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Call Leads to Help for Woman and Animals

Los Angeles – LA's Anti-Cruelty Task Force received a complaint from a resident in the Wilmington area who responded to a newspaper ad for rabbits for sale. She complained the house located in the 1100 block of Laguna Avenue in Wilmington was in "deplorable condition" and asked the Task Force to investigate.

Wanda Langstom, an 81-year-old lady was found living in disheveled conditions with 120 rats in cages (with a few running around loose), 25 rabbits, 1 dog (a SharPei/Chow/Pit bull mix, about five years old with "a sweet disposition" according to LA Animal Services' Officer Ramirez), 6 parakeets, 1 quail and 1 cockatiel.

The woman had no food in the house for herself and seemed disoriented. Her arms were covered with open wounds apparently caused by animal bites. LAPD's Mental Evaluation Unit (working with Adult Protective Services) was called in to assist. The woman surrendered to their care willingly.

One rabbit was found alive with a severe cervical deformity. Another had an eye infection and skin condition. The other animals appeared in fair condition. An LA Animal Services veterinarian is treating all the animals.

The woman relinquished all of the animals to LA Animal Services. The animals were taken to the Harbor Animal Care Center at 735 Battery Street, San Pedro. Charges were not filed at this time in lieu of providing the woman the mental health care she needs.

All the animals are now available for adoption! For information on adoption call 213.485.8755.

To report animal abuse or neglect call 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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