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Denver District Attorney Charges Man for Abusing a Puppy (Swett)

DENVER—Prosecutors with the Denver District Attorney's office today announced that Stephen Swett (age 24) was recently charged with two counts of cruelty to animals (M1) for abusing a puppy, most recently known as "Kayle."

"By charging Stephen Swett with cruelty to animals, we are giving this puppy a voice and saying as loudly as possible, we will prosecute anyone who abuses animals," said Denver District Attorney Beth McCann. "This story does have a happy ending as the puppy survived her injuries and is now doing well with her new human caretakers and four-legged siblings."

This case (19M03858) evolved thanks to the keen and caring staff at the MaxFund Animal Shelter, MaxFund Wellness Center, VRCC, Rocky Mountain Veterinary Neurology, Animal Critical Care and Emergency Services, and Denver Animal Protection. Swett's next court appearance is scheduled for June 10, 2019, at 8:30 in Courtroom 3C.

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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