

Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

Press Release

Subject: **Dog Rescued from Impalement
Lafayette**

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The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District responded to an animal rescue in the 4000 block of Los Arabis Drive in Lafayette on Wednesday, October 5, 2011. Upon arrival fire crews found a dog had impaled itself on a piece of rebar that was part of a retaining wall under construction. The dog had the rebar running through its hind leg.

Assistance from a rescue unit to provide hydraulic cutting tools was called for and filled by the neighboring Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District. A local veterinarian was also requested to the scene. With the arrival of the vet and fire district rescue unit, it was determined the animal would be sedated and removed from the impaled rebar at the scene. With the dog safely under sedation, the rebar was cut and the dog was removed from its entrapment and transported to the veterinarian hospital. Fire crews checked in on "Kona" at the Lafayette Vet Hospital later in the day and were happy to report that Kona was doing fine and is expected to make a full recovery.