

## **Tammy B the burned pitbull – owner pleads guilty**

A year ago the SPCA was alerted to a property where a female pitbull lay in a very severely charred kennel. She had been laying there for a day whimpering. The inspectors brought her into the SPCA and what was revealed was absolutely horrific - Her body was raw with burn wounds. There was not a dry eye in the hospital as this was the most severe cruelty done to an animal.

All the dogs were immediately removed from the premises and charges under the Animals Protection Act no. 71 of 1962 were laid with the SAPS. The owner had apparently wanted to 'teach her a lesson' for jumping the wall.

Her story did not go untold as the letters streamed in from all over the world expressing their shock and horror at poor Tammy's fate. Her picture made many headlines and we are very pleased to announce that justice has been done.

Raymond Koegelenberg Pleaded Guilty to one charge of Cruelty. He was sentenced to 400 Hours Community Service at the CoGH SPCA starting 5 November 2007. A R2000 fine or 12 Months imprisonment, of which R1000 or 6 Months suspended for 5 Years on condition that he completes his Community Service and is never found guilty of Animal Cruelty again. He has to inform the SPCA of address change and allow access at any address where he resides. The most important charge is that he is not allowed to own any animals for 15 Years, and the court awarded ownership of the seized animals to the CoGH SPCA.

Says Andries Venter, Chief Inspector of the SPCA "this case gives hope to animals, as hopefully never again will an animal suffer at the hands of cruelty from this man."

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