

Dogs Recovered From SPCA Raid

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A stolen dog that was recovered from Brandy Redwine was returned to its owner Sara York of Wills Point this week.

According to York, her dog that recently had two puppies, was taken from her residence on May 17.

The dog had a tattoo on the inside of its ear and that distinguishing mark gave the Van Zandt County Sheriff's Office all they needed to return the dog to its owner.

Van Zandt County Sheriff's Office Lt. Jackie Buccafurno returned the dog to York on July 23 with the two puppies.

According to Buccafurno Redwine had a friend take care of this dog while she was out of town. This person turned the dog with the puppies to the sheriff's office.



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Van Zandt County Sheriff's Office Lt. Jackie Buccafurno is pictured with a dog and her two pups that were recovered through the investigation of a recent SPCA raid. The dogs were returned to owner Sara York on July 23.

"I want to thank Jackie (Buccafurno) for helping me get my dog back, I knew she was my only hope," said York.

York explained that the dog was her 4-year-old daughter's pet and the family had really missed the dog.

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Redwine had taken the dog to a friend about two weeks ago to care for while she was out of town.

According to Buccafurno Redwine will be charged with theft over \$50 under \$500.

This investigation stems from the recent Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) raid at Redwine's property on Elm Street in Wills Point. There were 74 animals rescued from that residence on July 16.

A hearing was held on July 22, where 71 of the 74 animals were awarded to the SPCA.

Judge Ozelle Wilcoxson issued a forfeiture order to Redwine, and ordered that possession and ownership of all but three of the animals be awarded to the SPCA.

Redwine was further ordered to pay \$10 per day per animal for a total of \$4,970.

Redwine could also face two counts Class A misdemeanor charges of animal cruelty along with the theft charge.