Yolo County Sheriff's Office Press Release

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Sheriff's Office Looking for Biting Dogs in City of Winters Bite# 14-003657 and West Sacramento Bite#14-03655

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The Yolo County Sheriff's Office, Animal Services Section, is asking the public's help in attempting to locate two biting dogs involved in two separate incidents; one in Winters, CA and the other in West Sacramento, CA.

The Winters incident occurred on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at approximately 9:00am. An adult male was in his back yard in the 100 block of First Street when a stray dog entered his yard. The victim held out his closed hand palm down to approach the dog and it jumped up and bit the victim. The dog then left the yard in an unknown direction of travel.

The victim describes the dog as medium size, a possible poodle mix breed with curly white coat with brown in the tips of the hair. The victim does not recall seeing a collar on the dog and had never seen the dog before or after the incident. There was a delay in Animal Services receiving the bite information from the medical provider.

The West Sacramento incident occurred on Friday January 10, 2014 at approximately 11:00am. An adult male was in the Sam Combs Dog Park, 205 Stone Blvd and was attempting to break up a dog fight that started while the dogs were playing at that location when the victim was bitten by the dog that began fighting with his dog.

The victim describes the biting dog as a medium size brown /brindle Boxer that was wearing a New York Giants collar with tags. The victim provided a description of the owner or responsible for the dog as a white male adult, thin build, could not recall hair color, but thought the person to be approximately 5-9 in height, wearing glasses and having an what he described as a New York accent.

Anyone having knowledge about either of these bite incidents or the location of the owners or dogs is encouraged to report it to Animal Services or the Winters Police Department or West Sacramento Police Department. Identifying the dogs to verify current rabies vaccination will help possibly prevent the victim from post exposure rabies treatment.

The Yolo County Sheriff's Office Animal Services Section wants to take this opportunity to remind the public that California Health and Safety Code 121705 states anyone

having knowledge of the location or ownership a biting dog and conceals that information is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Anyone having any information please contact Yolo County Sheriff's Office, Animal Services Section <u>24 hours a day</u> at (530) 668-5287 or email <u>animal.bite@yolocounty.org.</u>

Copy to: Yolo County Public Health Fax 530-669-1549, Winters Police Department 530-795-3361 and West Sacramento Police Department 916-373-0517