

South San Francisco Man Arrested Today For Felony Animal Abuse

Burlingame, CA—The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) announced today a South San Francisco man named Alexander Gamoney was arrested for felony animal abuse as a result of an investigation conducted by the organization's Humane Investigations unit.

"On January 9, 2018, our Humane Investigations unit received a report of a man beating a dog at his residence in South San Francisco," said PHS/SPCA's Communications Manager Buffy Martin Tarbox. "During the investigation, our rescue staff obtained a video of the man slapping and punching a Chihuahua mix puppy. Three puppies were seized from Gamoney on January 9 and taken into safe custody. All of the puppies have since been adopted into new and loving homes."

A search warrant of Gamoney's property was issued and on January 24, 2018, PHS/SPCA's rescue staff seized another puppy that had not been at the residence during the initial investigation, along with computers and cell phones.

"An arrest warrant was issued today and Gamoney was charged with one felony count of 597(a), animal abuse and was placed into the custody of South San Francisco Police Department," according to Tarbox.

PHS/SPCA operates a Humane Investigations Department, solely funded by private donations. This department responds to reports of animal cruelty in San Mateo County. To report suspected animal cruelty, please call 650-340-7022 extension 601 or email at reportcruelty@peninsulahumanesociety.org.



Last year PHS/SPCA's Cruelty Investigations Team conducted 386 investigations of cruelty and neglect last year.

A photo of three of the puppies seized from the initial January 9, 2018 investigation is attached. The photo was taken while the puppies were waiting to be adopted at PHS/SPCA earlier this year.

About The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) is a local, private, non-profit charitable organization dedicated to animal welfare. Among our major programs, PHS/SPCA adopts fully 100% of the healthy dogs and cats in our care and also, through our charitably funded Hope Program, makes well and finds homes for thousands of animals who come to us sick, injured, or too young to survive without supportive care. PHS/SPCA is truly an open admission shelter, not only accepting many pet animals who might be refused at other shelters, but also taking care of injured and orphaned native wildlife from San Francisco through San Mateo and the northern half of Santa Clara County. Our work means 6,300 lives saved each year. Please visit www.phs-sPCA.org to learn about all our programs and services, ways to help our animals and special events.