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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (July 12, 2011) The results of the necropsy performed on the seven week old kitten have returned. According to the postmortem, the kitten suffered more serious injuries than originally suspected. Criminal charges against the juvenile suspect have been upgraded to felony animal cruelty.

ASSAULTED KITTEN PASSES AWAY

SUFFOLK, VA (June 3, 2010) It is with sadness that I share that the kitten that was assaulted Saturday passed away early this morning. Just after 1 a.m., Animal Shelter personnel were notified by the foster home that the kitten was experiencing difficulty breathing. The seven week old male kitten was rushed to an emergency vet, but passed away shortly after arriving. The unnamed tabby kitten was scheduled to be available for adoption today.

A necropsy will be performed to determine if the death was a result of the injuries sustained in the assault. If that is determined to be the case, the animal cruelty charge could possibly be upgraded to a felony.

Suffolk Police and Suffolk Animal Control would like to thank the foster care provider who gave the kitten around the clock care, as well as Suffolk Humane for their willingness to provide future care for the kitten. We would also like to thank the hundreds of people that have contacted the Shelter with interest in adopting the kitten. The Suffolk Animal Shelter currently has eighteen kittens that are in need of good homes. We encourage those with the willingness to help the injured kitten to consider giving good homes to the remaining kittens at the shelter in honor of the kitten that didn't survive.

Those interested in adopting can visit Suffolk Animal Shelter at 124 Forest Glen Drive. Adoptable pets can be viewed on the web at http://www.suffolk.va.us/anml_ctrl/adopt.html. To learn more about humane education opportunities, visit Suffolk Humane at <http://www.suffolkhumanesociety.com> or contact them at 757-538-3030.

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