



68 Dogs Rescued from LaGrange Hoarder

September 19, 2016 (Atlanta, GA) – Atlanta Humane Society (AHS) has taken possession of 23 dogs who were removed from a hoarding situation in LaGrange, Georgia. AHS worked with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, Troup County Marshal’s Office, LaGrange Animal Control, and DeKalb County Animal Services to assist in the operation. The dogs were seized from the overcrowded situation and the owner was arrested.

In all, 68 animals were taken from the owner and released to LaGrange Animal Shelter, who then released 23 of the dogs to AHS. The 23 dogs arrived at the AHS Howell Mill Shelter the evening of September 15. The AHS team involved in the rescue include Diane Robinson, Director of Operations – Mansell Campus, along with Dr. Jennifer Morris, DVM, AHS Director of Shelter Medicine, and externs from the University of Georgia Shelter Medicine program.

“We were happy to be able to assist Troup County and the Department of Agriculture in this rescue,” said Ms. Robinson. “These dogs now have a second chance, and we are grateful to be a part of that – it’s why we’re here.”

There are still about 10 dogs on the property who escaped capture. The animal control officers will return to round up these dogs. Of the 23 animals who were brought back to AHS, 11 are altered and ready for adoption. LaGrange Animal Shelter also transferred a small number of dogs from their shelter population to AHS to give the shelter space for the 20-30 dogs who will be coming once they are recovered.

The rescued dogs include a few large breeds, some Chihuahuas, Minpins, various mixes and a handful of puppies. AHS will assess if it has the capacity to take in more of the rescued dogs after the weekend and will work with LaGrange Animal Shelter to take in more if possible.

The rescued dogs will be available for adoption at both AHS shelters pending thorough examination and medical treatment as necessary by the AHS veterinary team. Information on all AHS available adoptable animals can be found at <http://atlantahumane.org/adopt/>.

Photos and B-Roll Video of the return at the AHS shelter can be downloaded [HERE](#).

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