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Dogs no longer man's best friend

Buller District Council Animal Control Officers Tracy Judd and Isaac Taylor are appalled at the discovery of five huntaway-cross puppies on Tuesday afternoon.

The pups were in a sack with rocks when they were found at the Mokihinui beach by a member of the public.

When found, three of the pups were already deceased, the two remaining ones were taken to Buller Vets where Animal Control officers collected them. These two remaining puppies had severe hypothermia and are malnourished but are starting to regain their health.

“There is always an option rather than what has happened here, people can always give us a ring for advice or help,” says Tracy Judd. “People need to put more thought into getting a dog or puppy, it’s a huge commitment. This is a prime example of someone who has put no thought into it. They haven’t bothered to get their dog de-sexed and the result is unwanted puppies. This is so easily avoidable.”

Animal Control and the SPCA urge anyone with any information regarding these pups to please contact them (in confidence) on 788 9112 (Animal Control) or the SPCA on 789 7520.

Animal Control will be seeking approved homes for these two puppies when they are back to good health.

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Photo attached: Animal Control Officers with two remaining puppies