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Pair charged with starving their dog

HYDE PARK, NY – Officials from the Dutchess County SPCA have charged a Beacon couple with animal cruelty for starving their dog. Mercedes, a 2- year-old Boxer Mix was found emaciated and living under a porch. When Humane Law Enforcement Officers Jami Landry and Cathy Edwards arrived they found Mercedes tangled up in her leash near a pile of rubble.

The couple, Melinda Hammond and Robert Gilleo, has since relinquished the dog to the DCSPCA. Mercedes gained over 12 pounds in the two weeks since she has been in the custody of the DCSPCA.

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.



Mercedes with Humane Law Officer Jami Landry

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