

## **Tortured Puppy Has New Start in Life**

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SCHENECTADY, N.Y- The story of Carmella, a toy poodle who endured severe burns to her legs and backside, has a happy ending.

Today, the puppy was given to Arlene Conway of Colonie. The Schenectady County Society for the Prevention of the Cruelty of Animals agreed to adopt Carmella out to Conway after several home visits. Conway has renamed the dog Angel.

The puppy was badly burned in January after Thomas Hendricks II of Schenectady held her under scalding water and ripped out her fur, the man told police. Two other dogs in Hendricks' care were tortured to death. He was charged with three counts of felony aggravated animal cruelty and misdemeanor menacing, but took a plea deal March 17. He faces two years in prison when he is sentenced.

"She is in the care of a wonderful, loving new owner," said SPCA spokesman David Dean. "With the generous support of this pet-loving community, we are working toward ending similar incidents of abuse."