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### Media Release

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**From:** Sergeant Donna Black  
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**Re:** DOG RECOVERED-Humane Society Burglary

**Date:** August 20, 2010

**Case#:** 2010-31317 & 2010-26953

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The Hernando County Sheriff's Office has located three of the stolen dogs and they have been returned to the Humane Society.

The 2 black lab/pit bull mix puppies have been recovered as well as 1 of the Doxie's. The other Doxie was found deceased, apparently hit by a car in the area of the Humane Society's Shelter. The tan colored Pit bull/chow mix puppy has still not been located but has been seen in the area of Fullington Rd, Brooksville. Humane Society volunteers are in that area looking for the remaining puppy.

The black & white Pit bull stolen in the July Burglary has not been found at this time.

The investigation is still open but preliminary information received is that the dogs were stolen to be sold for money. **The dogs were not being used for any type of dog fighting.** More information will follow as I receive it.

#### Recap

The Hernando County Crime Stoppers, Inc. is offering up to \$1,000.00 CASH reward for information leading to the arrest of the subject (s) responsible for the burglary to the Humane Society of the Nature Coast and/or the location of the dogs stolen from the Humane Society.

Hernando County deputies responded to the Humane Society located at 7224 Mobley Rd, Brooksville this morning regarding a break in. When the shelter manager came into work this morning he discovered five (5) kennel doors ajar and five (5) dogs missing. After checking further, the only thing stolen from the facility were the dogs and leashes used to remove the dogs. It is possible that the burglary occurred shortly after the shelter closed around 6:00pm on Wednesday (8-18) night.

The dogs stolen are described below:

- (1)- Three month old pit bull/lab mix puppies, neutered male, black in color
- (2)- Three month old pit bull/chow mix puppy, neutered males, tan in color
- (1)- Eight Year old dog, Doxie breed, short hair red in color, neutered male

**If you have information regarding this crime, please contact the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830. If you wish to remain anonymous, call the Hernando County Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-866-990-8477(TIPS) or you may email your tip by clicking below.**

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This is the second burglary to the Humane Society in a month. On July 17<sup>th</sup> when the shelter manager came into work he discovered that a dog had been stolen from a kennel sometime after closing on July 16<sup>th</sup>. The dog taken during this burglary was a black & white female pit bull.

Anyone with information about the break ins and/or locations of the dogs is asked to call the Hernando County Crime Stoppers, toll free at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477), you can remain anonymous and receive up to \$1,000.00 CASH reward. You can email in an anonymous tip by going to [www.hernandocountysheriff.org](http://www.hernandocountysheriff.org) and click on the Crime Stopper link. You do not have to give your name and you will not go to court and have to testify.

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