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## **Four Kittens Left to Die**

HYDE PARK, NY - A woman reported she found a bag of kittens left on Route 9 in Rhinebeck at about 10:00 a.m. this morning. The paper bag was sealed with clear packing tape. Inside were four kittens. She brought the kittens to the shelter where she spoke with DCSPCA Humane Law Officer Stephanie Fitzpatrick.

The bag was found on the east side of Route 9 just south of Costco in Rhinebeck. The kittens are between 4 and 6 weeks old. They appear to be in good health. "It is shocking that someone had such callous disregard for these four animals," said Joyce Garrity, Executive Director.

Humane Law Officers will continue their investigation. Shelter officials urge anyone with information to contact the Humane Law Department at 845-452-7722 ext. 4.

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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