



## NY man arrested on Saturday for beating dog

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Schenectady, NY– A man has been arrested and a dog is recovering after a horrible case of animal cruelty was discovered on March 19.

A tip to the local SPCA tip line led authorities to the home of Michael Perillo at 2438 Albany Street.

When investigators arrived at the scene they found a dog with multiple lacerations to the face, mouth and eyes, several broken or missing teeth, severe bruising, wounds to the side and covered in blood.

Perillo admitted to punching the dog and investigators believe he may have even duct-taped the dog's mouth shut.

SPCA investigators, State police, and the Schenectady Police Department all assisted in subduing Perillo. The man was combative and pepper spray was utilized to help bring him under control.

The dog, named Oliver, was taken to an emergency vet clinic for treatment – veterinarians are hopeful that he will recover from his many wounds.

Perillo is apparently no stranger to the law. Officials discovered that he had multiple warrants out for his arrest.

After Saturday's tragic discovery, animal cruelty can be added to his list of offenses.

The SPCA is seeking donations to help cover the cost of the abused dog's veterinary care. Donations can be sent to: Schenectady, Schoharie and Saratoga County SPCA, PO Box 9516, Niskayuna, New York 12309 or made safely online at [www.countyspca.org](http://www.countyspca.org).

Please take a moment to share Oliver's story. The SPCA is struggling to handle veterinary expenses as this is the second case of animal cruelty that they have had to deal with in just a short period of time. Please send positive, healing thoughts to Oliver - a dog horribly betrayed by his own guardian.

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