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## April is Animal Cruelty Prevention Month

Downey, Calif .... Animal cruelty, abuse and neglect are unfortunately around us everywhere. April is Animal Cruelty Prevention Month, and the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) is appealing for the public's help rescuing animals subjected to cruelty or poor conditions in SEAACA's 13-city service area. Here are common types of animal cruelty that are easy to spot and should be reported to SEAACA:

- **Animal left in a vehicle.** The temperature inside a closed vehicle can easily climb 30+ degrees above the outside temperature within minutes. Animals die from heat exhaustion every summer... please keep an eye out for this during the warmer months.
- **Dogs tied up.** It is unlawful to tie an animal in the state of California for longer than three hours. Tethered animals become aggressive and generally lack access to proper food, water and exercise.
- **No food, water or shelter.** The law says animals must have suitable food, fresh water, shelter and the ability to escape the elements such as the cold, rain or hot sun. This is tougher to catch because backyard animals are not always easy to see. If you suspect a neighbor is not providing these basic necessities for their pet(s), call SEAACA and let their law enforcement division investigate.

SEAACA's animal control officers are empowered to enforce state and local law related to animals. Do your part for our community's animals and report all animal cruelty right away. You may use SEAACA's online cruelty reporting form at [www.seaaca.org](http://www.seaaca.org) or call (562) 803-3301 to speak with a customer care representative.

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