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Greg Allen
Chief of Police
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Dear Chief Allen,

I'm writing to follow up on prior correspondence (attached) requesting an investigation into alleged dangerous and seemingly unlawful conditions for animals at the El Paso Animal Services Center. **We're told that animals continue to sustain injuries and die unassisted at the facility, and we respectfully request confirmation from your office that a thorough investigation is underway.**

Documentation and gruesome photos that we've recently received indicate additional possibly criminal incidents that reportedly occurred during September and October at the facility. (Please see the attached photos, which correlate with the following shelter ID numbers.) Allegations relayed to our office are as follows:

- Canine #42566734 ("Benjamin") was mauled by other dogs with whom he was confined at the crowded facility on September 9. Benjamin was reportedly euthanized because of the severity of the injuries that he had sustained, including multiple deep puncture wounds and torn flesh on his ears, neck, tail, and legs.
- Canines #42613479 (unnamed male pit bull–terrier mix) and #42293615 ("Sergio") were confined together, resulting in a fight on September 10. Sergio sustained deep puncture wounds on his body and severe bleeding from the chest area. Canine #42613479 was reportedly euthanized.
- Canines #42556535 ("Orion") and #42643842 (unnamed male Rottweiler mix) were confined together, resulting in a fight on September 13.
- Canines #42668362 (unnamed male pit bull–terrier mix) and #42638696 (unnamed female shepherd mix) were confined together, resulting in a fight on September 20. Canine #42638696 sustained life-threatening injuries and was cannibalized by the other dog(s) with whom she was confined. Both dogs were reportedly euthanized following the attack.

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- Canine #38325632 ("Spike") sustained head and face wounds from fights that broke out with other dogs housed in a crowded kennel on October 16.
- Canine #42915804 (unnamed Chihuahua) died unassisted in a cage on October 18.

We believe the enclosed documentation—in addition to extensive information previously provided to your department—shows that intense crowding at the facility is leading to incompatible animals **routinely** being forced to share living quarters and that such confinement is resulting in inhumane and seemingly illegal conditions. **May we please have your assurance that a thorough criminal investigation is underway?**

Thank you for your time and attention to this urgent matter. I can be contacted at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] and am eager to receive your response.

Sincerely,



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