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Re:Valerie the Black Pit-bull renamed Cargo

I am horrified by this story! I am angry at the shelter for not vetting potential adopters better. The person who committed this awful crime is free to do this again and may already have an adopted pet in his care experiencing the same abuse as poor Valerie. The criminals should pay the highest price for this crime. Actually the punishment doesn't fit the crime, they deserve so much worse! Whoever did this is also a danger to children and society in general. A psychologically deranged and depraved person was behind this act, and they WILL do it again and it doesn't have to be a dog either. That's why the punishment doesn't match the severity of the crime. Also, I hold the shelter who gave this poor dog to this psycho path accountable as well. They are an accomplice to this crime. As long as they don't properly vet the potential adopters, then this will keep happening again. This is ONE case that was brought to their attention, how many abused dogs die on the street and are thrown out like trash that no one hears about.? There are always accomplices to a crime like this. The shelter is also responsible for allowing Valerie to be adopted by a man they had no way of checking and/or validating (proof of address, bills, SS #, rental documents, etc.). Until the shelter takes the necessary time and steps to properly vet potential adopters, then stories like Valerie will continue to happen, whether we learn about them or not. As I mentioned, this criminal and/or predator could already have another adopted dog or cat under his care thanks to the lenient adoption policies of the LA shelter system. So disturbing and depressing! A crime that could easily be prevented with a little more effort and time. Shelters are so overrun and overwhelmed, especially with black dogs (the least adoptable) that they do cut corners and turn the other way. Unfortunately, LA shelter dropped the ball. It really is their fault, since Valerie was their responsibility! There are wackos, dog fighting rings and dog abusers out there! You have to properly screen and/or do proper background checks on all potential adopters, particularly if they want to adopt black pit bulls! Poor Valerie! How I wish she didn't have to suffer as she did! I can see the sorrow and sadness in her eyes. It breaks my heart! She was wounded beyond repair. Shame on You LA shelter if you continue to adopt pets out to people without doing the proper background checks. Wackos exist! It is your responsibility to make sure that beautiful and sweet dogs like Valerie don't end up in predatory and perverse hands!