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Animal Abuse Videos Prompt Criminal Charges for South Los Angeles Teenager

Animal cruelty charges were filed today against a South Los Angeles teenager who allegedly made numerous videos of himself abusing his family's dog, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

The 17-year-old youth (dob 12/12/96) is expected to be arraigned at Eastlake Juvenile Court on Feb. 27. He is charged with four felony counts of cruelty to an animal in case FJ51296.

Prosecutors allege that the juvenile made several videos of himself abusing the dog and then posted them on a social media site. The 2-year old Weimaraner, which animal control officers renamed "Charlie," has been removed from the home and has now been adopted.

The juvenile faces a maximum confinement time of three years.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control and the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Annually, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecutes more than 60,000 felonies and 140,000 misdemeanor crimes.