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## **The Humane Society of Charlotte Assists in 300 Dog North Carolina Puppy Mill Bust**

Charlotte, N.C. – Representatives of national and several state animal care and control organizations were called in to assist in the rescue of approximately 300 dogs from a Hudson, North Carolina dog breeding operation. The dogs have been safely removed from the property and transported to a nearby emergency shelter in Caldwell County. The Humane Society of Charlotte sent a veterinary team, including Humane Society of Charlotte Shelter Veterinarian Dr. Judi Vogt, to evaluate the medical condition of the dogs and determine the level of care needed. The dogs will receive any immediate medical treatment necessary and will then be transported to several animal welfare organizations for foster care and adoption.

“We are so glad that we can be a resource for these neglected dogs,” said Shelly Moore. “They deserve to have their feet on the ground, live with a loving family and not be used as breeding machines.” The Humane Society of Charlotte objects to the inhumane treatment and irresponsible breeding techniques used in puppy mill operations.

The breeding operation included many small breeds, including Boston Terriers, French Bulldogs, Pomeranians, Shih Tzus, Yorkshire Terriers and mixes of these breeds. The dogs were kept outside in small breeding cages and appear to lack the necessary housing, medical care, socialization and time between litters that is necessary for humane and responsible breeding. Many of the dogs appear to suffer from ear and eye infections, skin problems and matted hair, and severe dental issues.

The Humane Society of Charlotte expects to receive approximately 40 dogs and puppies. These dogs will each receive a thorough medical evaluation and be placed into foster care until they are healthy and ready for adoption. “The dogs and puppies brought to the shelter will be provided with the proper care, love and attention they deserve while they await adoption into loving homes,” said Moore.

Representatives from The Humane Society of the United States’ Animal Rescue Team were called in by Caldwell County Animal Control to assist in the rescue of approximately 300 dogs from a Hudson, North Carolina property. The dogs were being housed in unsanitary conditions and lacked proper socialization and medical care. All of the dogs have been seized by Caldwell County Animal Control.

Kim Albourn, N.C. state director of The Humane Society of America reports “many of these dogs were living in filthy cages so small that they could barely stand up and turn around. This is precisely why North Carolina needs to pass legislation regulating these breeders.”

**For emergency needs**, the Humane Society of Charlotte is accepting monetary donations and supplies to assist with fostering the puppies and dogs; need items include: puppy pads, canned dog food, Esbilac, puppy food (for nursing mother dogs) and Ziploc gallon sized freezer bags (for food storage). These items can be dropped off at their 2700 Toomey Avenue shelter. The office is open from 11am – 5pm every day.

### **About the Humane Society of Charlotte**

The Humane Society of Charlotte is a community resource committed to improving the lives of companion animals through adoption, spay/neuter and education. The Humane Society of Charlotte provides low-cost spay and neuter surgeries for cats and dogs to reduce pet overpopulation throughout the Carolinas. The no-kill of adoptable animal’s organization provides pets with the love and attention they need to live happy and healthy lives while awaiting a new home. The Humane Society of Charlotte is a nonprofit organization that relies solely on private donations to achieve its mission

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