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ALLEGED COCKFIGHTING UNDER INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles – City of Los Angeles Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACTF) responded to a complaint concerning a possible cockfighting location within the 10300 Block of Croesus Avenue in South Los Angeles. The officers' preliminary investigation revealed numerous fighting roosters housed at a location with contraband typically used in cockfighting.

The ACTF served a search warrant at the suspected location on June 24, 2008. The search warrant resulted in securing numerous items typically used in both cockfights and training roosters to fight (both misdemeanor violations of the California Penal Code Section 597). One hundred thirty-five birds were removed from the location.

This case is being presented to the Los Angeles City Attorney for criminal filing.

Studies have depicted that animal bloodsport is a precursor to other violent activities.

The constant crowing of roosters that has plagued this area for a considerable period of time and the criminal activities associated with cockfighting has been mitigated.

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

Reports of animal bloodsport and 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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