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Update: Animal Abuse Allegations Investigation

The Pleasanton Police Department has completed its investigation into the reported animal abuse allegations and the subsequent shooting incident. Both cases were submitted to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. We kindly ask the community to respect the privacy of all individuals involved during this challenging time.

After the dog was placed in the care of the East County Animal Shelter, detectives conducted a thorough review of the allegations, which included witness statements, video evidence, and other supplemental materials. In accordance with established protocol, the dog was examined by a licensed veterinarian. The examination included x-rays, ultrasounds, and bloodwork. No injuries were found and there was no evidence to suggest past abuse. The animal was in good health. Following a review of the case, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office declined to file charges for animal abuse. Due to insufficient evidence to justify continued impoundment, the dog was released back to its owner.

The investigation into the shooting revealed that a 71-year-old-man was shot multiple times by the suspect, Joshua Kaplan, who allegedly confronted the victim in connection with animal abuse allegations. The allegations were unsubstantiated due to lack of evidence. The victim is recovering from nine gunshot wounds. Kaplan has been formally charged with attempted homicide among other crimes.

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