

## PRESS RELEASE

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## **REWARD INCREASED TO FROM \$500 TO \$1600 DUE TO COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR INFORMATION THAT LEADS TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CANINE LOCATED DECEASED IN NARRAGANSETT, RI.**

[Riverside, Rhode Island, June 4, 2020] — The Rhode Island SPCA announced on 5/29/2020, the Narragansett Police Department requested the assistance of the Rhode Island SPCA Division of Law Enforcement in an investigation of a deceased canine located in their town.

The canine appears to be a mature male (5-6 years-old), terrier type dog. The canine was located in the Narrow River by police and appears to have a severe, systemic skin infection that would be immediately recognizable to anyone that knew this dog. After a more detailed veterinary exam, the canine was found to have an injury consistent with a gunshot wound to the head.

The RISPCA is requesting the public's assistance in identifying the owner of the deceased canine and the initial offering of a \$500 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible has been increased to \$1600 due to community support.

“We would strongly encourage the owner or the person responsible for this act to come forward and identify themselves. We will continue to investigate this matter until all avenues are exhausted and any help from the general public would be greatly appreciated”, says Rhode Island SPCA President, Joe Warzycha.

Due to the condition of the dog, we feel that the photos are too graphic to show to the general public. However, if you believe you have any credible information, photos can be made available upon request. Anyone with information should contact Detective Brent Kuzman at the Narragansett Police Department at 401-789-1091 ext 320 or Special Agent Earl Newman at the Rhode Island SPCA at 401-438-8150 ext 2.

**About the Rhode Island SPCA:** Founded in 1870, the Rhode Island SPCA is not only the oldest humane organization in the state of Rhode Island but the third oldest in the United States. As a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, we do not receive any local, state or federal funding nor are we affiliated with any national humane organization. We rely solely on donations from individuals, businesses and foundations.

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