filled. The internal sutures appeared to be made of florescent yellow and green fishing line. Due to these internal conditions, this dog could not be saved and had to be humanely euthanized. The inappropriate spay of this dog was estimated to have been done approximately 5-7 days before 04/11/18. The condition of this dog was horrifying, and whoever performed the spay surgery did so in an unprofessional manner prior to this dog being dumped in Clarksburg.

Unfortunately, this has become a recent pattern. In the past 180 days, Yolo County Animal Services has picked up sixteen dogs abandoned in the area of Clarksburg. Ten of those sixteen dogs have been Pitbulls; most of which have had cropped ears and been found in poor condition (injuries, emaciated, etc.). Most often, these dogs are found on South River Road, Willow Point Rd, Babel Slough Rd, and County Road 141, in Clarksburg.

We are asking for public assistance in remaining vigilant in these areas if people and associated vehicles are observed abandoning dogs. If anyone has any information identifying the owner(s) of the two Pitbulls picked up on 04/10/18 please contact Yolo County Animal Services immediately at ycaslostpets@yolocounty.org or (530) 668-5287. If anyone witnesses a person(s) or vehicle abandoning a dog in the Clarksburg area, please also contact Yolo County Animal Services immediately at (530) 666-8282. We thank you for all your help in resolving this problem in our county.