



Spain and Teddy (left to right) impounded at SEAACA Shelter.

Both dogs were rescued by SEAACA from a boarding facility that severely neglected and starved 67 dogs on their premises. Spain and Teddy are emaciated and had lost over 80% of their fur when they were picked up by SEAACA.

What is an evidence animal?

Throughout all the city and county animal shelters in the United States there is an invisible group of animals that the general public is not aware of. This invisible group of animals is generally referred to as evidence animals. Evidence animals are animals that are victims of an animal cruelty case. These cases can involve owners who allegedly have caused their animals to be physically abused, severely neglected, starved or hoarding too many animals. Legal action is brought against the owner by the animal law enforcement authorities and the animals involved get confiscated and impounded at the animal shelter until the animals can be released from legal hold. These animals can include but not limited to dogs, cats, small animals, horses and farm animals.

Meanwhile, these evidence animals are impounded at the shelter for the duration of the legal proceedings and sometimes, more often than not, these evidence animals are impounded at the animal shelter for months or even up to multiple years and tucked away from the public eye. Please know that most of these animals have done nothing wrong other than having the misfortune of being owned by a person who created their animals being impounded at the animal shelter. Most evidence animals are usually good natured, loving souls that just want to live the good life with a loving family.

The animal shelters do the best they can do with the limited resources and finances they have with handling the overwhelming number of homeless animals that come to their shelters. As a result, the evidence animals such as dogs and cats get stuck in their kennels and cages for the majority of the time they are impounded at the shelter. Most evidence dogs and cats do not get regular exercise, socialization or even proper medical care. Some animals have even passed away while being impounded at the shelter. Without the support of the shelter staff, loving volunteers and the community, evidence animals have the biggest challenges in getting adopted into good homes.

Our work with evidence animals

Evidence of Love is dedicated to giving these animals the best life. Every shelter agency and the court cases involved are always unique. We work with various shelter agencies to find the best possible solution that will help these animals and support the shelter agencies. Our primary goal is to get all evidence dogs and cats out of the shelter environment and placed in a permanent or foster home as soon as possible. We provide these animals with all the necessary medical and rehabilitation services to give them the best support in making a transition into living in a home environment. While the animals are impounded at the shelter, we can provide exercise, socialization and affection for the animals. We create awareness and support for these evidence animals from the



community. Although most evidence animals face a special challenge that most shelter animals do not experience, we provide our best efforts to support them in any way we can.

We understand that it takes a team effort of love and dedication to help this special group of animals going through some of the most difficult challenges that any animal can face. Working with families that will open their hearts to foster or adopt these animals is a large part of the success in helping these animals. Evidence of Love also works with many other animal rescue organizations and individuals dedicated to helping these animals. With a team effort by the rescue community, loving families and shelter agencies, evidence animals can find their way to a life filled with love, happiness and comfort.

DONATE TO SUPPORT THESE ANIMALS – We rely solely on donations to help pay for medical, supplies and rehabilitation services for all the animals we help. A donation in any amount is greatly appreciated. We thank you in advance for your support with our work for animals.





Spain and Teddy (left to right) are both photographed resting in their foster homes. Both dogs have been adopted into loving responsible permanent homes.