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Neighborhood Watch

Neighbor Note

From Sunbear Squad Watch Leader: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone(s): _____

Date: _____ **Best Time to Call:** _____

About Sunbear

Sunbear was a young chocolate Labrador Retriever who was trapped in a West Virginia townhouse laundry room for 6 weeks, and neighbors in adjoining townhouses did not call the authorities. His owner had made arrangements for Sunbear to be adopted by a family, but they never showed up. Sunbear's owner never called that family to make sure he was picked up, or to ask how he was adapting to his new home and family. A bag of Sunbear's food sat outside the laundry room door while he slowly starved inside. Gene Fields, his Animal Control officer, sleuthed his owner for months; he was found in Indiana. His owner was tried and convicted of animal neglect, and he served the maximum sentence and paid a fine. West Virginia legislators enraged about Sunbear's ordeal enacted stronger laws against abuse and neglect. Now the web site dedicated to his memory, www.sunbearsquad.org, provides knowledge, tools, and inspiration to encourage neighbors be better Good Samaritans for animals, such as this Sunbear Squad Neighborhood Watch. Can you help? Contact the Sunbear Squad Neighborhood Watch Leader to get involved. Thank you.