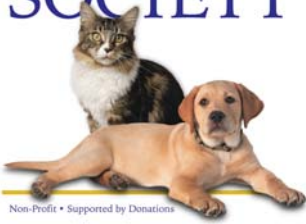


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HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY'S PUPPY MILL SEIZURE UPDATE DOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION THIS WEEKEND

HOUSTON, TX (April 13, 2010) - On February 3, 2010, the Houston Humane Society's R.A.I.D.E.R officers teamed up with the Panola County Sheriff's Department to investigate a report of animal cruelty at a private residence. Once inside, the officers found 87 dogs and six kittens living in overcrowded and deplorable conditions. The dogs had been severely neglected, malnourished and abused. All 93 animals were immediately transported to the HHS Animal Wellness Clinic, where they have been undergoing strict veterinary care ever since.

Each animal was examined thoroughly and prescribed a personal rehabilitative plan which included multiple vaccines, extensive dental care, de-worming, spaying, neutering and, treatment for severe malnutrition. While some of the dogs will endure long term health issues as a result of their horrific ordeal, many are now healthy enough to be adopted. But they must go to warm, loving homes with compassionate owners willing to continue the on-going medical care they might need.

Because of the intense rehabilitation received at the HHS's Animal Wellness Clinic, adoption fees for these animals will be somewhat higher. The standard adoption fee of \$85 will apply, but an additional \$115 fee must be added to cover the medical costs incurred for their rehabilitation.

HHS Executive Director, Sherry Ferguson calls the progress they've made since the seizure, *astounding*. "Their resilience to the horrors they endured is unbelievable, yet they've turned into the sweetest, most loving animals", she added.

These dogs will be available for adoption beginning this Saturday, April 17, 2010. Those interested should visit the Houston Humane Society at 14700 Almeda and get to know them and allow them to get to know you. You can jump start adoption process by filling out an application on our website, www.houstonhumane.org.

ABOUT THE HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY:

The Houston Humane Society (HHS) is a non-profit animal shelter dedicated to eliminating cruelty, abuse, and the overpopulation of animals. We receive no federal, state, or local funding and rely solely on donations and special events. HHS is committed to creating the awareness of animal rights throughout the Houston community by providing numerous animal welfare programs for Houston area residents and their pets, including pet adoptions, humane education, R.A.I.D.E.R. cruelty investigations, and Houston's only \$30 spay and neuter clinic.

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