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Paralyzed puppy's former owner charged with felony animal cruelty

Merriam, KS (July 16, 2024) – On February 4th, 2024, a 5-month-old puppy was brought to Great Plains SPCA from one of the municipalities that we serve. Named Coffee Bean, he came in with hind limb paresis, meaning he has partial paralysis in his hind legs. It was suspected that he had suffered trauma to his spinal cord.

Coffee Bean's former owner is charged with felony animal cruelty and the case is pending in Johnson County.

Since being in Great Plains SPCA's care, Coffee Bean has been undergoing regular physical therapy to help improve his ability to use his legs. He has shown some improvement, but most likely he will never be able to walk on his own. Coffee Bean gets around really well in his wheelchair and has a great outlook on life. He acts like your typical happy-go-lucky puppy, and loves everyone he meets, human and dog alike.

We are searching for a forever home for this special boy who is currently outgrowing his current wheelchair and receiving ongoing physical therapy. The public can support GPSPCA by sharing Coffee Bean's story to help find his forever home. Donations for his care is welcomed too.

Great Plains SPCA has seen an uptick in neglect and cruelty cases recently, and we want to thank Johnson County for taking this case, and others, so seriously.

Members of the media are welcome to come to the shelter for interviews about Coffee Bean and to meet all adoptable pets for human interest stories.

About Great Plains SPCA

Great Plains SPCA is one of the largest animal shelters in the Kansas City area serving 5,000 community pets annually. Great Plains SPCA works to save, protect and improve the lives of animals, while strengthening the relationship between pets and their human companions by providing humane sheltering, adoptions, community outreach and behavior training. Great Plains SPCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information, please visit www.greatplainsspca.org or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).
