

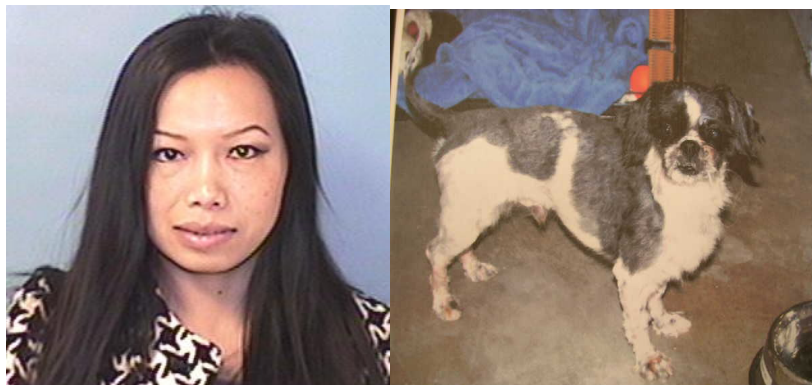
# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



Date: January 18, 2011

### **Gilbert Woman Arrested on Animal Cruelty Charges for Driving Around With a Shih Tzu Dog in her Trunk During 110 Degree Temperatures**



(Phoenix, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff's Animal Cruelty detectives arrested 33 year old Katie Troung this morning on two counts of animal cruelty for not providing necessary food and water for her dog.

Sheriff's patrol deputies were dispatched to a pet groomer in Queen Creek last August and took possession of a Shi Tzu dog after learning from the groomer that Troung drove to his business and pulled a dog out of her trunk in the 110 degree summer heat.

The groomer was concerned about the fact that the dog was soaking wet and appeared to be very dehydrated at which point he took the dog to a nearby veterinarian's office for evaluation.

The veterinarian's report recently obtained by Sheriff's detectives indicates that the dog had a temperature of 103 degrees, distressed breathing, and was suffering heat stress and dehydration during the evaluation.

The Shi Tzu dog is still currently in the possession of the Sheriff's Office's MASH (Maricopa Animal Safe Haven) Unit as evidence in the case and is being cared for by jail inmates until the adjudication of the case.

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