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## **Abused Dog Rescued from Longview Lake**

### **Lab mix found tied to cinder block, presumably left to drown**

Independence, MO (May 1, 2017) — Great Plains SPCA is looking for anyone with information about an abused dog that was left to die in Longview Lake, south of Kansas City, Missouri.

On Friday morning, Animal Control Officer and Great Plains SPCA employee Tonya Hampton was called out to the lake by local park rangers; a lab/shepherd mix was found near the water along the shoreline, chained to a 12 x 12 cinder block, caked in mud and presumably left to drown in high water levels. "There is no doubt this was intentional," Hampton said.

Officer Hampton and park rangers were quick to rescue the suffering animal. He is currently recovering at Great Plains SPCA's Independence location.

Experts believe the dog, now named Deputy, is between 5 and 7 years old.

Anyone with information is urged to call Jackson County Animal Control at 913-475-6164.

**Interviews and Video:** Interviews with Officer Hampton and video opportunities of Deputy will be made available throughout the afternoon at our Independence location at 21001 East 78 Highway in Independence, Missouri.

### **About Great Plains SPCA:**

Great Plains SPCA is the Kansas City Metro's most comprehensive resource for pets and their human companions, serving more than 35,000 pets annually – more than any other animal welfare agency in the area. Great Plains SPCA, a No Kill shelter, works to save, protect and improve the lives of animals, while strengthening the relationship between pets and their human companions by providing humane sheltering, adoptions, and affordable spay/neuter and veterinary wellness services. Great Plains SPCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and not the ASPCA but a local organization focused on being a society for the prevention of cruelty of animals. For more information, please visit [www.GreatPlainsSPCA.org](http://www.GreatPlainsSPCA.org)

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