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Animal Control seeks information in puppy cruelty case *10-week-old dog found emaciated and thrown away by unknown owner*

Howard County Animal Control is seeking information about an animal cruelty case reported over the weekend in which a puppy was discovered discarded in a plastic storage container in Columbia and left for dead.

The Howard County 911 Center received a call March 25 around 4 p.m. from a resident on Braeburn Road who reported finding a storage container in a grassy area in the neighborhood. The caller advised that the lid was drilled with holes and inside the container was an emaciated puppy that could not stand or move. She reported the container was not at that location earlier in the day, but had been placed there sometime before the afternoon. An animal control officer responded and took the dog to an emergency clinic.

Veterinarians at the clinic reported that the dog, which appears to be a 10-week-old brindle pit bull, was extremely malnourished, had open wounds and missing fur, and was covered in urine and feces. They administered immediate medical care and reported that the puppy, who has been nicknamed “Eddy,” has been responding well to treatment. The shelter has already received requests to adopt the dog once he completes his lengthy recovery process.

Investigators are very interested in obtaining any possible information about the dog’s owner and/or the person who discarded him. Anyone with information is urged to call Animal Control at 410-313-2780 or email animalcontrol@howardcountymd.gov.

PHOTOS OF THE DOG ARE ON THE NEXT PAGE.

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