



September 13, 2012

The Veterinary Medical Center of Long Island would like to formally thank the ASPCA for their generous contribution made to help defer the costs associated with the extensive treatments and diagnostics performed to save Joey, the Pit-Bull puppy animal cruelty victim thrown from a car in Brentwood, NY. Their amazing generosity has invaluably provided essential continued care and awareness to this most deserving cause.

For information, please visit our website at <u>www.vmcli.com</u> or follow us on Facebook at <u>http://www.facebook.com/vmcli</u>

Below is the formal press release from the ASPCA

ASPCA Offers \$15,000 Reward in Puppy Cruelty Case

Thursday, August 16, 2012 - 1:15pm



Photo credit: Heather Walsh

We are devastated to report that a three-month-old Pit Bull puppy named Joey was thrown from a car in Brentwood, Long Island, on Saturday. A witness found the tiny 10-pound pup in a plastic bag near the Sagtikos State Parkway, covered in fleas and crying out for help. Joey suffered three broken vertebrae in his neck and is recovering at the Veterinary Medical Center of Long Island.

The ASPCA is offering a reward of \$15,000 for information leading to an arrest and conviction in this case. This reward is in addition to a \$5,000 reward offered by the Suffolk County SPCA. We are also providing a \$10,000 grant to the Veterinary Medical Center to offset some of the costs of treating and caring for Joey.





"We were both outraged and saddened to hear about this disturbing case of violent abuse, and the callousness that was demonstrated by those responsible," says Matt Bershadker, Senior Vice President of the ASPCA's Anti-Cruelty Group. "While our ultimate hope is that these types of heinous acts never occur, this is a message that cruelty toward animals will not be tolerated. We are pleased to be in a position to help those who are helping Joey."

If you have information related to Joey's case, please contact the <u>Suffolk County SPCA</u> by calling (631) 382-7722.

Animal cruelty is a crime in every state—if you see something, call 911. <u>Please join our battle</u> against animal cruelty today!

Sincerely,

Gregory S. Carastro, LVT Hospital Administrator & Director of Human Resources Veterinary Medical Center of Long Island



http://www.facebook.com/vmcli www.vmcli.com

Deputy Training Officer NVRT / VMAT 1 Department of Health & Human Services AVMA