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Tallahassee Animal Shelter Foundation Announces \$1,000 Reward in Dog Fighting Case

Sheriff Larry Campbell and the Tallahassee Animal Shelter Foundation (ASF) today announced a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of additional individuals involved in the dog fight that occurred on the evening of Saturday December 27, 2008, in the area of Sand Dollar Lane and Chaires Cross Road. Three suspects were arrested by deputies at the scene while many other suspects fled the area taking additional dogs with them. Two dogs were confiscated during the arrests and are currently being held at the Tallahassee Leon Community Animal Service Center. This reward is being offered by the Tallahassee Animal Shelter Foundation.

"Dogs are pets, companions, and family members. As local animal lovers, we want dog fighting stopped and we know the Tallahassee community agrees," said ASF President Kate MacFall. "We applaud Sheriff Campbell for taking an aggressive stance against dog fighting and we urge anyone who has information to report it immediately."

MEDIA AVAILABILITY:

What: The media is invited to view the seized dogs and meet with representatives from the Leon County Sheriff's Office, Leon County Animal Control and the Animal Shelter Foundation

Where: Tallahassee Leon Community Animal Service Center
1125 Easterwood Drive (in Tom Brown Park)

When: Wednesday, Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.



The ASF is a non-profit organization that works to make a positive difference in the lives of homeless pets. The group works hand in hand with the Tallahassee Animal Shelter to provide veterinary care beyond the Shelter's resources or ability, to promote spay and neuter, combat animal cruelty and encourage responsible pet ownership. For more information about ASF, visit www.TallyASF.org The ASF reward is offered specifically for information provided that leads to an arrest in the Dec. 27 case. Anybody with information about this specific investigation is asked to contact Leon County Sheriff's Office Detective Gene Jagers 850-922-3464

The Office of the Attorney General of Florida and the Humane Society of the United States offers an animal fighting tip line at 877-TIP-HSUS (847-4787). Calls to the tip line which result in arrest and prosecution are also eligible for a \$5,000 reward, and the caller's identity will be kept anonymous.

"Animal fighting is a cruel and criminal behavior often associated with gang activity and other violence," said Attorney General McCollum "Now Floridians will have an easy, anonymous way to help make their neighborhoods safer and perhaps receive a substantial reward for their efforts."



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