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## **Two Accused of Starving their Dog**

**HYDE PARK, NY** – Officials from the Dutchess County SPCA were called to a home in Fishkill to investigate a dog thought to have starved to death. The ten-year old Rottweiler was very thin and not moving. Susana Pazimo, 54, was arrested at the scene and a criminal complaint was filed against Wilfredo Tobart, both of 98 Old Glenham Road in Fishkill for their role in allowing the dog, Sasha, to become emaciated and dehydrated. Susana Pazimo relinquished the dog to the custody of the DCSPCA. She is now under the care of Veterinarian Dr. Liz Higgins.

A neighbor contacted the DCSPCA to report a deceased dog. DCSPCA Officers Jamie Landry and Stephanie Fitzpatrick investigated and found an emaciated Rottweiler dog that was chained outside. The dog appeared to have died until Officer Jamie Landry noticed her blink. Sasha was transported to the DCSPCA and examined by a Veterinarian. The DCSPCA reports that the Rottweiler weighed about 49 pounds. It was estimated that a dog of her size should weigh about 70 pounds.

The alleged perpetrator, Susana Pazimo was summoned to appear June 9<sup>th</sup> in the Fishkill Court House. The dog's other caretaker, Wilfredo Tobart was not present at the scene. A summons for his arrest was issued. Humane Law Officer Jamie Landry stated, "The dog was in very poor condition and was not provided with medical attention."

The Dutchess County SPCA, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, is the lead agency for animal rescue and adoption in Dutchess County. The DCSPCA is a no-kill shelter with a 138-year history of concern, caring and providing shelter for unwanted, abused, abandoned and neglected animals. Central to the mission of the DCSPCA is the securing of caring, responsible, permanent homes for the adoptable animals in its care.

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