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BARSTOW, CA (APRIL 21, 1993)—The crushed, twisted bodies of seven dogs were found at a Barstow house, police said Wednesday.

"It appears this was a deliberate act—something out of a Satanic cult—in which each dog was tortured in a slow and systematic manner," said veterinarian B.V. Reddy. The animals' skulls and ribs were crushed, necks and legs broken, and eyeballs gouged inward, Reddy said. Some were puppies.

Numan N. Algaza, the owner of the house, was being held on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine. He was not held for investigation of animal abuse and investigators would not say whether they expect to charge Algaza.

Dear Concerned Citizen,

I stared down in disbelief at the newsclip on my desk . . .

I'd had too much experience as an animal rights attorney to be shocked by the grizzly details of the story. But the final paragraph had me seething with anger, because no animal cruelty charges had been filed against him:

"... He was not held for investigation of animal abuse and investigators would not say whether they expect to charge Algaza."

I immediately called the District Attorney in Barstow and offered our assistance in prosecuting this case, free of charge. Whatever it would take to put Algaza in jail -- researching law, writing briefs, paying for expert witnesses -- the **ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND's** staff of skilled attorneys stood ready to help.

The D.A. gladly accepted my offer, saying she was ready and willing to go after Algaza. Case #FBA00094 -- the latest chapter in the ALDF's ZERO TOLERANCE FOR CRUELTY campaign -- had begun.

I'm writing to urge you to enlist in the war against cruelty to animals, by joining us -- the ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND. We're leading a nationwide grass-roots campaign to aggressively enforce anti-cruelty laws and to put animal abusers in jail -- where they belong!

The ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND (ALDF) is the only national legal action organization dedicated to defending animal rights and promoting animal protection. ALDF's nationwide network of over 650 volunteer attorneys has won landmark legal victories

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