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PRESS RELEASE

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## **ANIMAL COMPLAINT**

On September 4<sup>th</sup> at approximately 10:30 A.M., Fort Lauderdale Police Detectives, along with an Animal Control Specialist, responded back to the residence located at 1636 Northeast 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue regarding yesterday's animal complaint. They found the Doberman, Duchess, untethered in the back yard. The Specialist noted that Duchess was thin, but did not appear to be in poor health. The owners showed the Specialist and Detectives a tub of high quality dog food, and were educated by the Specialist on the specific nutritional needs of a Doberman breed.

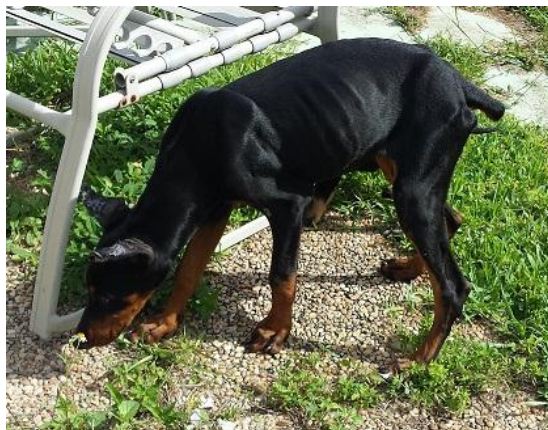
The owners also provided medical documentation from a recent visit to the Hollywood Animal Hospital. The Specialist and Detectives did not observe any external signs of abuse, worms, fleas or mange.

A second, younger puppy, approximately (8) eight weeks old was also present at the home. This puppy, a shepherd mix, appeared to be in good health and was well nourished. The younger puppy also displayed no signs of abuse or neglect.

In addition, the owners accepted the Animal Control Specialist's offer to take Duchess for a free check-up by the Animal Control Veterinarian.

Pending evidence of abuse, no further follow up by the Fort Lauderdale Police Department is necessary at this time.

The Department received numerous concerns from the public regarding Duchess' well-being and hopes the information being distributed satisfies any outstanding questions from the public. Please direct any additional concerns to the Broward County Animal Control.



*Below are photos of Duchess that were taken during the follow-up this morning.*

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