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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to comment on the statements made by KCAC (King County Animal Control) and the Federal Way Police Department.

1. To date, there is no evidence that animal cruelty happened.
 - If this poor puppy's suffering was an accident, I would have expected a responsible owner to instantly seek help for it. Not only did no one seek help for this pup, it was dumped in some one else's back yard. How could this be viewed any other way than criminal neglect or criminal intention to cause harm?

2. KCAC claims a necropsy isn't needed since it only proves death which would have been by euthanasia. They state they have all the evidence they need from pictures and witnesses.
 - A necropsy would have shown if the pup had ingested the acid, adding to her pain and suffering. It might have shown what exactly the substance was and whether it had also damaged lungs, liver and kidneys. It seems to me, if an eye witness to what happened isn't found, this additional information could be critical in helping solve the case. The substance, if identified, could more easily be linked to a source.

If I am correct, KCAC was instrumental in getting tougher laws to help prosecute animal cruelty cases. Why have they chosen to ignore their own laws? People who do this to pets will do it to humans too.

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