



Reward Increased, New Information on Phoenix's Burns

DEARBORN. April 17, 2018—Dr. Melinda Merck of Veterinary Forensics Consulting has reviewed the burns of Phoenix, the rescued dog that is currently being sheltered at Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit (FAMD) in Dearborn.

According to Dr. Merck, a forensic veterinarian, Phoenix's injuries were definitely some sort of liquid burn that was not accidental, but deliberate. The drip lines indicate it was from a thick liquid.

"This was a deliberate act based on the separation of the burns from the shoulder, neck, head and legs and the linear aspects of many of the burns," said Dr. Merck.

Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit hopes this additional information will help find and prosecute the person who deliberately hurt this young adult dog. Generous FAMD Board members have increased the reward for information that leads to prosecution to \$4000.

"Phoenix is recuperating here at the shelter," said Elaine Greene, FAMD executive director. "She is going to need lots of treatment for the next few weeks but she amazingly remains in good spirits."

"Although we have not yet received any tips on who could have perpetrated this horribly cruel act, the outpouring of concern and support for Phoenix has been amazing and is truly appreciated," added Greene.

Phoenix arrived at the shelter on Friday, April 12. Please contact FAMD at 313-943-2607 with any information that could lead to prosecution of the person or persons responsible.

Surgery and medical treatment is expensive for shelter animals. If you would like to donate to help pay for the dog's vet bills, visit www.metrodetroitanimals.org.

About FAMD

After 25 years of nurturing more than 50,000 animals, the Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit has embarked on the public phase of their “Our Animals Need A Home” capital campaign to construct a new Animal Adoption & Education Center at the site of the former Dearborn Amtrak station on Michigan Avenue. The first phase will be completed this Fall. For more information about FAMD, visit metrodetroitanimals.org.

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