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## BULLET FOUND IN NURSING DOG

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**Los Angeles** – Another apparent victim of the current housing crisis, South LA Animal Services received on May 16<sup>th</sup>, a 3 year old, female, German Shepherd mix, named China. China was surrendered by her owners. China is one of hundreds of dogs taken in by the agency in recent months due to the foreclosure crisis, but China has a most unusual story.

China came in with 6 nursing puppies, a healed collar necrosis, a case of diarrhea and urinary incontinence, and a bullet lodged in one of her vertebra.

South LA Animal Services' medical team had a series of lab test done on her. When lab results returned with no significant findings x-rays were ordered. The x-rays revealed a bullet lodged in one of her vertebra.

Surgery is not recommended at this time because the bullet seems to have been in place for a long period of time. An attempt to remove this bullet may cause more harm than good.

China is a very sweet dog who does not want to be separated from her puppies.

China is part of LA Animal Services' STAR (Special Treatment And Recovery) Program. Anyone wanting to help animals like China receive the medical care they need can make a donation to the Department's STAR program.

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