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## Colt woman facing animal cruelty charge

A woman in the Colt area is facing a felony charge of cruelty to animals after her dog was found in a condition described as "horrific" by the Forrest City Area Humane Society.

The St. Francis County Sheriff's Department had been contacted about a dog in bad condition. According to Cpl. Scott Martin with the Sheriff's Department, the location was [REDACTED] the home of Sheretha Hayes, 23.

The Sheriff's Department contacted the FCAHS after finding the dog, which appeared to have serious burns on his back. It was also allegedly tethered in back of a residence, with no food or water.

Hayes is scheduled to appear in court on June 30 on the animal cruelty charge.

The Humane Society has named the dog Phoenix. It is currently under the care of a local veterinarian. Photos were submitted with the report, but are too graphic to reproduce in the newspaper. More information can be found on the Humane Society's web page, [www.fcahumane.org](http://www.fcahumane.org).