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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN CHARGED WITH ANIMAL CRUELTY**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a 31-year-old man with multiple counts of animal cruelty.

**Chunie Smith** (02-11-82) is charged with three counts of *animal cruelty* (M1) and two counts of *aggravated animal cruelty* after dogs in his care were found to be starving or were already dead.

On March 5, 2013, the Denver Animal Shelter learned of two dead American Bulldogs that had been placed in a container in the alley behind the 1500 block of Groves Street. Further investigation revealed another adult bulldog and two bulldog puppies at the same location, all severely malnourished. The charges allege the dogs belonged to Smith.

Smith has been released from custody on a \$1,400 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on April 22, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. to be formally advised of the charges.

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The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual(s) committed a crime(s) under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. See Colo. RPC 3.6

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