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## **ANIMAL CRUELTY CHARGES – BANKSTOWN LOCAL COURT**

Ms Priscilla Fuentefria of Cabramatta West appeared at Bankstown Local Court today, 12 January 2012. She pleaded guilty to two charges of animal cruelty including aggravated cruelty and failure to provide veterinary care to her Staffordshire Terrier dog.

An RSPCA Inspector responded to a report of a dog with an untreated broken leg on 11 February 2011. The dog was seized and taken for urgent veterinary attention. The veterinarian confirmed a contaminated open fracture of the left hind leg which was estimated to have required treatment for at least six days prior to presentation. The leg had a large open wound with both bones exposed and protruding from necrotic tissue. Despite treatment to control the pain and sepsis, the dog's condition deteriorated and she was humanely euthanased two days later.

Ms Fuentefria was placed on a Section 10 good behaviour bond for six months with no conviction recorded. Although costs were sought by the RSPCA for the provision of veterinary care to the dog, the Magistrate refused to make an order for costs to be paid by Ms Fuentefria.

Photographs not suitable for publication.

**All charges are under NSW Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and Regulations**