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Bremerton Police and Kitsap Humane Society Animal Control Seek Information on Case of Cat Intentionally Set on Fire

The Bremerton Police Dept. is seeking information from the public on a disturbing incident which occurred just before midnight Sunday. A man out for a walk near 15th Street and High Avenue noted something on fire which appeared to be moving. He walked over to check on it, and near the tennis courts behind the Bremerton High School complex located a yellow adult cat that had apparently been set on fire. The man called 911. The cat was no longer on fire when the first officer arrived, but was writhing in pain.

The first responding officer noted that the cat had extensive burns to its back, tail and head. Animal Control through the Kitsap Humane Society responded to the scene and took the cat to the Emergency Veterinarian Clinic in Silverdale. The clinic had no choice, but to humanely euthanize the cat after determining that its injuries were too severe. Officers were not able to locate any source of the fire or other evidence at the scene. The Kitsap Humane Society will be completing a follow up exam to determine if any accelerants were used. The Bremerton Police Department is working with Kitsap County Animal Control through the Kitsap Humane Society on this case.

“Any person who would commit this horrific act on an innocent animal is also someone who would probably tell someone else about it, and we are counting on that person to do the right thing and provide us the information we need to bring Animal Cruelty charges against the person responsible,” said Bremerton Police Chief Steve Strachan. Anyone with information can call Bremerton P.D. at 360-473-5349.

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