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## City of El Paso Wins Animal Cruelty Case; Dozens of Animals Rescued

**EL PASO, Texas**—The City of El Paso, through the City Attorney's Office, secured a court judgment in an animal cruelty case that led to the rescue of more than two dozen animals.

The case followed multiple welfare checks at a residence where City staff noted strong odors and unsanitary outdoor conditions.

Earlier this month, Animal Services removed three dogs from the property. One of the dogs was sick and two were allegedly aggressive. Based on those findings, the City sought and obtained a writ of execution for animal cruelty, which allowed Animal Services and the El Paso Police Department to enter the home.

Inside, authorities discovered 25 dogs and several cats living in unsanitary and unsafe conditions. Dogs were confined in stacked wire kennels without proper separation, while cats were kept in a bathtub covered with wire. All animals were seized and taken into Animal Services' care.

Municipal Court 3B ruled that the animals had been cruelly treated and ordered the animals be permanently removed from the owner's care. The court also included Animal Services' handling, impoundment, vaccination, and microchip fees, totaling \$6,298.50, in the judgment.

The rescued animals are now receiving care from El Paso Animal Services.

"This ruling makes clear that cruelty to animals will not be tolerated in our community," said City Attorney Karla Nieman. "Our office will continue to pursue these cases to hold individuals accountable and to ensure animals are treated humanely. This outcome also reflects the strong partnership between Animal Services and the Police Department, whose work made it possible to remove these animals from unsafe conditions and place them on the path to recovery."

For more information about Animal Services or to learn how to support animals in need, visit [www.ElPasoAnimalServices.org](http://www.ElPasoAnimalServices.org).

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