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Alleged Animal Abuser Opts to Forego Trial By Jury
Bench trial to start today for owner of J.R. Ewing Guard Dogs

Los Angeles, CA –Charles Ferguson, owner and operator of J.R. Ewing Guard Dogs, Inc. et al, will stand trial today on multiple felony and misdemeanor animal cruelty charges, as the result of a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (spcaLA) animal cruelty investigation.

Last week, Ferguson elected to have a bench trial – or trial by judge, where no jury is involved – instead of a jury trial.

Ferguson is set to stand trial for five (5) felony and nine (9) misdemeanor counts of animal cruelty. If convicted, Ferguson could be sentenced up to 19.5 (consecutive) years in prison and/or \$280,000 in fines.

Ferguson's trial is set to begin at 10:30am, on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 with the Honorable Allen J. Webster presiding.

Court Case #TA125709
10:30 AM, August 28, 2013
Department E, 10th Floor
Compton Courthouse
200 W Compton Blvd
Compton, CA 90220

To report animal cruelty, call the spcaLA Animal Cruelty Tip Line at 1-800-540-SPCA (7722) or report online at www.spcaLA.com.

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Since 1877, spcaLA has been the premiere independent, nonprofit animal welfare organization serving Southern California. There is no national SPCA, parent organization, or umbrella group that provides financial support to spcaLA. Donations run programs and services including Cruelty Investigation, Disaster Animal Response Team, Humane Education, and a variety of shelter services.