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## Immediate Press Release

### Humane Society of Durham Region

#### Why It Is So Important To Report Animal Abuse!

On December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 after receiving a tip regarding a dog that was being left in an unheated old shed unattended SPCA Officer Debby Houghton of the Humane Society of Durham Region attended an address in Whitby. At that time a small yorkie terrier was located in a cold unheated shed. The dog was found to be in horrific condition! The dog could barely move, and when it got up would fall over. The dog was emaciated, with major hair loss and with blood coming from its mouth. Both eyes were completely closed due to crusty pus. As well the dog had large amounts of pus and ooze coming from its ears. Taken immediately to a Veterinarian Clinic and examined the dog was found to be dehydrated, and with gobs of its fur in its mouth tangled around its teeth. When some of the fur was removed teeth started to fall out. The dog's nails were severely overgrown. The staff and attending Veterinarian, as well as Officer Houghton were horrified at the dog's condition.

Since being at the Veterinarian clinic the little dog now **renamed 'Jenny'** has gain three pounds and is improving. The attending Veterinarian is optimistic and hopeful 'Jenny' will recover from her horrible neglect.

The costs that are required to help 'Jenny' are significant. The Humane Society of Durham Region is a charitable community resource. The Humane Society of Durham Region operates solely on the generosity of the public. With any type of donations people are helping us to continue to rescue and protect animals.

The Humane Society of Durham Region is thankful that a tip came into the Investigations Department and illustrates that is so important to report animal cruelty and neglect. If the information had not been received Jenny would have died.

The investigation is now on going and charges are pending.

Please contact Officer Debby Houghton of the Humane Society of Durham Region Investigations Department Investigations for further information. Pictures are available.

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