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Officials Ask Public's Help

Two 4-foot Leopard Sharks Found Dead in Norwalk

Norwalk, Calif ...Two deceased Leopard Sharks were picked up by SEAACA officers Monday after a Norwalk resident reported a foul smell coming from a trashcan. Officers found two intact 4-foot Leopard Sharks, one with a three-inch incision on its belly.

“We do not know why or how these two fairly good sized creatures ended up dumped in a resident’s trashcan, so we are asking for any information to help explain where they came from, and under what circumstances they died,” said Aaron Reyes, SEAACA’s Director of Operations. “The incision on the shark’s belly is a concern for our investigators.”

“Leopard Sharks inhabit the California coastline and are protected by anti-poaching laws,” continued Reyes. “It is illegal to possess a Leopard Shark under 36 inches, and larger ones can be kept only by state Fish and Game permit. Moreover, housing for Leopard Sharks must allow their free movement and ability to turn safely within the tank.”



Anyone with information on the sharks is asked to call SEAACA’s dispatch center at (562) 803-3301 x229.

