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## **ACTF Finds Help for Animals & Alleged Hoarder**

Los Angeles: The Los Angeles City Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACTF) served a search warrant in the 5700 block of Fair Avenue in North Hollywood today following many complaints and an investigation of conditions. Inside was found a sixty-five year old female resident who was very sick and who was immediately hospitalized. Four dead cats were removed from inside the location as well as seventeen live cats and kittens. Another dead cat was removed from the driveway area in front of the location. CO<sub>2</sub> in the residence were approaching a toxic level.

The ACTF worked with the Department of Housing, the Los Angeles Police Department Hazmat Unit and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and obtained the much-needed mental and medical care for the resident.

The woman is scheduled for a mental health evaluation and the animals were placed into protective custody at the Los Angeles Animal Services East Valley Shelter. The Department of Housing posted a notice advising the residence is uninhabitable and requires immediate attention before re-occupancy.

The Animal Cruelty Task Force is comprised of Los Angeles Police Officers and Detectives, Animal Service Officers from the Department of Animal Services and Deputy City Attorney's from the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office.

Reports of animal cruelty can be reported to the ACTF at (213) 847-1417. Anyone interested in fostering animals please go to www.laanimalservices.com for more information.

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 <a href="https://www.LAAnimalServices.com">www.LAAnimalServices.com</a>.