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Woman convicted for allowing foal to die

HYDE PARK, NY – Rebecca Kalfa was convicted last week in Town of LaGrange court for failing to properly provide sustenance to a horse. Sentencing will be held on September 1, 2009. The horse, a female bay, died from pneumonia when she was just 3 or 4 weeks old. Ms. Kalfa was arrested by Dutchess County SPCA County Humane Law Officers on April 1, 2008. The horse was underweight and contracted pneumonia.

“We want to thank Rhinebeck Equine for their assistance in this case. They assessed the foal and provided her with medical care. Unfortunately, she died. It was a needless tragedy.” said Joyce Garrity, Executive Director of the Dutchess County SPCA.

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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