

Jade the cat shot with arrow in Howell, SPCA searching for suspect

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HOWELL — A tabby cat named Jade was found shot with an arrow this weekend but survived after emergency surgery, and animal cruelty investigators are asking for the public's help to identify the attacker.

"It is incredible that the cat lived," said Victor "Buddy" Amato, chief humane law enforcement officer for the Monmouth County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. "The Lakewood animal hospital did an outrageous job of saving that cat."

Amato said the cat, which was found Saturday by a resident who lives at Winding Brook Mobile Home Park, had been micro-chipped in October.

Amato said he didn't want to release too many details about the case because it is still under investigation.

Amato said the cat was taken to the animal hospital in Lakewood where it underwent emergency surgery to remove the arrow. He said the arrow entered the side of the feline and just missed hitting vital organs.

Amato asks anyone with informaion to contact him at 732-312-7153.