

Animal shelter seeks information after dog dies at site

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Hughesville, MD - A Rottweiler dog perished overnight Tuesday, Nov. 18 at the Tri-County Shelter on Animal Shelter Road in Hughesville when the former owner left it outside in sub-freezing temperatures, instead of putting the animal inside one of 10 heated cages provided by the shelter.

The person who left the animal between 10 and 11 p.m. was allegedly driving a pickup truck. A witness who saw the truck noticed it was a king cab, but little other information is known at this time.

Crystal Hunt, public information officer for Charles County, said she could confirm that a Rottweiler dog was left at the shelter late last night and did perish as a result of exposure.

"The Animal Shelter is conducting an investigation," Hunt said. "It is an ongoing investigation. We are looking into the matter."

Hunt confirmed that the Tri-County Animal Shelter, located at 6707 Animal Shelter Road in Hughesville, does have video surveillance cameras.

"Whether or not the area where the dog was dropped off is under surveillance I do not know," she said. "That will be part of the investigation."

Photos taken by the individual who discovered the animal this morning indicate that the animal tried valiantly to chew its way out of the cage in which it was confined before the pet expired.

Anyone who may have information about this animal or who may have seen the vehicle is asked to call the Tri-County Animal Shelter at 301-932-1713.

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