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**Lancaster-Area Woman Sentenced
for Abusing Her Dog**

A Lancaster-area woman has been sentenced for injuring her pit bull-mix dog, causing serious injuries to its head and eyes, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Lyle Riggs said Desiree Lenore Martinez, 41, was sentenced yesterday to one year in county jail and three years formal probation.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Carlos Chung of the Antelope Valley Branch gave her credit for 256 days already served in jail. Martinez pleaded no contest to one count of cruelty to an animal on April 17 and was prohibited from having or taking care of any animals for 10 years.

On Feb. 9, Martinez choked the dog with shoelaces and hit it in the head with a rock, Riggs said. The dog was found in an empty lot, hardly able to move.

The Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control provided medical treatment for the dog, which has since been adopted. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Santa Clarita Station, investigated the case.

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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. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants