

Animals Rescued from Fulton County Pit Bull Fighting Ring Available for Adoption

December 29, 2014 (Atlanta, GA) – Nearly three months after their rescue, two Animals from a Fulton County pit bull fighting ring are now available for adoption.

On October 1st, 20 dogs, four hogs and two horses were seized from a Koweta Road property. Suspicion arose when a police officer saw a horse running loose. Upon further investigation, authorities heard barking in the woods and found dogs chained to trees.

Fulton County Animal Control took custody of the animals. Several soon made their way to the Atlanta Humane Society where they received further medical treatment, behavioral evaluations and long-term care. Animals were unable to be placed up for adoption while animal cruelty charges were pending. A judge-signed court order issued earlier this month released the animals, allowing all those suitable to be placed for adoption.

Animals available at Atlanta Humane Society include 2-year-old Cornelia and 8-month-old Caesar. Cornelia was likely used for breeding purposes and has mothered several litters. Both have been evaluated by our animal behaviorist who found neither had negative reactions to other dogs and both are people friendly.

Pit bulls often carry a stigma, and those rescued from operations are sometimes difficult to promote for adoption. But, we believe that Cornelia and Caesar are perfect for a loving forever home. It is important potential adopters do understand the additional challenges that come with adopting a pit bull. The breed continues to be banned by individual housing developments and some local ordinances prohibit ownership of pit bulls. Many insurance companies will not issue homeowners insurance for families with pit bull or other "dangerous breeds." It is crucial potential adopters know their living situation will allow a pit bull.

For more information, contact media@atlantahumane.org

Please continue to look for updates as Caesar and Cornelia begin their search for their forever home on the AHS Facebook page at www.facebook.com/AtlantaHumaneSociety.



About Atlanta Humane Society

The Atlanta Humane Society is the oldest private charitable organization in Atlanta, founded in 1873. AHS places approximately 8,000 animals into forever homes each year. We are committed to finding homes for all adoptable pets. It is our **mission** to prevent neglect, abuse, cruelty and exploitation of animals and to assure that their interests and well-being are fully, effectively and humanely protected by an aware and caring society. We are proud to be a part of the solution to ending pet homelessness and overpopulation in the Southeast United States. For more, visit www.atlantahumane.org.