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McKamey Animal Center Offers \$500 REWARD

For information leading to the arrest and conviction of person or persons responsible for the abandonment of three



CHATTANOOGA, TN--McKamey Animal Center is seeking information regarding three seriously neglected dogs abandoned in the 3400 block of Lightfoot Mill Rd. in Chattanooga sometime around or before October 12th. The dogs were found by the railroad tracks which is a common location for abandoned animals.

According to McKamey Animal Service's Officer Rebecca Ross, "All three dogs were extremely thin and looked like walking skeletons. One was too weak to stand without falling over. They all had severe skin infections and hair loss." The dogs appear to be siblings and are pitbulls that are approximately 4-6 months old. All three dogs are being treated for starvation, skin infections and parasites at the McKamey Animal Center Veterinary Clinic. According to Officer Ross, the dogs are gaining weight, playful and rebounding quickly. They are all expected to make a full recovery.

The \$500 reward is for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person or persons involved with the neglect and abandonment of these dogs. According to Executive Director Jamie McAloon, " We are able to offer this \$500 reward thanks to an anonymous donor." "Animal cruelty is a criminal offense in Tennessee and we take these cases very seriously. Someone knows who owned these dogs and we intend to locate them for questioning. "

§ 39-14-202. Cruelty to animals

(3) An offense under subdivision (f)(2) is a Class B misdemeanor.

(g)(1) Cruelty to animals is a Class A misdemeanor.

(2) A second or subsequent conviction for cruelty to animals is a Class E felony.

(3) Violation of any prohibition or restriction imposed by the sentencing court pursuant to subdivision (e) is a Class A misdemeanor.

McAloon stated that there is no reason for any animal in the City of Chattanooga to ever have to suffer or die from neglect as there are ample free services through McKamey Animal Center for pet owners in need of help. For more information on pet assistance programs call 423-305-6506. If citizens have any information in regards to this case, please call McKamey Animal Center at 423-305-6509 or the tip line at 423-305-6508 or e-mail

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