

Public's Help Needed Identifying Abandoned Dog

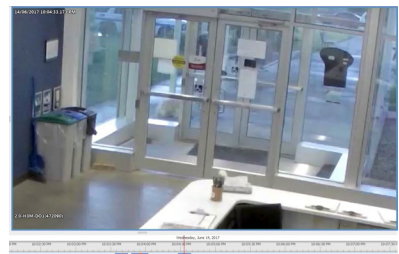
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On Thursday June 15, 2017, an elderly male Shih Tzu type dog was found in the early morning hours, tethered to a post outside Calgary Humane Society.

Surveillance footage, while not sufficient to identify the offender, shows the gravely ill dog was abandoned at 10:00pm the previous evening, causing the dog, who was already suffering from end stage renal failure and a large open mass on his hind end, to spend all night out in the rain. Calgary Humane Society is looking for information from the public as to who owns this dog and who may have committed this act of abandonment.

Brad Nichols, Senior Manager, Animal Cruelty Investigations said, "This was a truly cowardly act. To abandon an animal in inclement weather rather than fulfil his/her legally obligatory animal care duties is an act that will not be tolerated in Calgary. We hope public tips will point us in the right direction so we can hold the offender accountable."

The dog was in such severe medical distress when CHS staff found him, he was humanely euthanized at the direction of a veterinarian. Anyone with information on the identity of this dog or his owner's whereabouts is asked to contact Calgary Humane Society at 403-205-4455 or www.calgaryhumane.ca/cruelty



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