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ACTF Press Conference Results in Counts Surrendering Quietly

Los Angeles: As a result of the Animal Cruelty Task Force Press Conference at Animal Services' South LA Animal Care Center on May 2, 2007, Arnett Counts, 40, surrendered quietly in Department 36 at the Criminal Courts Building in downtown Los Angeles on May 8, 2007. Counts is charged with ten counts of owning and training dogs to fight. Seventeen adult dogs with numerous old and new fighting scars were removed from a residence where Counts maintained the dogs. Four puppies were also removed. If convicted, Counts could be sentenced to up to three years in state prison.

Anyone interested in fostering animals please go to www.LAANIMALSERVICES.COM for more information.

The ACTF is made up of Los Angeles police officers and detectives, Animal Service officers from the Department of Animal Services and Deputy City Attorney's from the LA City Attorney's Office. They investigate human cruelty against animals.

Reports of animal cruelty can be reported to the ACTF at (213) 847-1417.

For more information or assistance call LA Animal Services at
1-888-452LA-PET1/1-888-452-7381
(TTY Hearing impaired: 877-875-8205) or visit the website at www.LAAnimalServices.com.

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